

KPBSD School Board

Legislative Committee Agenda 2/17/14

Second Floor Conference Room

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent
Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Liz Downing, Committee Chair
Mr. Tim Navarre, Committee Member
Penny Vadla, School Board Member
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff, Communications Specialist
Mrs. Nancy Hamburg, Administrative Secretary, Planning & Operations

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL: February 17, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda was approved.

MINUTES APPROVAL: February 3, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes were approved.

REVIEW FLY-IN WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MARCH FLY-IN

- There is reason to believe that Governor Parnell may be amenable to the BSA increasing, however, he would like something else on his list agreed to. Some of the items on his list include: Eliminating HSGQE, digital learning (distance education), charter schools application review, tax breaks for corporate donations, boarding school stipends and additional CTE.
- Focused on 3 year BSA request providing tentative numbers to legislators to avoid using our fund balance.
- Suggestion was made for Dave Jones to create document explaining impact to KPBSD with different number scenarios.

REVIEW EDUCATION BILLS

- Forward funding: At an Anchorage presentation, Governor Parnell relayed frustration with school districts expressing major concern about funding so early in the session. However, school districts need to issue contracts in the spring and plan for the future. It's important to stress the impact of losing good teachers/staff if they are not confident they'll have a job the following year.
- Federal funding: KPBSD did not use stimulus money to fund staff positions as some districts did as they were not intended for on-going costs. This accounts for the high deficit in some districts around the state.

- Charter School Application Review: The concern is that some potential charters were discouraged from applying so a review by the Commissioner and State Board is in one bill. Make clear to legislators that our school district has not discouraged Charter Schools from applying and we support our charter schools. It may be useful to have statewide clearer criteria for accepting or rejecting Charter applications.
Vouchers: Rather than take a contentious stance, it may be best for us to emphasize the choices we already have available while emphasizing our need for stable funding.
- Fly-in reps need to peruse our legislative packet and then email recommendations to Pegge for discussion at the next meeting on March 3, 2014.

UPDATE ON KEY COMMUNICATORS AND TESTIMONY

- Pegge Erkeneff is building a Legislative web page and link. She expects this to be completed by Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 10: 11 a.m.

Next meeting March 3, 2014