# Wappingers Central School District Legislative Action Committee Meeting Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:45 p.m. – Public Session District Office

## Legislative Action Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attendees**: John S. Morgan (Chair), Marie Johnson, Cheryl Migatz, Karen Hawkins (community member arrived at 4:51 p.m.), Richard Zipp, Assistant Superintendent (guest)

**Public**: There were no members of the public present.

Chairman John S. Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.

1. <u>Approve Minutes</u>

Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Marie Johnson, second by Cheryl Migatz.

Yes: John S. Morgan, Marie Johnson, Cheryl Migatz, Karen Hawkins Motion Carried.

2. Update

Chair Morgan provided the committee with an update on the letter advocating for adjustments to the compliance dates for electric school buses that was sent to the Board of Education for approval. The Board approved the letter on 4/8/2024 and it was sent out.

#### Discussion

Chair Morgan asked Board members if anyone was attending the Electric Vehicle Round Table being held on May 3, 2024. Marie Johnson stated that she is attending that meeting hosted by Assembly member Didi Barrett.

The Committee discussed possible topics for the next letter. We decided on municipality readiness to support EV buses on the roads (some roads have weight limits on older small bridges), fire readiness, and zoning for that amount needed in locations. The Committee also wants to look at the possibility of Federal and State governments to provide funding to make this ready for towns, villages, cities and counties.

## 3. Special Education - Mr. Zipp

Richard Zipp was a guest speaker to provide information and understanding on Special Education preschool costs. Mr. Zipp explained the process of how the County must provide the services. We have increased the amount of funding from them over the years due to the growing need in preschool numbers. The amount per student; however, has not changed. The cost of providers has increased. This District has been fortunate enough to have the funds to offset the difference. We discussed how we can lobby as a Board of Education to the County and State to increase funding per student. Mr. Zipp has also agreed to present this to the Board of Education for further education.

### 4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. The time is 5:43 p.m. Motion by Cheryl Migatz, second by Marie Johnson Yes: John S. Morgan, Marie Johnson, Cheryl Migatz, Karen Hawkins, Motion Carried.