

CCSBLC Meeting Summary
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Members in attendance:

1. Bill Wood, CCSBLC Chair, Avon Grove School District
2. Stacy Stone, Tredyffrin-Easttown School District
3. Dave Kronenberg, Kennett Consolidated School District
4. Scott Overland, Phoenixville Area School District
5. Brian Fox, Octorara School District
6. William Kloss, Oxford Area School District
7. Kate Shaw, West Chester Area School District

Absent: Linda MacNeal, Downingtown Area School District; John Melniczek, Owen J. Roberts; Wendy Litzke, Great Valley School District; Jeff Hellrung, Unionville-Chadds Ford School

CCIU Staff in Attendance; Mary Jeanne Curley, Director of Communications and Learning Solutions, Tonia Farnum, Communications Manager, and Haley Taylor, Communications Specialist

1. Bill Wood, CCSBLC Chair, School Director, called the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Bill Wood welcomed everyone. He then turned the meeting over to Mary Curley, Director of Communications and Learning Solutions, who reviewed the meeting's agenda.
2. Mary Curley reviewed legislation that has been introduced in February and March, including:
 - a. **HB2413: Education Money to Follow the Child** - A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for the maintenance and support of public education.
Introduced March 16.
 - i. Proposed language: The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education funding to serve the needs of students in the Commonwealth. Education spending by the Commonwealth shall be allocated to individual students to attend the schools that fit the students' needs.
 - ii. This bill would change the Constitution.
 - iii. Has to be passed in two executive sessions.
 - b. **SB1095: First in Math Initiative** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public-School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for supplemental mathematics program for grades kindergarten through five. *Introduced February 22.*
 - c. **HB2363: First in Math** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for supplemental mathematics program for grades kindergarten through five. *Introduced March 8.*

- d. **HB2362: Public School Financial Transparency** - An Act providing for the posting of annual financial information for public school entities.
Introduced March 8.
 - e. **HB2360: EOAs for Military Families** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for military education opportunity account. *Introduced March 8.*
 - f. **SB1092: Age-Appropriate Consent Education** - An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for consent education.
 - i. Beginning with school year 2022-2023, each public school student shall receive mandatory instruction in consent education every year, in every grade from kindergarten through grade twelve. "Consent" - An ongoing and freely given agreement between two or more individuals to engage in interactions, including, but not limited to, sexual activity.
3. Charter School Regulations
- a. Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved final charter school regulations in a 3-2 vote on March 21.
4. Teacher Shortages
- a. House Education Committee held a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15
 - b. Testimonies received from PASA, PSEA, Teachers, Administrators, Higher Ed
 - i. *John Sanville from Unionville-Chadds Ford*
 - c. Purpose of hearing to discuss possible solutions
 - i. Increase pay/benefits
 - ii. Lower college expenses/loan forgiveness program
 - iii. Improving secondary to post-secondary pipeline
 - iv. Simplifying certification process
5. 2022-23 budget
- a. Presented on Tuesday, February 8, 2022
 - b. Budget highlights:
 - i. \$1.55 billion (24% increase) in BEF (basic education funding)
 - 1. \$1.25 billion distributed through fair funding formula
 - 2. \$300 million to 100 most underfunded districts via Level Up
 - a. Applies to Coatesville Area School District and Oxford Area School District.
 - ii. \$200 million (16% increase) in special education funding
 - iii. \$45 million for school safety and security grants
 - iv. \$60 million (25% increase) to PreK Counts; \$10 million (15% increase) to Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program
 - v. \$6 million (6% increase) in Career/Technical Education
 - vi. \$16 million (2.7% increase) in Student Transportation
 - vii. Early Intervention is level-funded
 - 1. Early intervention is a federal mandate. School districts and Intermediate Units must provide these services. We're currently

working with our legislators to increase Early Intervention funding.

viii. Additional proposals:

1. \$45,000 minimum statutory teacher salary
 - a. This does not affect Chester County anymore, as all teachers make more than this amount.
2. Charter school reform (est. \$373 million savings)
 - a. Apply special education fair funding formula to all brick & mortar charter schools
 - b. Statewide cyber charter tuition rate of \$9,800
3. Lowers maximum administrative set-aside for EITC/OSTC from 20% to 5% (est. \$6 million more toward awards)

6. The council reviewed the agenda and topics for the CCSBLC Legislative Breakfast to be held on Friday, April 22 at the Technical College High School Brandywine Campus in Downingtown.

7. Roundtable Discussion

Members of the council discussed the following topics:

- a. PSBA Letter
- b. Mental Health Resolution
- c. Legislative Advocacy
- d. Chester County Legislative Priority Survey Results

8. Calendar Session Days

a. **Senate:**

- i. March 28, 29, 30
- ii. April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13
- iii. May 23, 24, 25
- iv. June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30

b. **House:**

- i. March 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30
- ii. April 11, 12, 13, 25, 26, 27
- iii. May 23, 24, 25
- iv. June 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 30
- v. September 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21
- vi. October 24, 25, 26
- vii. November 14, 15, 16

9. Upcoming CCSBLC meetings:

- a. Friday, April 22 (Legislative Breakfast)
- b. Wednesday, May 25
- c. Wednesday, June 22
- d. July: No meeting - Legislature Not in Session
- e. August: No meeting - Legislature Not in Session

10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:34 p.m.