

The OSBA Legislative Policy Committee met on Wednesday, June 28 at 5:30pm on Zoom. We heard an update on the 2023 legislative session from Richard Donovan, OSBA Legislative Services staff. This session was notable for including a record number of bills (over 3,000!), an unusually large percentage of new legislators (over one-third legislators serving their first term), and the longest legislative walkout in Oregon history by Senate Republicans. Your OSBA Legislative Policy Team is proud to have provided critical advocacy to protect Student Success Act funding and secure a \$10.2 billion allocation for the State School Fund. This year OSBA held a weekly Friday update meeting at both 7:30am and noon for LPC members, keeping us apprised of bills as they moved through the legislative process, and giving us a chance to ask questions and plan our advocacy efforts. We discussed how valuable many of us found those Friday meetings, including the written notes sent afterwards via email. I continue to be impressed and grateful for OSBA's work in lobbying on our behalf. Finally, we discussed the upcoming annual Fall regional meetings. Our meeting for the Multnomah County region will be held on Thursday, September 21st at 5pm at the Airport Sheraton.

On August 14, OSBA released their 2023 Legislative Report, which summarizes the 100+ bills that impact school districts, including policy and budget bills. A few that stand out for your review include HB 2753 (school board member stipends), HB 2038 (Statement of Economic Interest filing), and of course HB 5015 (State School Fund). I encourage our board to review the report at: <http://osba.org/wp-content/uploads/LS20230810LegislativeReport.pdf>. Due to the large number of bills that were passed this legislative session, we should be prepared for a lot of policy updates throughout the 2023-24 school year.

Thanks,
Elizabeth