

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015
Northwest Viticulture Center

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee members in attendance at meeting start: Chairman Doug Nelson, Frank Acosta, David Beeson, Chris Brantley, Mike Cosgrove, Jackie Crook, Don Cruise, Sherry Duerst-Higgins, Marty Dursse, Liz Hartman, Cheri Helt, Kris Howatt, Greg Kintz, Dave Krumbein, LeeAnn Larsen, Sam Lee, Terry Lenchitsky, Steve Lowell, Nancy MacMorris-Adix, Doug Montgomery, Tass Morrison, Jill O'Donnell, Craig Prewitt, Stan Primozych, Betty Reynolds, Scott Rogers, Lori Theros, Maureen Wolf, Kent Zook

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Direct Betsy Miller-Jones, Deputy Executive Director Jim Green, Kate Wilkinson, Tonya Hammer, Jane Leonhardt

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee members not in attendance at meeting start: Kevin Cassidy, Trina Comerford, Liz Cruthers, David Dowrie, Fred Marble, Bruce McCain, Doug Montgomery, Eric Nerdin, Marina Piacentini, Bobbie Regan, Kathy Thompson

Chairman Doug Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

- I. Welcome and introductions
Committee Chair Doug Nelson welcomed the group and asked each member to introduce themselves by name, and provide information regarding their region, school district, years of service on their local board and on the OSBA board and/or LPC.
- II. Approve agenda
- III. Consent agenda
 - A. Approval of minutes
 1. April 25, 2014, Legislative Policy Committee meeting minutes
 2. September 4, 2014 Legislative Policy Committee conference call minutes

Motion: Terry Lenchitsky moved approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Craig Prewitt.

The committee voted and the motion passed unanimously.

- IV. OSBA strategic planning
Betsy Miller-Jones spoke briefly to set the stage for strategic planning. She indicated that goal setting sets the framework for OSBA's mission to provide leadership, advocacy and services. In 2012 the board set broad goals. In 2014 a recommendation was made that the board create a strategic plan, which will begin today. The board will meet again in June to work on the second phase of strategic planning and will finish its work at the September meeting.

Chairman Doug Nelson introduced Mike Dugas and provided background on Mike's work to provide strategic planning for local school districts.

Bruce McCain entered the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Mike Dugas outlined the day's strategic planning session and objectives, and outlined the responsibilities of the individuals at each table. Discussion was held at each table and the teams provided reports regarding history, context, and ideas for the future vision for OSBA. Mike Dugas captured the "big learnings" from the teams for each segment of work.

Morgan Allen joined the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Stan Primozych exited the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Chair Doug Nelson recessed the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Chair Doug Nelson reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

VI. OSBA strategic planning (continued)

Discussion was held to narrow down to six common themes reached by the teams. Mike Dugas outlined the next steps in strategic planning. Betsy reminded LPC members that they are always invited to attend the Board of Directors' meetings.

Tass Morrison exited the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

VII. Advocacy

Addition to the agenda: Liz Hartman and Nancy MacMorris-Adix provided reports on their trip to Washington, D.C. for the NSBA Advocacy Institute.

Alex Linsker entered the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Jim Green presented a video of Alfonso Berna, a fifth grader from the Umatilla School District, testifying at a public hearing at the capitol.

A. Fully Fund Oregon Schools

Jim Green introduced Alex Linsker from Fully Fund Oregon Schools. Alex explained the initiative, which would create a dedicated education fund by taxing assets over \$6.5 million. Alex described what is currently lacking in funding for Oregon Schools and what could be done with the additional funds if the initiative were to pass. Discussion was held regarding who would pay the tax, and similar assets taxes implemented in other states and countries. Alex summarized who is involved in the initiative effort and who has given endorsements so far.

Jim Green provided an explanation of the initiative process and reminded everyone that he will bring guests to future meetings to speak about school funding ideas.

Jim talked about the chalkboard poster (formerly known as the “school bus” poster). The plan is to hand deliver to legislators the chalkboard posters, Promise of Oregon petitions and resolutions signed by local school boards. Jim encouraged everyone to sign the Promise of Oregon petition if they haven’t already.

Rep. Paul Evans entered the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Addition to agenda: Morgan Allen introduced Rep. Paul Evans, a democrat from House District 20. Rep. Evans provided information on his background and why he ran for the legislature. He addressed the fact that the structures and systems in place currently are not adequate to fund education in Oregon. He spoke about the impact of Measure 5 and HB 4750, and talked about the options for funding before the legislature this session. Questions were asked about the disparity in discipline for students of color and special needs funding.

Chair Doug Nelson recessed the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

*** Rep. Paul Evans, Mike Cosgrove, and Scott Rogers exited the meeting at 2:50 p.m.***

Chair Doug Nelson recovered the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

B. 2015 Legislative session and issues

Jim Green provided a summary of “who’s who” at the capital, the leadership of the house and senate, and the various committees. He provided an introduction to Gov. Kate Brown and the organization of her cabinet.

Bruce McCain exited the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

1. School funding

Jim Green discussed the education budget, the adequacy of the proposed budget of \$7.235, and about revenue reform. He provided an update on the PERS litigation and answered questions regarding PERS reform.

Maureen Wolf exited the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

2. Capital construction

Morgan Allen provided information regarding capital construction and school facilities and the projects competing for funding. The Task Force on School Capital Improvements provided its final report in October 2014. OSBA President Dave Krumbein served on that task force.

3. OEIB reauthorization

Morgan reported that the OEIB will sunset in March 2016 if nothing is done to extend it. He expressed appreciation for the flexibility given by LPC for lobbying purposes. A workgroup has been assembled to talk

about whether OEIB should be a stand-alone agency, who should serve on the board, and who should have the authority for appointments to the board. The governance structure and charge of OEIB is currently being discussed. Discussion was held regarding the OEIB returning to a coordinating counsel to help develop policy and remove barriers, and strategic initiatives that came out of OEIB.

Morgan provided status updates on bills before the legislature regarding special education, student discipline, assessments, open enrollment and interdistrict transfers (SB 709), funding of early learning hubs, fifth year learning, full day kindergarten; interim bargaining/binding arbitration (HB 2544); contracting out of food and bus services; radon testing; seismic mitigation, the marijuana law (Measure 91); charter school funding, and Rep. Betty Komp's attendance bill. Jim reminded everyone that Lori Sattenspiel and Morgan work incredibly hard at the legislature.

Betty Reynolds gave a shoutout to OSBA staff for the work they do. She acknowledged LPC member Bruce McCain, who taught her to look at all sides of the issues, and outlined his many accomplishments.

Chairman Doug Nelson adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.