

**Wappingers Central School District Legislative Action Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 29, 2024**  
**4:30 p.m. – Public Session**  
**District Office**

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**Legislative Action Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** John S. Morgan (Chair), John Lumia, Marie Johnson, Cheryl Migatz, Emma Barton (JJ Student)

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

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1. Chairman John S. Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. Mr. Morgan called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and invited the committee members and prospective member to introduce themselves.

2. Appoint Student Emma Barton

Motion to appoint student Emma Barton was made by John Lumia, second by Marie Johnson.

Yes: John S. Morgan, John Lumia, Marie Johnson, Cheryl Migatz

Motion Carried.

3. Develop Charter - Goals

Under Purpose #2 Mr. Lumia wanted to delete this item from the Committee's charter. After discussion, item #2 under Purpose was amended to read as follows:

From - Provide a mechanism to discover community opinion related to legislative and regulatory matters that impact the District.

To - Committee meetings are open to the public, and therefore provide one mechanism to discover community opinion related to legislative and regulatory matters that impact the District.

Motion to amend #2 in the Purpose section of the charter was made by Cheryl Migatz, second by John Lumia.

Yes: John S. Morgan, John Lumia, Marie Johnson, Cheryl Migatz

Motion Carried.

John Morgan proposed the following change to Procedures #8

From - The Committee will review the charter at the end of the school year and present it to the District Clerk for the organizational meeting agenda.

To - The Committee will review the Charter toward the end of the school year and present a Committee report to the Board of Education that will include progress toward the Committee's goals for the school year.

Motion by John S. Morgan, second by Marie Johnson.

Yes: John S. Morgan, John Lumia, Marie Johnson, Cheryl Migatz

Motion Carried.

Under Goals 2023-2024

1. Advocate for New York State and Dutchess County to increase reimbursement rates for preschool special education programs and related services. Given that Wappingers Central School District proactively contracts directly with Dutchess County for the provision of pre-school related services, the Committee will advocate for additional 619 federal grant monies and/or the ability for the Wappingers Central School District to use the STAC system for claims that exceed the Dutchess County reimbursement rate.
2. Advocate for adjusting the deadline of New York State mandate in the 2022-2023 State Budget that requires "all new school buses purchased to be zero-emission by 2027 and all school buses in operation to be zero-emission electric by 2035". Insufficient local electric grid capacity, local bridge weight limits, and lack of required charging infrastructure are among the issues that must be resolved prior to implementation of the first phase of this mandate.

Motion to recommend Goals 1 and 2 was made by Cheryl Migatz, second by John Lumia.

Yes: John S. Morgan, John Lumia, Marie Johnson, Cheryl Migatz

Motion Carried.

4. Schedule next meeting dates -

- March 20, 2024 Time - 4:45p.m.
- April 24, 2024 Time - 4:45p.m.
- May 15, 2024 Time - 4:45p.m.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Motion by John Lumia, second by Marie Johnson.

Yes: John S. Morgan, John Lumia, Marie Johnson, Cheryl Migatz

Motion Carried.