



Legislative/Systems Improvement Committee

May 19, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Meeting Summary

In attendance on the Zoom conference: Tony Podojil, Jessica Voltolini, and members from 24 school districts.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update the committee on HB110 Biennial Budget policy implications and legislative updates on federal funding and report card reform.

I. Current Political Landscape/ Legislative Initiatives.

A. HB110 Biennial Budget – Policy Implications

- 1. Transportation**
- 2. Computer Science Education**
- 3. Graduation Requirements (FAFSA)**
- 4. Citizenship/ American History Seal Change**

The Senate Finance Committee is continuing to have hearings on the budget. Senators had to submit their list of budget amendments to Senior leadership for consideration by last Wednesday at noon. The Senate Finance Committee will continue to review these over the weekend. Hearings will continue this week. The Senate will return from Memorial weekend on Tuesday, June 1st, and introduce the substitute version of the budget on their side. The Senators will have until June 4th to submit request to Leadership for the second round of amendments. On June 9th, the Senate will vote on the bill.

II. Legislative Strategies

A. Priority Policy Issues:

- 1. HB 1 – School Funding – Minimum Funding Level (5%)**
- 2. SB145/HB200 – Report Card Reform**

B. House Education Committee – Rep. Gayle Manning, Chair

C. Senate Education Committee – Senator Brenner, Chair

We continue to work on both House bills, Chairman Brenner would like to amend SB145 into the budget on the Senate side. The first week of June there will be a meeting with the House, the Senate, and other interested parties to try to come to a consensus on some of the concerns with both bills.

HB1 passed the Senate last week and should be included in the Senate version of the budget.

HB 170 and SB 111 which is the Federal COVID money for schools' bill should pass by the beginning of June.

HB170 will be a vehicle on ODE's use of the COVID funding. ODE will submit an APR plan by June 7th with the proposed spending plan for the American Recovery Funds.

Funding has been impacted by the Critical Race Theory and is now being talked about by Legislators in respect to the curriculum decisions that remain at the local level.

Hearings will be held on the CRT and finance moving forward. Jessica will keep members posted on this concern as it evolves.

Report card meetings have been based on finalizing the concerns that mean the most to districts. The Accountability Committee will discuss this today and Tony will send out information to members for more guidance.

III. Next Steps:

A. Testimony related to State Report Card Reform – HB200

V. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 10am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.