

KPBSD School Board
Legislative Committee Meeting Notes
January 13, 2014
Conference Room C

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Liz Downing, Committee Chair
Mr. Tim Navarre, Committee Member
Mr. Bill Holt, School Board Member
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff, Communications Specialist
Mrs. Christine Ermold, Elementary Ed. Director
Mrs. Nancy Hamburg, Administrative Secretary, Planning & Operations

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened at 12:55 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL: January 13, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda was approved with the addition of NEA & School District common goals.

MINUTES APPROVAL: December 2, 2013 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes were approved.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ISSUES BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE:

- The House Education Task Force on Education Sustainability
 - The funding talk is troubling; asking schools to cut spending but at the same time suggesting services that are more expensive, i.e. regional schools. In addition, the 70/30 current debt reimbursement reduced to 50/50 split.
 - Not in favor of statewide curriculum. Not good for district to be pushed into one size fits all.

- The Hay Report
The Legislative Committee agreed to encourage the school board continuation in moving forward in exploring the Hay recommendation for health care cost savings to the school district. Bruce Johnson is urging the Hay Group to come and answer questions. The potential for savings, as per Dave Jones' calculation, (spreadsheet provided) would be between 7.79% to 11.56% of our school district's current expenditure.

NEA has not taken or submitted an official stance.

- The Governor’s Budget Proposal
(Senator Peter Micciche was invited to join us but was unable to make it)
 - Energy money for schools – approximately 1.7 million for KPBSD.
 - Statewide Distance Education – This would make sure students have access to education and would be paid for with grant monies. It would be very valuable to our state and district.

- NEA and Kenai Peninsula Borough School District common goals.
 - NEA and KPBSD will meet to discuss common goals.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS/TELECONFERENCES

January 27, 9:00 a.m. – Familiarize with pre-filed bills

February 3 – Committee to nail down topics for Juneau fly-in visit

February 17, 9:00 a.m.

March 3

March 17, 9:00 a.m.

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

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.