

District 13 Colleagues,

The following is a PDF copy of the 23-page 2024 Resolutions Committee Report.



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Key items of interest within the report include:

1. IASB Constitutional Amendment (Page 10)
2. New Resolutions (Pages 11-16) - To be voted on during the IASB Delegate Assembly
3. Do Not Present Resolutions (Pages 17-19) - FYI Only
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Following is a summary review I created listing the pertinent information related to the Constitutional Amendment and Resolutions to be voted on during the 2024 IASB Delegate Assembly. After carefully reviewing all information, I recommend Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 vote in accordance with the Resolution Committee's recommendations.

IASB Constitutional Amendment

A. Proposed IASB Constitutional Amendment

1. Article XI, Section 5 – Parliamentary Practice
 - a. Description: Revise language to address potential inconsistencies between Roberts Rules of Order and IASB Constitution and IASB special rules.
 - b. Rationale for Amendment – Roberts Rules of Order will continue to govern the IASB. This language resolves any conflicts between Roberts Rules of Order and the IASB Constitution. The Constitution/special rules will outrank Roberts Rules, provided no laws are broken.

Resolutions to be presented at the IASB Delegate Assembly

A. New Resolutions = 10: Do Adopt = 6; Do Not Adopt = 4

1. Dual Language (Do Adopt)
 - a. Description: IASB shall support legislation affirming that the attainment of the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy shall satisfy the Illinois world language requirement for graduation.
 - b. Rationale for Do Adopt: Allowing reasonable alternative qualifications to meet the world language graduation requirement is a benefit for students.
2. EBF Authorized Charter School Funding (Do Adopt)
 - a. Description: Urge adoption of Evidence Based Funding formula for State Authorized Charter Schools that aligns with the funding formula for every other public school in Illinois.
 - b. Rationale for Do Adopt: Current funding method is inequitable. EBF was enacted to ensure state funding based on unique needs of schools' student population. Charter School Funding should reflect the same principle.
3. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Accountability (Do Adopt)
 - a. Description: Advocate for TIF reforms that are sensible, responsible, keep communities whole and prioritize greater accountability to taxpayers.
 - b. Rationale for Do Adopt: Taxing bodies most impacted by TIFs should have a meaningful voice in the approval of TIFs and reform is needed.
4. Faith's law – Centralized State Agency for EHRs (Do Adopt)

- a. Description: Require ISBE or other appropriate entity to create a statewide database to fulfill the EHR requirement of Faith's Law.
 - b. Rationale for Do Adopt: Fulfilling the requirements of the EHRs is burdensome. Creating a centralized entity for EHRs would streamline the process and allow for more accurate and consistent EHR completions.
5. Health Care Coverage (Do Adopt)
- a. Description: Require Illinois Department of Central Management Services to create a unified health plan for school districts to opt into to provide equitable insurance coverage to all school staff throughout Illinois.
 - b. Rationale for Do Adopt: High costs for high quality health insurance and the limited availability of insurance plans in many counties is a serious problem. Providing an option to join Central Management Services would provide more choices while decreasing costs for school districts.
6. Polling Place – Amendment to Position Statement 7.08 (Do Adopt)
- a. Description: Update position statement to include "School districts should not be mandated to close on Election Day if none of the buildings used by students within the district serve as a polling place.
 - b. Rationale for Do Adopt: If schools are not being used as a polling place, the safety of students is not at risk. This allows local control to decide if a district observes Election Day as a designated state holiday.
7. Cellphone Usage (Do Not Adopt)
- a. Description: Require school districts to create policy that states students may not use wireless communication devices during instructional time, except in certain cases.
 - b. Rationale for Do Not Adopt: Agree that cellphone usage during school is a growing concern and research has shown that it can negatively impact instructional time and mental health. However, the Committee doesn't support a statewide mandate and believes this is best governed locally.
8. Office of Inspector General (Do Not Adopt)
- a. Description: Encourage legislation to create a state funded Office of Inspector General which would investigate allegations of waste, fraud, mismanagement, etc.
 - b. Rationale for Do Not Adopt: Laws and processes are already in place that apply and legal remedies already exist to hold school districts accountable.
9. Faiths Law – EHRs for Current Employees (Do Not Adopt)
- a. Description: Revise Faith's Law to permit school districts to conduct Employment History Reviews(EHRs) for current employees in addition to new hires.
 - b. Rationale for Do Not Adopt: Cause for confusion and pose legal and collective bargaining challenges. Keep employment decisions within local school districts.
10. Criminal Background Check (Do Not Adopt)
- a. Description: Require all school board candidates to have a criminal background check before they submit their petition.
 - b. Rationale for Do Not Adopt: While it's critical that school board members maintain the highest ethical standards, this creates a different election standard compared to all other elected officials.

Resolutions not to be presented at the IASB Delegate Assembly

A. New Resolutions = 3: Do Not Present = 3

- 1. Constructional Change – Mail-in Voting (Do Not Present)
 - a. Description: Allow in person and email voting.

- b. Rationale for Do Not Present: This is a revised version of a 2023 proposal that was also deemed Do Not Present. The committee determined that this proposal is a proposed Constitutional Amendment and not a resolution.

- 2. Constitutional Change – Finance Section (Do Not Present)
 - a. Description: Support a constitutional change to the finance section associated with annual dues.
 - b. Rationale for Do Not Present: The committee determined that this proposal is a proposed Constitutional Amendment and not a resolution.

- 3. Faith's Law - CANTS (Do Not Present)
 - a. Description: Consider using IL-DCFS CANTS to fulfill the Employment History Review of Faith's Law.
 - b. Rationale for Do Not Present: EHRs are cumbersome and a statewide centralized solution is needed. However, CANTS is not appropriate. This resolution is similar to a resolution submitted last year that was not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry