

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront
1401 SW Naito Pkwy, Portland, OR 97201
and Zoom Video Conference

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Ashley Carson Cottingham, Sara Crawford, Chris Cronin, Jackie Crook, Miriam Cummins, Katrina Doughty, Elizabeth Durant, Sarah Finger McDonald, Sondra Gomez, Bill Graupp, Liz Hartman, Kris Howatt, Bruce Kevan (via Zoom), Greg Kintz, Steve Lowell, Sonja McKenzie, Judy Newman (via Zoom), Patti Norris, Chrissy Reitz, Judy Richardson, Emily Smith, Courtney Snead, Lori Theros, Becky Tymchuk, Kathy Wai, Mark Watson, Maureen Wolf, Jill Conant (ex officio)

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Jim Green, Deputy Executive Director Melisa Goff, Director of Legislative Services Lori Sattenspiel, Legislative Services Specialist Richard Donovan, Legislative Services Analyst La’Nell Trissel, Executive Assistant Jane Leonhardt

OSBA committee members not in attendance: Jessica Arzate, Aaron Barrow, Jeffrey Crapper, Susan Greenberg, Linda Hamilton, Maria Hinojos Pressey, Erika Lopez, Marvin Lynn, Anthony Medina, Scott Rogers, Candice Voynick, Dawn Watson, Luhui Whitebear

I. Welcome

Incoming chair Chris Cronin welcomed everyone to meeting.

Incoming Chair Chris Cronin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll call and warm up activity

Chris Cronin asked committee members to introduce themselves and share their worst job as a warm-up/roll call activity. A quorum was present.

III. Approve meeting minutes

Motion: Sami Al-Abdrabbuh moved the committee to approve the August 23, 2022, OSBA Legislative Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Maureen Wolf.

There being no votes in opposition the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approve agenda

Motion: Kris Howatt moved the committee to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Lori Theros.

There being no votes in opposition the motion passed unanimously.

V. OSBA Legislative Roadshow recap

Lori Sattenspiel reviewed the past work of the committee and why that work is especially important given the recent elections, revenue forecast, and feedback received during the legislative roadshow meetings.

VI. Regional update and next steps

Richard Donovan reported on the logistics, attendance, and general feedback received during the legislative roadshow meetings and invited the committee members to give a brief description of what they heard and how that will translate into next steps for their region.

Central Region (Patti Norris, Courtney Snead):

- Feedback – Workforce recruitment and retention; Board training opposition to prescriptive mandated training; Rural Advisory Committee support and the need to feel represented

Clackamas Region (Chrissy Reitz, Kathy Wai):

- Feedback – Safety of board and students; Funding in general; Workforce recruitment and retention; Raising the voice of students through student leadership; Negative perception of public education and general misinformation
- Next Steps – Meeting with new legislators to promote a positive awareness of the region's schools

Douglas/South Coast Region (Jackie Crook):

- Feedback – Workforce recruitment and retention; Workforce grow your own; Board training support for training that is relevant to the district

EasternRegion (Chris Cronin, Bruce Kevan):

- Feedback – Funding as it pertains to facilities; Workforce recruitment and retention; Honoring communities; Cybersecurity; Board training; Graduation requirements
- Next Steps – The regions LPC members will be sharing the feedback they received from the roadshow meetings with the legislators that represent their region

Gorge Region (Judy Richardson, Emily Smith):

- Feedback – Board safety; Workforce recruitment and retention and specifically the possibility of tax breaks for teachers; Increased engagement and excitement about having kids back in schools this year
- Next Steps – The regions LPC members will be introducing themselves to the region's legislators who have recently been elected

Lane Region (Judy Newman):

- Feedback – Funding as it pertains to current service level; Workforce recruitment and retention; Board training
- Next Steps – Identify concrete examples of how funding plays out in the districts and how best to relay the information to legislators; Explore other practices for increasing the recruitment and retention of quality employees; Consider board training options as an on-boarding and self-assessment processes

Linn/Benton/Lincoln Region (Miriam Cummins, Sarah Finger McDonald):

- Feedback – Board training resistance to universal training mandates but support for training based on district needs; Funding dedicated to summer programming; Social emotional health of students, including increased support services and increased training for staff

Marion Region (Bill Graupp):

- Feedback – Workforce as it pertains to TSPC requirements to increase teacher engagements and potentially increasing recruitment from overseas to improve diversity and cultural awareness

Multnomah Region (Katrina Doughty, Elizabeth Durant, Kris Howatt, Sonja McKenzie):

- Feedback – Workforce as it pertains to the recruitment and retention of superintendents; Workforce as it pertains to affordable housing and the resulting decline in enrollment which furthers funding challenges; Funding in general; Workforce grow your own programs; Board training support and overcoming challenges like time and resources; Enrollment decline; Student safety; Infrastructure as it applies to broadband
- Next Steps – Capitalizing on the number of new legislators, especially those who have previously served on school boards

North Coast Region (Sondra Gomez, Greg Kintz):

- Feedback – Workforce as it pertains to current school salaries not being competitive with corporations like McDonald's; Workforce as it pertains to the lack of housing due to shortages of buildable land and further decreases due to natural disasters and how it impacts revenue streams for the district; Workforce burnout; Workforce as it pertains to the expense of grow your own programs, including tuition, childcare, etc.; Funding in general

Southeast Region (Lori Theros):

- Feedback – Workforce diversity; School Safety; Small School Funding

Washington Region (Becky Tymchuk, Mark Watson, Maureen Wolf):

- Feedback – Enrollment decline and how it will affect funding; Current service level and how it doesn't allow for the continuation of current services and will require cuts
- Next Steps – Creating a consistent and unified messaging to effectively advocate for Oregon's schools given the number of new legislators

Oregon School Board Members of Color Caucus (Sami Al-Abdrabbuh):

- The roadshow feedback echoes that of the caucus.

*** Becky Tymchuk, Mark Watson, Maureen Wolf left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.*

*** Judy Richardson, Steve Lowell, Sara Crawford left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.*

VII. Legislative Next Steps

Richard Donovan spoke to the upcoming Friday Legislative Updates calls, use of the new Legislative Workplan, and a general increase of information from OSBA staff; and challenged the committee to think of one thing they can do to increase the advocacy in their region.

VIII. Close

Lori Sattenspiel answered questions regarding funding for not just the next biennium, but future budget cycles as well. She reminded everyone about the printed resources that are available at each table, the upcoming Friday Legislative Update calls, and the potential for an additional Zoom meeting prior to the start of session to tie up any loose ends.

Chris Cronin thanked everyone for attending and sharing the feedback from their region; invited everyone to attend their regions roundtable meeting, the Color Caucus meeting, and Rural Advisory Committee meeting, all being held during Annual Convention; reminded everyone of the funding available for their regions advocacy program; directed anyone with additional questions, concerns, comments, or feedback to the legislative team; and asked that committee members continue to build the two-way communication streams with the school districts in their region.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.