

KPBSD School Board
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2014
2nd Floor Conference Room

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Liz Downing, Committee Chair
Mr. Tim Navarre, Committee Member
Mr. Bill Holt, School Board Member
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff, Communications Specialist
Ms. Mica Van Buskirk
Mrs. Nancy Hamburg, Administrative Secretary, Planning & Operations

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL: February 3, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda was approved.

MINUTES APPROVAL: January 13, 2014 and January 27, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes were approved.

PREPARATION FOR FLY-IN:

- Tim Navarre, Sunni Hilts, Liz Downing and Evan Boyer will be KPBSD representatives to our Juneau legislators. Meeting dates are scheduled for February 8 – 11.
- Emphasize our thankfulness for monies received in the past.
- Refrain from using the “Flat funding” term, rather move to the future.
- Pegge is preparing an easy to read flyer for distribution. In addition, she is assimilating packets to include fast facts, our recommendations, annual reports etc.

REVIEW EDUCATION BILLS:

- SJR9 – It is necessary for school board to take a “for or against” position. Then have 3 talking points that speak to your reasoning.
 - There’s no reason why we can’t meet the needs in our current system.
 - If public funds are used for private schools, is there the same accountability?
 - Selective enrollment verses open enrollment. Will private schools be able to turn away certain kids?Emphasize that choice is not bad but we need to consider the consequences. NEA will push back on SJR9. We need to stand separately in order to be heard.
 - Consequences to us: Size of our schools will potentially dilute/reduce elective courses. KPBSD has more spread out and smaller schools. Could undermine our current home school program. We already have charter schools.
- BSA – KPBSD needs a minimum of \$200.00 per student. Might be good idea to propose giving highest number needed to maintain status quo and to emphasize that we’ve already made cuts to our budget.

Other bills up for discussion:

- HB 141 – Workmen’s Comp.
- HB 150 – Voc Tec funding

UPDATE ON KEY COMMUNICATORS AND TESTIMONY

There were seven communicators who volunteered, however we don’t yet have names.

MISC.

Administration still wishes to keep Hay Report (health care) topic alive.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS/TELECONFERENCES

February 17, 9:00 a.m.

March 3

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At this time the committee will determine if more frequent meetings are necessary.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.