

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

OSBA LPC members on conference call at meeting start: Chairman Doug Nelson, Frank Acosta, Chris Brantley, Trina Comerford, Jackie Crook, Don Cruise, Liz Hartman, Kris Howatt, Greg Kintz, Doug Montgomery, Betty Reynolds, Kent Zook, Lori Theros (joined at 12:30pm)

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Betsy Miller-Jones, Deputy Executive Director Jim Green, Lori Sattenspiel, Morgan Allen, Lisa Freiley, Miriam Steele

OSBA LPC members not in attendance: David Beeson, Kevin Cassidy, Mike Cosgrove, Liz Cruthers, David Dowrie, Sherry Duerst-Higgins, Marty Dursse, Cheri Helt, Dave Krumbein, LeeAnn Larsen, Sam Lee, Terry Lenchitsky, Steve Lowell, Nancy MacMorris-Adix, Fred Marble, Tass Morrison, Eric Nerdin, Jill O'Donnell, Marina Piacentini, Craig Prewitt, Stan Primozych, Bobbie Regan, Scott Rogers, Kathy Thompson, Maureen Wolf

Chairman Doug Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

I. Welcome and introductions

Chairman Doug Nelson welcomed committee members and requested a moment of silence for committee member Bruce McCain. Doug thanked Kris Howatt and Betty Reynolds for representing OSBA at Bruce's memorial.

A full roll call was held to confirm the quorum was met.

II. Legislative Session Update

Jim Green

HB 5017: State School Fund

Started at \$6.9 billion, currently at \$7.36 billion, most likely will end at (through a variety of means) \$7.4 billion with a 49/51 split.

Carve outs include: high cost disability fund (IEPs), ELLs, and free lunches

- "Kicker" Reform

Rep. Read's "Boot the Kicker" - Not enough votes to override the kicker and send it back to the general fund.

- Revenue Reform

The legislative revenue office will come back next February with suggestions on overall revenue reform.

SB 129: Gain Share

Approx. \$35 million will be freed up outside of the state school fund for CTE revitalization grants, STEM and STEAM programs. Funds will be distributed to school districts on an average daily membership weighted (ADMw) basis.

HB2655: Dealing with Opt Out

Likely to pass - allows students to opt out of Smarter Balanced tests for up to six years. The governor has indicated that the legislature will deal with the issue if federal funding is at risk due to passage of bill.

Morgan Allen

SB 215: OEIB

The legislature has dismantled the Oregon Education Investment Board, achievement compacts will go away, and the chief education officer (Nancy Golden) has a new more limited role. The work group will continue meeting to restructure the education system.

SB 709: Interdistrict Transfers

Brings common sense solutions to schools and parents dealing with interdistrict transfers. Goes into effect this summer.

*Review the Legislative Update from 6/5 for specific details or contact Morgan.

SB 447: School District Facilities

Includes two recommendations: 1) The state to sell a \$125 million bond to make available for matching funds for school districts. 2) Re-purpose some money from the state fund to open an office of school facilities to manage the program and help districts pass bonds. Districts with high levels of student poverty and low property tax bases would jump to the front of the line.

*Bonds are capped (\$8 million) on matching amounts so smaller districts can benefit.

Dave Krumbein did a great job as a task force member on this bill.

Lori Sattenspiel

HB 2544: Interim Bargaining

Adds binding arbitration at the end which takes away managements ability to implement needed changes. Hopeful it will “die” this session but it will return every session.

Contracting for Services (e.g. bussing, custodial, food services, etc.)

Completed cost analysis must go straight to judicial review to see if it was done correctly. The bill “died” but will come back again.

SB 454: Sick Leave

Employers with more than 10 employees must provide sick leave. Creates a challenge for school districts, who currently operate under ORS 332.507, because it would require providing sick leave to temporary workers - substitutes, coaches, ticket takers, etc.

“Ban the Box”

Unlawful to not give an applicant an initial interview based on past criminal convictions.

Lisa Freiley added:

A provision is included that allows an exception to “ban the box” if state or federal law requires criminal conviction consideration. Districts may need to adjust the process for classified employees, coaches, and volunteers.

III. Questions/Issues

Questions were answered regarding the budget for Nancy Golden's new position, the 5th year program, and the charter school bill (HB 2150).

Betty Reynolds commended Betsy, Jim, Morgan and Lori for their professionalism and how effectively they represent OSBA.

Jim thanked Betty for all the work she has done. He also thanked everyone who came and testified on the state school fund and facilities issues. He requested everyone still talk to their legislators about what \$7.5 billion can do for local school districts.

IV. Adjourn 1:00 p.m.

