



IASB Member Boards Vote at Annual Delegate Assembly

The Illinois Association of School Boards held its annual Delegate Assembly on November 23, 2024, in conjunction with the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago. Member boards of education voted on resolutions submitted by the membership. Adopted resolutions establish the advocacy priorities and legislative direction of the Association. 429 delegates were present to vote.

Representatives from IASB member school boards considered topics of dual language learning, charter school funding, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) accountability, and more. The assembly also elected President Mark Harms (Flanagan-Cornell USD 74) and Vice President Tracie Sayre (Triopia CUSD 27) to their second terms in office.

Six resolutions were approved via delegate vote;

1. A measure that would support the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy as attainment of world language requirements passed.
2. A resolution that would support applying the standards of the Evidence-Based Funding formula to state-authorized charter schools passed.
3. A measure that would advocate for TIF process reforms passed.
4. A proposal to support creation of a statewide database for the Employment History Review requirement of Faith's Law passed.
5. A resolution that would support the option of a unified health plan for school districts to participate in, through the Illinois Department of Central Management Services passed.
6. An amendment to an existing position statement on Election Day school closures, that school districts should not be mandated to

close on Election Day if none of the buildings used by students within the district serve as polling places passed.

The Delegate Assembly voted to not reconsider three appealed proposals: One that would support legislation towards requiring a policy regarding the use of student-owned wireless communications devices; one supporting developing a state-funded Office of Inspector General to investigate allegations of waste, fraud, or other, against local public schools; and another supporting a requirement that school board candidates have a criminal background check before they submit their petition.

An amendment to the IASB Constitution, clarifying parliamentary procedure, was adopted.

The Delegate Assembly also received the president's report from Harms and a report to the membership by IASB Executive Director Kimberly Small, J.D. IASB Treasurer Marc Tepper (Kildeer-Countryside CCSD 96) provided the Association's financial report.

During the IASB Resolutions Process, each resolution is proposed from the membership and reviewed by a 21-member Resolutions Committee. Its recommendations are brought before the Delegate Assembly for discussion and vote. A FAQ on the process and the 2024 Resolutions Committee Report are available on the [Advocacy page of the IASB website](#).