



# Iowa City Community School District

## Educational Services Center

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**Legislative Committee**  
**Iowa City Community School District Board of Directors**  
**509 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240**  
**Central Administrative Office**  
**Second Floor Conference Room**  
**Friday, September 9, 2011 at 8:00am**

Members Present: Patti Fields, Michael Shaw and Sarah Swisher

Chair Fields called the meeting to order at 8:13am.

### Approval of August 5, 2011 Minutes

**Motion by Shaw to approve the August 5, 2011 minutes, seconded by Fields.  
Motion carried.**

### Set Road Map for Legislative Priorities for Next Three Month's Work

The committee discussed how to set a road map of priorities to show where the committee is headed next. They discussed that it would take time to get new Board members up to speed and that some very basic talking points would be needed.

The committee expressed the importance of advocacy and agreed to set up a meeting to have area legislators meet with Boards in the region for an orientation type discussion. Fields will contact area legislators for possible meeting dates in October. The committee also agreed to have another meeting to discuss their legislative priorities.

The committee discussed having the Executive Director of IASB come to meet with the Board and discuss concerns of the Board. Fields will schedule a meeting time.

The committee discussed the importance of getting input from ICEA as there is a lot of common ground. They discussed ways to partner to make our voice stronger in Des Moines and in DC. Murley will extend an invitation to Tom Yates to have an ICEA representative attend and take part in the Legislative Committee meetings.

### Federal Priorities

The committee discussed their strategy and what they would like to see happen. Murley stated that on a national level it would be hard as we don't know what they want to do. The committee discussed engagement with local legislators and Murley stated he would forward legislative updates to the Board as he receives them as well as any notes from meetings he has with them.

### Efforts to Organize Meetings with Other Districts in the Region for Legislative Issues

The committee agreed that the Saturday forums were beneficial and would be good to continue. Fields stated in October the UEN Steering Committee would have a meeting where the contract extension of Margaret Buckton would be discussed and an official vote would be taken. She stated it was important for the Board to discuss this at the first Board meeting in October. There was consensus of the Legislative Committee to not reengage Margaret Buckton. The committee will make the recommendation to the Board at the next Board meeting.

### Agenda Setting

- Charter
- Priority of op ed pieces for the news paper

Motion by Shaw to adjourn at 9:16am, seconded by Swisher.