

# Legislative Action Committee

Date: November 4, 2021

Location: District Office

Call to Order at 5:31p.m.

Roll call

Present: Marie Johnson, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Keri Cahill (via phone), Cheryl Migatz (arrived at 5:32), Jaclyn Coffman, and (Student) Cassandra Chorba

Item 1      Approve minutes for August 23 and October 14, 2021 meetings. Motion by Marie Johnson, second by Cheryl Migatz. Unanimous.

Item 2      The John Jay student was not present.

Item 3      Universal Pre-K.

This is still on hold waiting on further information regarding future funding.

Funding impact due to student absences related to Covid.

This is on hold as this has been suspended at this time.

IDEA Funding

Cheryl Migatz reviewed information she found from the Office of the State Comptroller. The State Comptroller report has stated that Special Education has had a greater learning loss due to the Covid versus general

education students. Ms. Migatz is going to look further into this report to see what the State wants to do regarding this.

Marie Johnson talked about a federal bill that Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Senator Pat Roberts (R-KY) introduced in 2019 and reintroduced in 2020. Senator Van Hollen reintroduced the bill again January 27, 2021, as did US Representative Susie Lee (D-NV). This bill has been a bipartisan item that they are trying to get up to 40% special education funding from the federal level. This was supposed to be all along but at this time average IDEA funding is around 13-14%. That means the burden is on local school districts to find the money within their budget. The effect would be that other programs within the district are reduced or cut. Special Education is not something that we can not provide. Trustee Johnson is contacting the senator for more information on his bill.

Item 4      Next meeting is December 2, 2021 at the District Office at 5:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose room

Motion to adjourn made by John Lumia, second by Cheryl Migatz. Unanimous.

Time is 6:23p.m.