



LEND Council Meeting

Peg Agnos, Executive Director
Jen Figurelli, Director
March 17, 2023

Agenda

- Call to Order - Dr. Jeff Schuler
- Meeting with Senator Villivalam
- Director's Report - Peg Agnos, Jen Figurelli
 - General Assembly - How has it changed?
 - Session Calendar - Going forward
 - Session Update
- LEND Lobby Day - April 19, 2023
- LEND Organization Updates
- Member Concerns
- Adjourn



Meeting With Senator Villivalam



Conversation with the Senator

Senator Ram Villivalam (D) Skokie

LEND facilitated a meeting with the Senator and our LEND Executive Committee.

Topics of Discussion

- **Comprehensive Sex Education**
- **Statewide Curricular Mandates**

DIRECTORS UPDATE



General Assembly

- How Has it Changed?



General Assembly - How Has it Changed?

- Leadership - 3 of the 4 Leaders are **new**
- Number of new legislators - in the House 2 out of every 10 are **new**
- Committee hearings - accelerated schedule
 - Hundreds of Bills on House and Senate Calendars - 2nd Reading
- Political Influence - impact on schools
- Deadlines - in chambers of origin
 - House 3rd reading March 24th
 - Senate 3rd reading March 31st
- Adjournment - May 19th

BILLS IN NEGOTIATIONS



Bills in Current Negotiations

Minimum Salary Support Staff

HB2784 (Hirschauer)

- Stakeholder meeting held this week in Springfield including the unions, the Representative and management groups.
- Discussions continue. A funding source is essential in order for us to meet this mandate.
- We have requested data to support \$20/hour beginning in FY2024-25.
- The unions will circle back with us soon.
- More to come.

Bills in Current Negotiations

Halal Kosher Food

HB3636 (Rashid)

- Management is working on an amendment to require a state agency for procurement of all vendor contracts to supply halal and kosher foods to school districts across the state.
- Additionally there is clean up language to ensure there is no liability to school districts for handling or serving the meals.
- The amendment has not been filed yet.
- The bill passed committee and is on 2nd reading in the House.

Bills In Current Negotiations

Literacy - HB1124 (Mussman) Dyslexia

1. The ELL team must be consulted prior to the administration of a universal screener for a student who is an English language learner;
2. A student who is an English language learner may be exempt from a universal screener based on the ELL team's input (with the reference to an ACCESS score deleted);
3. The universal screener shall be administered in English and the student's home language, when a universal screener in the student's home language is available;
4. The bill provides that ISBE is authorized, to the extent funds are available, to provide support, PD, and assistance to school districts in relation to: the screeners; the secondary reviews; the data therefrom; the intervention; and dyslexia;
5. The secondary review must be conducted within the district's MTSS framework;
6. Certain additional information may also be gathered in the secondary review of a student who is an English language learner; and
7. The intervention's frequency and intensity shall be discretionary to meet the individual needs of a student.

Bills In Current Negotiations

Literacy - HB3147 Faver Dias

This bill is the initiative of Stand for Children and outlines what they want to be included in ISBEs statewide literacy plan. The legislation is not its final form. An amendment is forthcoming with changes from ISBE and other stakeholders.

The requirement that ISBE adopt and make available to each publicly-funded school district:

- A rubric to evaluate curricula
- A template to support school districts to develop comprehensive, district-wide literacy plans that include support for special student populations, including multilingual, diverse, and gifted students.
- A requirement for ISBE to develop and make available evidence-based training opportunities in teaching reading

Development of a microcredential

Creation of a tool to evaluate professional development

Additionally, HB2872 (Mayfield) passed out of committee and requires ISBE to establish and adopt a statewide literacy plan by January 31, 2024.

Bills in Current Negotiations

Full Day Kindergarten

HB2396 (Canty) Draft Amendment

- Creation of a full day kindergarten task force to inform the planning and implementation of full-day kindergarten in Illinois.
- Beginning with the FY2027-28 school year each school board must establish full-day kindergarten.
- LEND wants language to protect districts that go out for referendum.
- Discussion are on-going.

Bills in Current Negotiations

Discipline

HB3412 (Ford)

- A student may not be issued a monetary fine or fee as a disciplinary consequence, though this shall not preclude requiring a student to provide restitution for lost, stolen, or damaged property or criminal activity.
- Outstanding provision we are working on:
 - If a district refers a student to law enforcement for vaping marijuana and the municipality issues a ticket the referral is for the sole purpose of vaping and the ticket is issued because of the municipalities ordinance.

