

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

October 2020 – Virtual Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, October 12, 2020

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

Committee Members Not Present: None

Others in attendance: None

Meeting started at 5:45 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. Governor Whitmer signed budget on Sept. 30, 2020.
2. The Michigan Supreme Court, in response to a request for certification from the Federal District Court, determined that Governor Whitmer's executive orders to control the pandemic were unconstitutional. MDHHS has reissued most of if not all the same executive orders.
3. A joint statement by the Lenawee County Health Department, Lenawee County Sheriff's Office, Lenawee County Prosecuting Attorney, and Lenawee County Administration with regard to the effect of the coronavirus pandemic and the public health guidance and steps necessary to reduce transmission of the virus.
4. Thurn, district legal counsel provided the follow:
 - a. On October 2, 2020, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders cannot continue to apply. Since that ruling, there has been an uptick in Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) emergency orders. Some requirements in those orders are similar to requirements in the Governor's Executive Orders.
 - b. On October 5th, MDHHS issued an order on gathering and face covering requirements, which we addressed in our October 6, 2020 E-Blast. MDHHS issued another order on October 6th, imposing a reporting requirement for certain school COVID-19 cases.
 - c. MDHHS issued its latest order on October 9th, which rescinds the October 5th MDHHS order and imposes amended gathering and face covering requirements,

workplace protections, and contact tracing obligations. This E-Blast addresses the October 6th and 9th MDHHS orders.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.