

CCSBLC Meeting Summary
Wednesday, October 26, 2022
6:32 to 7:40 p.m.

Members in attendance:

1. Bill Wood, CCSBLC Chair
2. Caryn Ghrayeb, Downingtown Area School District
3. Kate Shaw, West Chester Area School District
4. Stacy Stone, Tredyffrin-Easttown School District
5. Wendy Litzke, Great Valley School District
6. Dave Kronenberg, Kennett Consolidated School District
7. Brian Fox, Octorara School District

CCIU Staff in Attendance: Melissa Smith, Assistant Director of Communications and Learning Solutions; Tonia Farnum, Communications Manager; and Haley Taylor, Communications Specialist

1. Bill Wood, Chester County School Board Legislative Chair, called the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and Melissa Smith began the meeting by reviewing the meeting's agenda.
2. Calendar Session Days
 - a. **Senate:**
 1. October 26
 2. November 15
 - b. **House:**
 1. October 26
 2. November 14, 15, 16

Last Session Day: November 30, 2022

3. Tracked Legislation Updates

1. **House Bill 2524 – Vexatious Requestor**

House 2524 provides a process for agencies to seek relief from vexatious requestors. A vexatious requestor is defined as an individual whose sole intention in filing a request is to annoy or harass a local agency. In order to merit relief from such a requestor, a local agency shall be required to demonstrate clear and convincing evidence that a requestor's sole intentions are to annoy or harass the local agency.

A local agency would be permitted to petition the Office of Open Records for relief; the petition would be submitted under penalty of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities), be provided to both the Office of

Open Records and the requestor alleged to be vexatious and shall detail the conduct which the local agency alleges demonstrates vexatiousness. Such information would include, as appropriate:

1. The number of requests filed;
2. The total number of pending requests;
3. The scope of the requests;
4. The nature, content, language, or subject matter of the requests;
5. The nature, content, language, or subject matter of other oral and written communications to the local agency;
6. Conduct that the local agency alleges is placing an unreasonable burden on the local agency;
7. Conduct that the local agency alleges is intended to harass the local agency;
8. Any other relevant information.

Passed the House; Amended in Senate Education; First consideration in Senate 9/20/22

b. Senate Bill 492 – RTK Provisions

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in requirements and prohibitions, providing for Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association; in access, further providing for open-records officer, for appeals officer, for regulations and policies, for requests and for retention of records; in procedure, further providing, for requests, for written requests, for electronic access, for creation of record, for production of certain records and for exceptions for public records; in agency response, further providing for general rule and for extension of time; in appeal of agency determination, further providing for filing of appeal and for appeals officers; in judicial review, further providing for civil penalty and for Office of Open Records; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for relation to other laws.

Reported as Amended in Senate State Government Committee; Second consideration in Senate 10/18/22.

c. SB 1130 – Broadcast of a Meeting

Senate Bill 1277 provides a definition of "authorized telecommunications device," provides for a method of remote public comment to be provided in the public notice of meetings and requires meeting minutes to include a statement disclosing the availability of a broadcast of a meeting and the acceptance of remote public comment. Provides if a board or council of a political subdivision or of an authority created by a political subdivision adopts rules for remote public comment, in the event that remote public comment cannot be received by the manner advertised or by a contingency plan, official action of a matter shall be postponed until the next advertised meeting. Provides a board

or council of a political subdivision or an authority may adopt rules governing the broadcast of a meeting. Further provides for local broadcast rules. Effective in 60 days.

Reported as amended from Senate State Government Committee; Second Consideration; Re-referred to Appropriations Committee 10/18/22.

d. Senate Bill 139 – 9/11 Observance

Senate Bill 139 provides for a moment of silence on the September 11 anniversary. Requires each school entity to conduct a moment of silence during instructional hours for students and faculty to observe the anniversary of September 11, 2001. The Department of Education (PDE) shall establish a model curriculum for instruction on the events of September 11 no later than 12 months after the effective date and the curriculum shall be posted publicly on PDE's website. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number(s): 116)

Voted favorably from Senate Education; First and second consideration; Referred to Senate Appropriations.

e. Senate Bill 1243 – Financial Literacy

Senate Bill 1243 provides for an economics and personal finance course graduation requirement and further providing for economic education and personal financial literacy programs and abrogating regulations.

Passed the Senate (29-18) on 10/18/22 with amendments from Appropriations; Referred to House Education Committee.

f. Senate Bill 786 – Open Campus

Amends the Public School Code, in open campus initiatives, further providing for legislative intent, for definitions, for open campus initiatives, for cooperative agreements, for reimbursements by the Commonwealth and for parental information.

