

Minutes of the
Legislative Committee
April 17, 2008

Merri Berlage called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Present were: Merri Berlage, Bill Cooper, Margie Montelius, Marvin Schultz, Terry Stoffregen,
Sally Toepfer

Absent were: none

Merri Berlage called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm

1. Minutes

Bill Cooper motioned to accept the minutes of March 19, 2008. Margie Montelius seconded and the motion passed.

2. Discussion of pending legislation

- i. Review Legislative Looking Glass. There were several duplicate entries on this form. Berlage will notify Cindy Ramirez to make corrections.
- ii. Regional Superintendent of Schools funding per capita vs. assessment. Discussion resulted in the following questions: Why does each school district have a superintendent while there is a regional superintendent as well? Where is the fairness? Stephenson County has twice as many students as Jo Daviess County, yet Jo Daviess County pays more.
- iii. Mental Health Act. Berlage called the Association office regarding the Mental Health Board and asked if they were aware of a 708 Board in Illinois that sued its County Board for 'levy amount'. The Association will check and call Dan Reimer with more details.
- iv. Home Rule. Berlage gathered information from the University of North Illinois regarding policy profiles concerning Home Rule. From www.celdf.org she learned of a Home Rule 30-year assessment and that Cook County is the only county in Illinois that has Home Rule.
- v. Departmental Reports and Issues. No new developments.
- vi. TIF Districts. Berlage reported that Elizabeth's TIF has been approved. Further discussion made it clear that communication between all involved entities is very important.

3. New Business

- i. Discussion of New Legislation
 - a) Representative Sacia opposes a ban of all guns in homes with children younger than 18 years of age. This is state legislation.
 - b) Courthouse building security.

4. Citizens comments - none

5. Board Member Concern

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 21, 2008 at 1:00 PM

Stoffregen motioned to adjourn, Cooper 2nd and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM