

NJASA Legislative Committee Meeting Notes

NJASA Headquarters

October 2, 2019

9:30 am

NJASA Legislative Committee Chair Dr. Robert Zywicki opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

First discussed was committee priorities for 2019-2020. The following topics were given:

- Funding
- 2% Levy Cap
- Assessment
- Path to Progress Bills
- Pension Reform
- Mallory's Bill
- NJSIAA
- Charter Schools
- Class 3 Officers

A joint letter of support from the statewide education organizations regarding changes to standards and assessment code was shared with the committee.

Discussion started regarding superintendent salary and what will salary guidelines look like. NJASA leadership met with the Commissioner and they are in the works of formulating. It was stated that each year going forward will look different than the one before for everyone. The Commissioner was in the field at one time and this works in everyone's favor. Until those guidelines are formulated NJASA encourages to reach out to the NJASA Legal Department for direction and information.

Issues regarding mercury in gym flooring were raised. Gloucester County Rep. Joe Bollendorf, Superintendent, Washington Twp., went into detail regarding the obstacles the district faced with the gym floor. Since there are levels of mercury in everything, what is a safe level of mercury according to

State standards? Lack of direction given by the State and lack of cooperation from various organizations, ie. Healthy Schools Now.

Census packets will be going out to school districts.

Mallory's Bill positive points and problems with the bill language were discussed. A possible suggestion was to have Diane Grossman (Mallory's mother) at the next meeting. Concerns were raised about really being able to have a discussion around the topic with Ms. Grossman.

Dr. Zywicki reminded everyone of the next meeting in conjunction with Fall Workshop 2019 in Atlantic City, Convention Center Room 411, 1:00pm – 2:00pm.