

Legislative/Systems Improvement Committee

Zoom Conference for all members

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

10:00 A.M.

MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance on phone conference: Tony Podojil, Jessica Voltolini, and member representatives from 61 school districts.

Tony Podojil convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The primary focus of the meeting was to update Alliance members on HB110 Biennial Budget policy and current legislative updates.

I. Current Political Landscape/ Legislative Initiatives.

A. HB110 Biennial Budget – Review

1. School Funding Provisions
2. Education Policy Changes

B. Supt. DeMaria retirement announcement

The budget was passed on June 28, 2021 and the Governor signed the budget on June 30, 2021. The appropriation provisions are effective immediately and the other provisions, unless specified in statute, is September 30, 2021.

The School Funding Provisions will implement the majority of the components of the Fair School Funding plan for FY22 and FY23 which incorporates the student wellness and success fees and direct funding of the Community School Students and vouchers. The Senate's 125 million of Federal money will be used to set up Educational Savings accounts for afterschool enrichment activities.

There will be several changes for EdChoice Scholarship student eligibility, scholarship amounts increase per pupil to 5500 for elementary and 7500 for high school students. In the future, the voucher amounts will increase by the same percentage that the statewide average base cost per pupil increases.

There will be a statewide Computer Science education study group sponsored by the Legislature before schools would be required to implement this as a requirement.

FASFA completion as a graduation requirement was not included in the budget.

The Governor vetoed provisions that would have required all EMIS changes to go through the JCARR process.

Transportation for students to private and community school provisions are still being worked out and an update will be out soon.

Payment in lieu has changed and will now be calculated at a rate of 50% of the state average. That should be approximately \$500.00 per student.

Jessica will be sending an update on online blended learning requirements.

There are changes in unused school building sale requirements that state if 60% of the building has not been used for educational purposes the building has be placed on the list for sale to community schools. This provision would go into effect in 2022.

Supt. DeMaria retirement announcement

Superintendent DeMaria's retirement will be in September, as Jessica receives more information on this, she will keep everyone posted.

II. Legislative Strategies

A. Priority Policy Issues:

1. **Am. Sub. HB 82—Report Card Reform (HB 200/SB 145)**
 - Governor Signed on July 1, 2021; Effective September 28, 2021
 - See Tony's PowerPoint Overview
 - Permits the parent or guardian of a high school student to opt the student out of taking a nationally standardized college admission assessment, beginning with students who enter the 9th grade for the first time in the school year that follows the bill's effective date.
 - This was also included in Am. Sub. HB 110
2. **HB 327/HB 322—Prohibitions Related to Teaching Critical Race Theory**
 - Please see the attached legislative and budget update attached
3. **HB 34—Student Records**
 - Jessica will update members.
4. **HB 61/SB 187—Transgender Athletes**
 - Please see the attached legislative and budget update attached
 - The Senate did not concur yet on SB187 for now the transgender language. Jessica will continue to update as hearings continue this fall.
5. **HB 248 and HB 244—Vaccinations Prohibitions**
 - Please see the attached legislative and budget update attached
 - Jessica will continue to update members as additional hearings are scheduled this fall.
6. **SB 1—Financial Literacy**
 - Jessica and Tony are continuing to work on this with similar concerns around computer science requirements asking legislators to be thoughtful when considering additional requirements for graduation and how those changes impact current requirements.
7. **HB 205—Antibullying and Hazing**
 - This bill has been reintroduced this GA. Jessica will update members as things evolve.
8. **HB 151—Ohio Teacher Residency**
 - This bill is likely to pass in the House. Jessica will keep members updated.
9. **HB 333—School Counselors**
 - This bill was reintroduced this GA. Jessica will keep members updated.
10. **HB 368—CCP**
 - This bill would make changes in respect to weighted CCP grade averages. Jessica will update members as things evolve.
11. **SB 206/HB 359—Art & Music**
 - This bill will generally regulate art and music therapist. Jessica will keep members updated.

III. Next Steps:

A. Fall 2021

Below is a list of the legislation will we focus on for Fall of 2021:

- a. HB327/HB322 – Prohibitions Related to Teaching Critical Race Theory
- b. HB61/SB187 – Transgender Athletes
- c. HB248/HB244 – Vaccination Prohibitions
- d. SB 1 (Sens. Wilson and McColley)—Financial Literacy
- e. HB 205 (Reps. Ghanbari and Sheehy)—"Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act"
- f. HB 151 (Rep. Jones)—RE and RESA
- g. HB 333 (Reps. Miranda and White)—School Counselors
- h. HB 368 (Reps. Bird and Pavliga)—College Credit Plus
- i. SB 206 (Sens. Yuko and Brenner)/HB 359 (Reps. Russo and Callender—Art & Music Therapists

IV. Report Card Revisions

Please see the PowerPoint attached.

V. Next Meeting.

The next meeting TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.