

KPBSD School Board

Legislative Committee Meeting 3/18/14

Second Floor Conference Room

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent
Mrs. Liz Downing, Committee Chair
Mrs. Penny Vadla, School Board Member
Mrs. Sunni Hilts, School Board Member
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff, Communications Specialist
Mrs. Nancy Hamburg, Administrative Secretary, Planning & Operations

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened at 9:06 a.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Since there was no quorum, the March 18, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda was not approved.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Since there was no quorum, the March 3, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes were not approved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Review legislative discussion and action to date:

SJR9 did not have enough support on the Senate Floor so was remanded back to Rules. While this is good news, we need to remain vigilant as it could be sent back to the floor at any time. Politically, there may be greater support for the charter school components of the Governor's Omnibus Bill as a balance to holding SJR9 and increasing the BSA.

KPBSD will emphasize that we do have a wide variety of choice in our diverse district to include charter schools, alternative schools, Connections home school as well as Jump Start and CTE. These alternatives are working well. We have supported our district charter schools for approximately 25 years.

BSA – The number per student that KPBSD needs to make our school district whole is \$268.00. In addition, we need the one time funding from the state for energy costs. There is concern that the governor will pull this money to fund something else if the BSA is increased.

HB141 (Workmen's Comp.) KPBSD is in support and is excited about the attention it has received thus far. The medical community may be lobbying against it.

TESTIMONY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Tonight, March 18th at 5:30 p.m., there is a hearing on BSA and charter schools. Currently, 150 students is the magic number needed for more charter funding and the request is to drop that to 75 students. A few school board members hope to testify. Areas of emphasis are KPBSD's leadership in professional development, evaluation process change and wireless long distance learning.

The more concern and involvement by the community, the more legislators will listen.

Dr. Atwater will fly to Juneau Thursday, March 20th and Sunni Hiltz, Bill Holt, Penny Vadla and Lynn Hohl will be flying to Juneau Friday, March 21 to meet with legislators.

Pegge Erkeneff will create a one page flyer with clear and concise points to include:

- 1) Our support of increase in the BSA.
- 2) Our support of the repeal of HSGQE.
- 3) Emphasizing our numerous Charter school opportunities that are working very well.

In addition Pegge will provide Fast Facts information and the 4 page folder to those who don't already have that information.

Pegge shares information on the KPBSD Blog directory and the Communications Blog.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned with call-ins at 9:47 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. for those seated in the conference room.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 1st, 9:30 a.m.