

CCSBLC September Meeting
October 26, 2023

Attendees:

Virtual - Bill Wood (Avon Grove), Tori Baratta (Unionville-Chadds Ford), Caryn Ghrayeb (Downingtown), Mary Jeanne Curley (CCIU), Jennifer Kehs (Oxford), Brian Fox (Octorara), Victoria Walker (Phoenixville), Karen Fleming (West Chester), Holly Charest (Coatesville).

- I. Chairperson Bill Wood opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
- II. Katie Gilmartin, PSBA Regional Liaison, provided information regarding legislative advocacy.
- III. Mary Jeanne Curley, Director of Communication and Learning Solutions, provided a legislative update as follows.
 - a. Budget Update/Status
 - i. Budget was passed in August; however, 25% did not have a vehicle in which to guide spending. This equates to \$1.1 billion of the spending plan which includes:
 1. \$100 million for school mental health grants
 2. \$100 million in Level Up funds
 3. \$10 million in teacher stipends
 4. \$125 million for school environmental repair grants
 5. \$50 million for school safety and security grant transfers to PCCD
 - b. [HB27](#): Substitute Teachers and School Safety and Security Enhancements
 - i. During the pandemic, legislators lessened some of the requirements/limitations for substitute teachers to help with shortages. That legislation was temporary and expired June 30, 2023. This bill would extend it to June 30, 2026.
 - ii. Passed House, Passed Senate with two amendments (one of which is an attempt to get the mental health funding to flow)
 - c. **Senate Bill 340 Online Curriculum Availability (Mastriano)**: Beginning 2024-25 school year and each school year thereafter, a school entity shall post an Internet link or title for every textbook used by the school entity, a course syllabus or a written summary of each instructional course and the State academic standards for each instructional course offered by the school entity on its publicly accessible Internet website. The information shall be updated no later than thirty (30) business days after each time the list of textbooks, syllabi, course descriptions or State academic standards used by the school entity is revised.
Passed the Senate October 24, 2023.
 - d. **SB 7 Parental Control (Aument)** : PN 619) Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, providing for parental notification relating to instructional materials and books containing sexually explicit content. Provides the governing body of a school entity shall develop and make public policies that provide parental notification of instructional materials and books containing sexually explicit content and include information, guidance, procedures and

standards relating to: directly identifying specific instructional materials and books within libraries of the schools containing sexually explicit subjects and content that are used by or made available to students at school; ensuring parental notification of specific sexually explicit content prior to student exposure; and permitting the parent or legal guardian to review instructional materials that contain sexually explicit content and require the school entity to provide, as an alternative, nonexplicit instructional materials and related academic activities to the student, if requested by the parent or legal guardian, or review a book from the school library containing sexually explicit content that the student wishes to view and prevent the student from viewing the book if requested by the parent or legal guardian. Effective in 60 days. **Passed Senate October 24, 2023.**

- e. **SB 353 & SB 456 (Dush):** These bills propose displaying the Preamble of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the United States Constitution respectively in school buildings, including Intermediate Unit school buildings. **Passed Senate October 24, 2023.**
- f. **HB 1094 (Munroe) Military Families:** This bill amends the Public School Code to allow children of military families to enroll in the school district where they will be living before establishing residency. **Passed House May, 24, 2023 and Passed Senate October 24, 2023.**
- g. **State Primary Date Change for 2024 Presidential Primary**
 - i. Two separate bills currently in play – [SB224](#) and [HB1634](#).
 1. Proposed shift from April 23rd to either March 19th or April 2nd
 2. Objective: Increase Pennsylvania's influence in presidential nominations and avoid religious holiday conflicts.
 3. May be problematic in pushing back petition time to get on the ballot.
 4. House and Senate cannot agree on the date. At this point, it looks as if neither will pass and the date of the primary will remain on April 23.
- IV. **HB 1507 School Year (Topper):** This bill proposes allowing flexibility in instructional time in schools, allowing schools to choose between 180 days or 900/990 hours of instruction per year. Passed House; first and second considerations in Senate, referred to Senate Appropriations.
- V. **HB 1258 Dual Enrollment (Rep. Kinsey):** HB 1258 amends the School Code by adding Section 1525.1 (Calculation of Average Daily Membership for a Dual Credit Course). This section will allow school entities to include students, who are enrolled in a dual credit course, in their ADM until June 30, 2025. Passed House, October 4, 2023; first and second considerations in Senate, referred to Senate Appropriations.
- VI. **SB 907 School Security (Senator Reagan):** SB 907 requires armed school security personnel in all school buildings during the school day starting in the 2024-25 school year. First Consideration referred to Senate Appropriations.
- VII. **SB 700 CTE Instructor Certification (Senator Brooks):** SB 700 suggests allows individuals with four years of paid experience in an occupation to obtain a Career and Technical

Instructional I Certificate. First and second consideration; referred to Senate Appropriations

VIII. CCSBLC Meeting Schedule

- a. IN PERSON: Move to November 27, 2023 *tentative* (will send out poll to CCSBLC members)
- b. No meeting in December
- c. IN PERSON: January 24, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. VIRTUAL: February 28, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.
- e. Legislative Breakfast: Tentative date is March 1, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.
- f. VIRTUAL: April 24, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.
- g. IN PERSON: May 22, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.
- h. VIRTUAL: June 26, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

IX. Member Discussion

- a. Discussion led by Chair Bill Wood led a brief membership discussion

X. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.