

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
Minutes of December 6, 2017

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. at the Administrative Service Center.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 a.m.

**Present**

Gwen Box, Kathy Catalani, Kari Cremascoli, Laura Duffy, Lisa Niforatos, Megan Hewitt, Lorie Pilster, Michelle Rzepka, Bruce Swanson, and Beth Taylor

**Absent**

Dan Gilbert, Geoff Neustadt, Angela Rodriguez, Jill Samonte, and Bob Trojanowski

**Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Catalani moved and Bruce Swanson seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September 27, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

**Legislative Breakfast Planning**

The breakfast is scheduled for February 9, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m., and will take place at O'Neill Middle School.

Legislators have been notified of the date. We are waiting for confirmations. Megan will reach out to them again just after the holidays.

The suggestion was made to research Senator John Curran, who took office July 2017, in an effort to get an idea of what issues are important to him.

The committee discussed seating attendees a little earlier (15 minutes) to give the legislators a chance to have something to eat and drink prior to going up to the panel for questions.

**Breakfast Questions:**

David Bein proposed two question topics (via email) having to do with the proposed property tax freeze, and Evidence Based Funding (EBF). An additional question regarding the long-term plan on maintaining funding as it relates to EBF will be included.

A question regarding unfunded mandates will also be drafted. For the benefit of the legislators, this question will include the financial impact that current unfunded mandates have on District 58. As well as a question regarding what initiatives or areas of interest our legislators have and how will they be able to ensure that those initiatives will be funded by the State.

A Federal question will also be included depending upon whether someone from the Federal level will be in attendance.

Questions will be assigned to committee members (or others) at the January meeting.

**Legislative Update**

None

**PTA Communications**

None

**IEA/NEA Concerns**

Kathy Catalani provided information regarding IPACE (Illinois Political Action Committee for Education) candidate events. IPACE is currently supporting Chris Welch and Christine Winger.

NEA is concerned about the new tax bill that makes changes to the college savings plans and has the potential for more private school vouchers.

**Other Concerns**

None

**Reception of Visitors**

None

**Reporter for next BOE meeting**

Monday, December 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall

Beth Taylor will report

**Adjournment**

Gwen Box moved and Megan Hewitt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.