

# Wappingers Central School District Legislative Action Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

2:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held remotely via Zoom and live stream to the public at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbmirHxXLln0yrMBhi6XJTA/videos>

Attendees: Eddy Slosower, Rob Rubin, John S. Morgan, John Lumia (joined at 2:21 p.m.), Allison Conti (left at 2:33 p.m.), Jaclyn Coffman, Sanjay Natesan, Carl DeMarco, Jr. , Alberta Pedro

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Rob Rubin at 2:09 p.m.

## 1. Resign Chair and Appoint New Chair of Legislative Action Committee for the 2020-21 School Year

Due to personal medical reasons, Mr. Rubin resigned as Chair of the Legislative Action Committee. District Clerk Pedro requested nominations for Chair of the Committee. Mr. Morgan made a motion to nominate Eddy Slosower as the new Chair of the Legislative Action Committee for the 2020-21 school year. Second by Rob Rubin. Mr. Slosower accepted this nomination and it was approved by the Board Members on the Committee. Mr. Slosower is now Chair of the Legislative Action Committee for the 2020-21 School Year.

## 2. Approve Minutes

The Committee reviewed the November 12 minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 12 meeting, as stated.

Motion by Rob Rubin

Second by Allison Conti

Yes: Rob Rubin, Allison Conti, Eddy Slosower

Abstain: John Morgan, Jaclyn Coffman, Sanjay Natesan

Not Present: John Lumia

*(Carl DeMarco Jr. can not vote as he was not appointed to the committee yet).*

**Motion Failed.**

## 3. Appoint Student Member to Committee

The Legislative Action Committee (LAC) received an email from a student at John Jay HS expressing interest in serving on the Committee. Hopefully, students from Roy C. Ketcham HS and Orchard View Alternative HS will also express interest in joining the Committee.

Motion to appoint the John Jay student, Carl DeMarco, Jr., to the Legislative Action Committee for the 2020-21 school year.

Motion by Rob Rubin

Second by Allison Conti

Yes: John Morgan, Eddy Slosower, Rob Rubin, Allison Conti, Jaclyn Coffman, Sanjay Natesan.

Not Present: John Lumia

Motion carried.

- 4. Charter Review and Set Goals** - Committee members were asked to review the charter and submit ideas for goals of the work of the Committee for the school year.

Mr. Rubin raised a point of order to clarify that the Board must first approve the charter of the Committee and submit that charter to the Board before taking action on anything. Chair Slosower explained that once the Committee agrees on the topics for the 2020-21 school year, the Board of Education will need to approve the charter with the proposed goals at the next Board of Education meeting scheduled for December 7.

Mr. Slosower shared information with committee members about a memo from the Lower Hudson Education Coalition regarding the possible loss of transportation aid for the months when Districts was closed due to the pandemic. The Committee also reviewed feedback from the Assistant Superintendent of Finance who shared that there was no information from the State at this time.

Chair Slosower asked each committee member to provide suggestions for goals for 2020-21 work of the Legislative Action Committee. The following items were submitted and the language was refined during the discussion:

**2020-2021 Goals:**

- Preventing 20% Reduction/Withholding of State Aid -- \$9.6-11 million
- Funding to Keep Schools Open – Unfunded Mandates to Require School Districts to test for COVID and provide PPE
- Engage with local elected officials through non-partisan means whose representatives are within the Wappingers Central School District
- Local, State, Federal Legislation that impacts Special Education Services
- Mental Health (Social Emotional Well Being)
- Student Safety

Motion to submit the Legislative Action Committee Charter and Goals for the 2020-21 school year to the Board of Education for approval.

Motion by Eddy Sloslower

Second by Rob Rubin

Committee members discussed whether they needed to prioritize the goals. Chair Sloslower indicated that once the Board approves the charter and goals, the Committee can discuss how to prioritize the goals at the next committee meeting and that they didn't need to change the order at this time.

Mr. Morgan made a point of information to ask if the charter had to be voted upon separately from the goals.

Mr. Rubin made a point of order to ask if a motion to amend was necessary.

As an ad hoc committee, each year the Board must approve the charter and the specific work/goals for the Legislative Action Committee. District Clerk Pedro confirmed that it was not necessary to vote on the charter and the goals separately.

Vote take on original motion.

Yes: John Morgan, Eddy Sloslower, Rob Rubin, John Lumia, Jaclyn Coffman, Sanjay Natesan, Carl DeMarco, Jr.

Not Present: Allison Conti

Motion carried.

- 5. Schedule Next Meeting Date** - Chairman Eddy Sloslower will meet with the District Clerk to send a doodle poll to schedule a meeting date which will occur in December after the Board approves the charter but before the holiday break. Wednesday was the best date for most committee members.

Mr. Rubin thanked Mr. Sloslower for taking on the appointment of Chair of the committee.

- 6. Adjournment** - the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by John Morgan

Second by Rob Rubin

Yes: John Lumia, John Morgan, Eddy Sloslower, Rob Rubin, Jaclyn Coffman, Sanjay Natesan, Carl DeMarco, Jr.

Not Present: Allison Conti

Motion carried.