

## Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

September 2020 – Virtual Meeting

**Meeting Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020

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

**Committee Members Not Present:** Kelly Schmidt

**Others in attendance:** None

Meeting started at 5:45 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. The deadline to pass a budget and have it signed by the Governor is Sept. 30, 2020.
2. An area of concern is future executive orders (EOs) the Governor could issue and unknown impact to the school district.
3. Two items MASA took action on and positions taken:
  - a. Oppose: HB 5833 (Paquette) and HB 5834 (Gay-Dagnogo) School Liaison Program; Requires the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to establish and implement a school liaison program to facilitate communication between MDE and public schools.
  - b. Neutral: HB 6031 (Brann), HB 6101 (Byrd) & SB 1023 (Horn) COVID Liability; would together add two new sections to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSHA) to establish conditions for immunity from civil liability for an employer (including school districts) whose employee is exposed to COVID-19.
4. MASB position on HB 5833 and HB 5834 - They opposes these bills because they could also increase costs for districts if substitutes were needed to cover for the teachers or the cost of the conference was required by the district. There is also concern about mixed messages coming out of a district if each liaison did not agree with each other or overall district goals.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.