Passed the Senate: Reported as amended from House Education Committee; Second Consideration with amendments; Re-re-reported as committed from Appropriations Committee; Passed the House 10/25/22; In the Senate; Referred to Rules and Executive Nominations (meeting 10/26/22).

g. House Bill 365 – Removing derogatory terms from school code

House Bill 365 provides guidance around the removal of derogatory terms associated with mental health issue and disabilities.

Passed the House; Reported as committed from Senate Education Committee; Second Consideration; Reported as Amended by Senate Appropriations; Passed the Senate 10/26/22.

h. **HB 1813: Military Families**

House Bill 1813 allows a parent or guardian, who is an active duty member of the military, to establish residency for purposes of enrollment by providing the school district with a copy of their military order to transfer. The parent or guardian must provide the school district with proof of residence no later than 10 days after the arrival date specified in the military order.

Passed the House; Amended in Senate Education; Second Consideration; Re-referred to Appropriations Committee 10/24/22

4. Legislative Update: No Movement

a. **House Bill 1254 – In-person Instruction or Tuition Grant**

Sitting on House Calendar for Second Consideration

b. **House Bill 2022 - School-Based Mental Health Services Pilot Grant Program**

Sitting on House Calendar for Second Consideration

c. **House Bill 2023 - Mental Health Awareness Education**

Sitting on House Calendar for Second Consideration

d. **Senate Bill 1278 – Parent Notification of Changing Student Physical and Mental Health Services**

Sitting in House Education Committee

e. **Senate Bill 1277 – Parental Notification (sexually explicit content)**

Sitting in House Education Committee

5. Legislative Update: Introduced

a. **House Bill 2851 – Requiring School Districts Establish a Parent Involvement Program**

b. **House Bill 2876 – Banning Native American Mascots in Schools**

c. **House Bill 2880 – Establishing Grants to Assist Schools Committed to Updating Mascots, Logos, School and Team Names**

d. **House Bill 2896 – Menstrual Education in Schools**

e. **House Bill 2897 – School Board Training Updates**

f. **House Bill 2898 – Free Tuition at PASSHE Institutions for School Board Members**

g. **House Bill 2900 – Compensation for School Board Members**

h. House Bill 2902 – PSAT and AP Expansion

6. Legislative Priority Survey

a. Review the 2021-22 School Board Legislative Priority Survey.

(i) Reviewed current list of topics

1. Reform Charter School Funding vs. all Charter School Funding
 - a. Credible sources (PSBA or Center for charter school funding)
2. Reducing Transportation of Non-public/ Charter School Student Requirements
 - a. Anyone attending a non-public school and live within a 10-mile radius must be bused.
 - b. One of a few states that requires transportation within your district.
 - i. Reference a previous legislative presentation that discuss the challenges of transportation on school districts.
 - ii. Leave just as non-public and **remove charter school** students.
3. Reforms Pension Funding
 - a. What legislatively can be considered if they aren't already doing what they said they would?
 - b. Consider **removing** this from the survey for the 22-23 elects.
4. Fully funds Special Education
 - a. Clarification on state or federal funding
 - b. Include "State" in front of legislation for question 4.
5. Supports Safe School Initiatives
6. Supports Mental Health Initiatives
7. Provides Equitable Public School Funding
8. Promotes Career Readiness
9. Increase Internet Accessibility
10. Reforms Charter and Cyber Charter School Accountability
11. Provides Unfunded Mandate Relief
12. Replaces Local Property Taxes with State Income and/or State Sales Tax
13. Reduces Statewide Standardized Testing Requirements

7. Additional Comments:

1. Creating a separate document that describes each of the legislation topics on the survey. Hyperlinking this document will provide a clear explanation of what each priority/topic is, so that it's digestible for school directors and superintendents.
2. Legislative Council is in favor of adding a question regarding addressing the future crisis of hiring accredited teachers and what can be done at the state-level.
 - i. What are the certification requirements
 - a. What are the pros and cons of loosening those requirements

- ii. Surveying teachers as they exit to understand why teachers are leaving education
 3. Legislative Council is in favor of addressing vexatious Right to Know requests as a topic of interest.
 4. In the priorities section, numbering or labeling each topic, so that members can reference the label for their top three legislative priorities.
8. Upcoming Meetings:
 1. November: Legislature in Recess
 2. December: Legislature in Recess
 3. In person: Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m.
 4. Virtual: Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.
 5. Legislative Breakfast, Friday March 10, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at TCHS Brandywine
 6. Virtual: Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.
 7. In person: Wednesday, May 25 7:00 p.m.
 8. Virtual: Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.