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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
IOWA CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
509 S. DUBUQUE STREET, IOWA CITY, IA 52240  
BACK OF BOARD ROOM  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011 @ 8:30AM**

Members present: Chair Patti Fields, Michael Shaw  
Call to order by Chair Fields at 8:43 a.m.

- I. Approve Minutes of January 21, 2011 Meeting: move Shaw, second Fields, approved
- II. Lobby Days:
  - February 16 is ICCSD Lobby Day
  - need to get info to ICEA and DPO
  - legislators want individual letters and communicators rather than form letters
  - next Forum Day is February 26 at the Coralville City Chambers
- III. Legislative Forums: Saturday, January 29, 8:00 a.m. at Chamber, 9:30 at City Chambers, 11:30 at Chamber
  - Chair Fields shared that the House has determined to take up allowable growth in the next two weeks, so quick action is required; discussed op-ed piece to get the word out to our community to get more active; we want people we know in other areas to reach their legislators, too
  - Allowable growth: governor has offered 0%, anticipate Democrats will offer 4%, feel they will end somewhere between; allowable growth has never been 0% since current system was created; more districts will reach the budget guarantee—there is a bill out there that makes funding budget guarantee through state aid instead of current local property tax which further penalizes growing districts; we have to explain what a 0% allowable growth budget means for the ICCSD
  - Pre-school: business leaders are supporting pre-school; opponents of continuing pre-school are describing it as “baby sitting”; we must lobby on fact that pre-school with certified teachers and strong curriculum is what assists student to be ready for kindergarten; in the ICCSD, we have the partnership programs with private businesses that the governor is espousing so we need to make this clear; one citizen urged the legislators that, “In times of trouble, you don’t eat your seed corn.”
  - Legislators asked for people to speak up and lobby; one representative insisted that he isn’t hearing from constituents; now more than ever we must offer a unified voice from the educational institutions (ISEA, IASB, UEN, SAI); common ground can be found on pre-school (maintain current funding, keep inside K-12 system to guarantee quality curriculum and certified teachers—encourage more partnerships with private providers) and allowable growth; committee members discussed strategies to engage action by community members who have shown affinity for speaking out about educational issues at the district/school board level
  - Chair Patti Fields will check with members of the Chamber, members of the community to share information so that we may lobby with one voice; she will share information with ISEA and DPO; Director Shaw will reach out to community groups
  - Committee members commented that legislators like the brochure; committee determined to focus the brochure to emphasize allowable growth and pre-school
- IV. Agenda Setting  
February 18, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. is next committee meeting
  - February 16 Lobby Day
  - Legislative Forum
  - Current Bills and Issues

Move by Shaw, second by Fields, approve adjourn at 10:10 a.m.