

Governing Board Meeting- Via Conference Call
Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Members present: Michael Faccinetto, Acting President; David Hutchinson, Vice President; Kathy Swope, Immediate Past President; Larry Feinberg, Eastern At-Large Representative; Daniel O'Keefe, Western At-Large Representative; Eric Wolfgang, Central At-Large Representative; Darryl Schafer, Chairperson Regional Directors Coordinating Council; Lynn Foltz, Vice Chairperson Regional Directors Coordinating Council; Thomas Kerek, Vice Chairperson Regional Directors Coordinating Council; Carl Moore, Chairperson Affiliates Council

Members not present: Otto Voit, Treasurer

Mr. Mains opened the meeting with an Introduction of Ciarra Fields, the Administrative Assistant, in the Executive Office. In addition, Mr. Mains laid out the purpose for the conference call.

Mr. Mains updated the Governing Board that House Bill 97 is moving and that the PSBA Government Affairs team has been working hard on it. He shared that the concern that rises is that PSBA is alone in the battle to incorporate changes to the Bill, noting that the other education groups are remaining relatively silent and/or neutral. The General Assembly takes the silence as supportive of the Bill as it stands. PSBA has been threatened and informed that they are doing damage to relationships going forward. Mr. Mains asked the board if they want PSBA to soften or retreat their current position.

Following Mr. Mains' opening comments, Mr. Callahan provided a briefing of where PSBA stands, noting that the Bill received second consideration with the 25, recommended amendments to the Bill, with only one change adopted. On Monday, April 24, the Bill will be voted out of the House and sent to the Senate for consideration. Mr. Callahan stated that the Bill is being pushed by Representative Stan Saylor.

Mr. Mains asked for concerns and opinions from the Governing Board, explaining that PSBA wants to stay true to the directive of the board and membership.

Mr. Faccinetto shared that it is a fight worth fighting and lines up with PSBA platform. He would like to stick with the platform and move forward in opposition.

Ms. Swope agreed to move forward in opposition. She reiterated that the seats would be filled by Business Managers, not local school board directors and that PSBA needs to take a solid stance.

Mr. Schafer, concurs as well with Mr. Faccinetto and Ms. Swope and would like to continue to move forward.

Ms. Swope suggested that school board directors should ask their superintendents and Business Managers to weigh in with their education organizations.

Mr. Hutchinson suggested that PSBA needs to be clear what the 2 to 3 main issues are with the bill. Mr. Mains said that he felt the letter PSBA drafted to legislators, breaks the Bill down piece by piece appropriately.

Mr. Feinberg weighed in that he agrees with PSBA's position and the statements made thus far and also would encourage superintendents to talk to PASA. Mr. Feinberg noted that aside from the break on cyber tuitions there's nothing beneficial in the Bill for public schools.

Mr. Wolfgang agreed that PSBA needs to continue fighting the fight for the items that are not beneficial in this Bill.

The Governing Board agreed to continue fighting House Bill 97.

Ms. Foltz agrees and asked what email PSBA is putting out to the membership to call their superintendents and Business Mangers and have them make calls to the local legislative offices, as well as to the Harrisburg offices. Mr. Mains shared that PSBA has reached out to the Legislative Advocacy Council, but wanted to make sure PSBA had the support of the Governing Board, prior to reaching out to the membership.

It was shared that a total of 75 people have registered for Advocacy Day and that Town Hall attendance is low. A letter was sent via email to generate attendance.

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Nathan Mains Mr.
Executive Director

Michael Faccinetto
2017 Acting-President