

Resolution 1920R-010

By Directors Miller and Baez

WHEREAS, The Milwaukee Board of School Directors (MBSD) is committed to governing MPS with a strategic perspective that continually improves its process and capability to express values and vision; and

WHEREAS, The MBSD adheres to the “division of labor” principles implicit in the organization of public education that assigns legislative, policy-making, and judicial functions to the Board; and

WHEREAS, The powers and duties of the Board are defined in law and state or imply that the Board has full power to operate the local public schools as it deems fit in compliance with state and federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, Board members are considered state officers with school-district jurisdiction over the execution of the state’s school laws; and

WHEREAS, If the Board is to meet its responsibilities to the people and students of the community, it must work vigorously for the passage of new laws designed to advance the cause of good schools and for the repeal or modification of existing laws that impede this cause; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board direct the Administration, the Office of Board Governance, and the Office of Accountability and Efficiency to create a legislative task force of at least five members, established and operated consistent with Board Governance Policy 2.10; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the charge of the legislative task force shall be to discuss and make recommendations on district legislative efforts and the possible creation of a legislative and community engagement office to carry out the Board’s legislative program with the consideration of possible litigation; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That membership of this task force be developed as outlined in Board Governance Policy 2.10 with a list of members of the task force to be brought to the Board as an informational report pursuant to Board Governance Policy 2.10(2)(a); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force review both the effectiveness of past legislative efforts and progress on the Board’s current 2019-2020 legislative agenda, including efforts directed at the state legislature; federal, county, and city activities; and activities regarding related agencies and institutions in the greater Milwaukee area as outlined in Board Governance Policy 2.13; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force include, but not limit itself to, the following considerations concerning the possible creation of an office to carry out the Board’s legislative program:

- Alignment with district vision, mission, and core beliefs
- Relevant policies and procedures
- Best practices in school district legislative programs
- Organizational and reporting structure
- Roles, responsibilities, and job descriptions
- Budgetary and staffing needs

- Transition and implementation tasks and timelines
- Evaluation criteria, methods, and performance measures; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this task force begin its work as soon as possible, but no later than January 2020 with its final report and recommendations submitted to the Board through the appropriate Board committee.

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