

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

July 2020

Meeting Date: Monday, July 13, 2020

Committee Members Present: Steve Clegg, Dale Wingerd, Superintendent Jim Cracraft

Committee Members Not Present: Kelly Schmidt

Others in attendance: None

Meeting started at 5:50 p.m.

Purpose: Establish current legislative priorities committee feels are important to our school district, review and assign legislative priorities/bills each committee member, each committee member will research, follow and provide updates on their assigned legislative priority/bill, and other.

Committee discussed the following topics:

1. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Attorney General Dana Nessel, J.D. and State Superintendent Michael Rice, Ph.D. announced the filing of a lawsuit against Secretary Betsy DeVos and the U.S. Department of Education for inconsistent guidance around the distribution of CARES Act funds to public and private schools. This has been done in partnership with the states of California, Maine, New Mexico and Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia.
2. School districts need to establish policies around CDC and state guidelines for return back to school plans.
3. HB 5482: This bill, sponsored by Rep. Andrea Schroeder, would create a Save Our Students Act, requiring that the telephone number for a suicide prevention hotline be printed on student ID cards. The bill passed the House Education committee unanimously, and awaits action in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.