

**Board Legislative Committee Meeting,
by Video Conference
November 4, 2020**

Meeting Notes

Timothy Doran, school board president and legislative committee chair, called the committee meeting to order at 5:44 p.m., by video conference. He welcomed all committee members and support staff and thanked them for their willingness to serve and assist the committee.

Committee Members Present & Comprising a Quorum [0:00:30]:

Timothy Doran, Board President & Committee Chair
Erin Morotti, Board Treasurer & Committee Representative
Chrya Sanderson, Board Clerk & Committee Representative
Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent
Sarah Gillam, FPA President
Sandi Ryan, FEA President
Robert Kinnard, Community Representative

Absent:

Jasmine Adkins-Brown, ESSA President

Recruiting:

Parent Representative

Staff Present:

John Ringstad, District Lobbyist
Andrea DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer
Mark Nilson, Executive Director of Facilities Maintenance
Rebecca Hurbi, Acting Executive Director of Communications, Development & Engagement
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board & Committee Administrative Support

Adoption of the Agenda [0:01:21]

MOROTTI MOVED, RYAN SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA.

Asking for any objection to adopting the agenda and hearing none, President Doran moved the agenda adopted.

Lobbyist Update & Education Issues [0:01:44]

John Ringstad, district lobbyist, provided an update on the recent election, both locally and statewide, along with information on how the election results might affect education and other areas of state funding.

Dr. Gaborik joined the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Committee discussion ensued on topics of:

- State funding;
- State Hold Harmless Clause;
- CARES funding;
- How to lobby legislators during Covid;
- Use of district fund balance;

- Student enrollment numbers;
- Budget reduction scenarios for next school year;
- Supplemental funding;
- Access to the State Capital Building; and
- Scheduling meetings with Interior Delegation members.

2021-2022 Legislative Priorities Work [0:43:33]

Superintendent Dr. Gaborik facilitated the committee’s review of the 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities, along with the committee’s work brainstorming and strategizing for the 2021-2022 priorities. The committee based their discussion and work on the idea of what story they wanted to tell. Committee members supported the story foundation of Covid Recovery.

Committee discussion ensued on the topics of:

- Design and layout of priorities’ document;
- Possibility of digital version;
- Ensuring State’s Hold Harmless continues;
- Foundation funding;
- CARES funding;
- District and staff recognition/awards;
- Capital projects and deferred maintenance;
- Broadband and connectivity concerns;
- Equity and inclusion;
- Social emotional learning;
- Recruitment and retention;
- Providing legislators with information they needed from districts – what did the district need?; and
- Featuring success stories, while also being realistic in what the district would be facing with the probability of approximately \$22.5 million in reductions.

Dr. Gaborik would work with Rebecca Hurbi, acting executive director of communication, development, and engagement, to draft an outline for the committee’s consideration at the November 18 committee meeting. It was suggested the written copy be completed prior to winter break, to allow enough time for layout and design. Once the committee had a final draft of the priorities completed, it would be taken before the full board at a Regular Meeting for consideration and approval.

Committee Comments/Announcements [1:17:08]

The committee’s upcoming scheduled meetings:

- November 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m. by video conference
- December 9, 5:30-7:00 p.m. by video conference

The committee meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Tuttle, Board of Education executive assistant & Legislative Committee administrative support.