

**Board Legislative Committee Meeting, by Zoom  
January 19, 2022  
Meeting Notes**

**Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Through video conference, Board Vice President and Committee Member April Smith called the Legislative Committee Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. She read the Land Acknowledgement Statement, "As a committee of the school board, we would like to take this moment to respectfully acknowledge we are residing on the traditional land of the Dena (pronounced duhNAY) people."

**Mission Statement**

Mrs. Smith read the district's Mission Statement: *Our mission is to provide an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society.*

**Roll Call** [0:00:31]

**Committee Members Present & Comprising a Quorum:**

Jennifer Luke, Committee Chair & Board President (joined the meeting at 5:37 pm)  
April Smith, Board Committee Representative  
Erin Morotti, Board Committee Representative  
Karen Melin, Chief School Administrator  
Cori Anthony, FPA President  
Sandi Ryan, FEA President  
Janet Farris, Community Representative

**Excused:**

Danielle Logan, ESSA President

**Staff Present:**

John Ringstad, District Lobbyist  
Andreau DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer  
Jahanara Carreon, Executive Director of Facilities Management  
Rebecca Hurbi, Executive Director of Communications, Development & Engagement  
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board & Committee Administrative Support

**Adoption of the Agenda** [0:01:29]

RYAN MOVED, FARRIS SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AND THE MEETING NOTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2021 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Asking for and hearing no objection to adopting the agenda and meeting notes, Mrs. Smith moved the agenda adopted and the meeting notes approved.

**Education Issues/Legislative Update** [0:02:09]

Board President and Committee Chair Jennifer Luke joined the meeting at 5:37 pm and assumed her role as committee chair.

John Ringstad, district lobbyist, reported on:

- Meetings with individual legislators prior to the legislative session;
- Funding:
  - State revenue forecast – surplus revenue;
  - Permanent Fund Dividend; and
  - Governor's budget.

## **Education Issues/Legislative Update** (continued)

- Education:
  - Increase the BSA;
  - Cost of living/inflationary increases;
  - Long-term versus short-term funding;
  - One-time funding;
  - SB 111: Early Education; Reading Intervention;
  - Capital Budget;
  - Forward funding;
  - HB 220: Retirement Systems; Defined Benefit Option;
  - HB 259: Permanent Fund Dividend; 25/75 POMV Split;
  - Legislative visits/AASB Fly-ins;
  - Fiscal goals/priorities and academic goals/priorities; and
  - Unified request with other Big 5 Districts.

## **2022-2023 Legislative Priorities Work** [0:45:57]

Chair Luke facilitated the committee's discussion on the 2022-2023 priorities. Once the priorities were proposed through the committee, the priorities would go before the board for approval. The discussion on priorities included:

- Funding:
  - BSA adjustment/increase; and
  - One-time allotment
- Forward funding;
- Staff recruitment and retention:
  - Defined benefit retirement program; and
  - State recruitment effort;
- Lobbying and communicating with the district's priorities and needs.

After the committee's discussion, Chair Luke summarized the two main priorities of an increase to the BSA, and staffing and retention. Once the priorities were drafted by Rebecca Hurbi, executive director of communications, development, and engagement, another committee meeting would be scheduled for the committee to review and finalize the draft priorities to move forward to the board for approval.

The committee meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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