

School District U-46
Elgin, Illinois

January 23, 2023

The Legislation Committee of the Board of Education met at 4:45 p.m. in Room 140 of the Educational Services Center, 355 East Chicago Street, Elgin, Illinois, to have a legislative discussion with Barbara Hobrock, W. Bryan Soady, Zach Messersmith, and Mary Ellen Buch, Governmental Relations Team Members for the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). Board members in attendance were Sue Kerr, Melissa Owens, Dawn Martin, and Eva Porter. Also in attendance were Tony Sanders, Superintendent, Trisha Olson, Chief Legal Officer, Brian Lindholm, Chief of Staff, Ann Williams, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, and Karla Jimenez, Director of School and Community Relations.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Owens called the meeting to order and everyone present stated their name and title.

2. Presentation and Legislative Discussion with Representatives from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB)

Mr. Messersmith began the discussion by stating one of the biggest topics, if not the biggest every year, is the budget. The 2023 fiscal year budget had \$46 billion in total spending plus an additional investment of \$350 million for Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) as well as \$54 million for early childhood. Mr. Messersmith stated the House actually created an Early Childhood Committee. Including the Early Childhood Committee, Mr. Messersmith stated there are now three education committees.

Mr. Messersmith stated there is an additional \$96 million in funding for mandated categoricals as well as \$87 million in an EBF correction. Mr. Messersmith stated this was due to Chicago Public Schools receiving additional funding and the correction was made.

A tax relief package is another big component containing \$1.8 billion in tax relief. Senate Bill 1975, which is significant for schools, provides no penalty for under levying. Mr. Messersmith stated staffing issues, not only in classroom, but in those support areas is a significant area as well.

Mr. Messersmith discussed IASB initiatives and the legislative impact of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL), special education residential placement crisis, COVID administrative leave, teacher tenure changes, Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA), special education discipline changes, school district enrollment changes, and the right to read.

Mr. Messersmith additionally discussed the lame duck session regarding the policy in 2021. The general assembly approved the national sex education curriculum. In the bill, they allowed local control over whether or not that curriculum is offered. This bill sought to remove that local control. Mr. Messersmith stated IASB's position statement regarding mandated sex education is that local control should have remained an option.

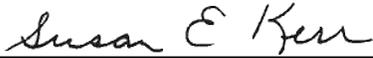
3. Public Participation

There were no public comments.

4. Adjournment

Ms. Owens adjourned the meeting.

Approved this 10th day of April, 2023.



President



Secretary