Bills In Current Negotiations

Bullying Policy

HB3425 (Croke)

- Work is still being done. We have met with the sponsor and shared concerns.
 - A major change is being made to notification to parents or guardians within 24 hours after the school's administration is made aware of the students' involvement in the incident.
 - The school shall make diligent efforts to notify a parent or legal guardian, utilizing all contact information the school has available or that can be reasonably obtained by the school within the 24-hour period.

Bills In Current Negotiations

TENURE AND MORE

- **SB1352 (Lightford - D)/Teachers Terminating Contracts** – This bill puts additional requirements on school districts when referring teachers to the State Superintendent who terminate their contract during the school term or the summer before the school term begins (including that referral to the State Superintendent be made within 10 days of the school board's denial of the teacher's request to terminate the contract and notice to the teacher of the referral to the State Superintendent). The Senators agreed that there needed to be a process in place when this occurs, but had questions about the proposed timeline.
- **SB1569 (Lightford - D)/Providing NonTenured Teachers Reasons for Nonrenewal** – This bill would require districts to provide all untenured teachers with a reason when their contract with the district is not renewed (currently only teachers in their 4th year are required to be provided with a reason, so this would extend this requirement to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year teachers). Management testified that this bill needs to be part of a larger conversation around tenure and the protections afforded non tenured and tenured teachers.
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Bills In Current Negotiations

TENURE AND MORE

SB1872 (Lightford)

- Makes changes to the probationary periods pertaining to attaining contractual continued service. For the first probationary period, requires the teacher to be employed for 3 (rather than 4) consecutive school terms of service in which the teacher receives overall annual evaluation ratings of at least "Proficient" in the second and third school terms (rather than overall annual evaluation ratings of at least "Proficient" in the last school term and at least "Proficient" in either the second or third school term). Makes changes to the probationary periods pertaining to attaining contractual continued service. For the first probationary period, requires the teacher to be employed for 3 (rather than 4) consecutive school terms of service in which the teacher receives overall annual evaluation ratings of at least "Proficient" in the second and third school terms (rather than overall annual evaluation ratings of at least "Proficient" in the last school term and at least "Proficient" in either the second or third school term).

Bill In Current Negotiations

Leader Murphy

SB1685 (Murphy)

- Senator Murphy has reintroduced the bill. We are in contact with her staff.
- We talked with her last week and shared our agreed to amendment with ISBE to HB1123, our LEND initiative, as a solution for her constituent concern.
- We are waiting to hear back from Leader Murphy.

SB90 (Murphy)

Racism Free Schools.

- The Office of the Attorney General, the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Illinois State Board of Education all still have concerns with the language.
- No agreed to amendment yet. More to come.

Bills In Current Negotiations

Cash on Hand

SB1994 (Loughran Capel)

School districts and school boards must submit a quarterly report to the State Board of Education that contains information regarding (1) the amount of funds that each school district has in its reserves, (2) the amount of funds that each school district has in its investments, and (3) the number of days that each school district has cash on hand. Provides that any school district or school board reporting more than 250 days cash on hand shall spend any excess cash on hand funds beyond the 250 days on educational services, including hiring teachers, paraprofessionals, nurses, librarians, social workers, counselors, or psychologists.

- We are in conversations.

Bills In Current Negotiations

Holiday Education Support

SB2017 (Holmes)

- The sponsor wants support personnel to be paid on all state and federally mandated holidays including election day.
- Senator Holmes committed to holding the bill until Peg and the IEA can work out concerns as the language is currently drafted.
- Conversations are on-going.

LEND Legislative Initiatives



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- [HB1123 \(Costa Howard\)](#)
 - Amends the School Code. Requires school report cards prepared by the State Superintendent of Education to include the percentage of students with disabilities who have fulfilled the minimum State graduation requirements and have been issued a regular high school diploma and the percentage of students with disabilities who have fulfilled the minimum State graduation requirements but have not completed their individualized education program and are enrolled and receiving individualized education program services.

LEND Legislative Initiatives

- **HB3523 (Yang Rohr)**
 - Removes provisions allowing to the school treasurer to execute a bond with 2 or more persons having an interest in real estate who are not trustees before beginning the treasurer's duties. Provides that, the penalty of the bond shall be determined by the school board in an amount no less than 10% of the amount of all bonds, notes, mortgages, moneys and effects the treasurer will have custody over as measured by specified provisions. Amends the Debt Limitation Article of the School Code to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.
 - The amendment will likely be heard in committee this week and should move to the House floor.

LEND LOBBY DAY
Wednesday
April 19, 2023
Springfield



LEND ORGANIZATION N UPDATES



April LEND Council Meeting

- Present FY24 draft annual budget to Council Members
- Present Dues Calculation
- Present Executive Committee Election Slate
- Send Survey to LEND Members

SAVE THE DATE

Council Meeting
April 28, 2023



MEMBER CONCERNS



Thank you

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