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LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 12:00 p.m.

in

One Eagle Square Concord, NH 03301

## Legislative Advisory Board Members:

SENATOR Senator Lou D'Allesandro

SENATE PRESIDENT Donna Soucy

SENATE LEADER Senator Chuck Morse

SENATOR John Reagan

SPEAKER Steve Shurtleff

HOUSE LEADER Rep. Dick Hinch

CHAIRWOMAN Maryjane Wallner

REPRESENTATIVE Erin Hennessey

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order Reading of Public Meeting Statement
- II. Attendance
- III. Presentation from:
  - 12:10 PM 12:25 PM Department of Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut
- IV. Legislative Advisory Board Discussion Item:
  - 12:25 PM 12:40 Mascoma Community Health Center
- V. Next Scheduled Meeting Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM
- VI. Adjourn

- 1 PROCEEDINGS
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- 3 TAYLOR CASWELL: The GOFERR Legislative
- 4 Advisory was created by Executive Order #2020-06. That
- 5 order is publicly available on the Governor's website.
- Today's meeting is an official meeting of the
- 7 Board. It is open to the public and will be run in a manner
- 8 compliant with RSA 91-A.
- 9 Today's meeting is also being recorded. Should
- 10 you be a speaking participant and not wish to be recorded,
- 11 you may disconnect now. The recording from today's meeting
- 12 will be transcribed and posted on the GOFERR webpage.
- My name is Taylor Caswell. I am Director of the
- 14 Governor's Office of Emergency Relief and Recovery, and I
- 15 will be facilitating today's meeting.
- Because the Board is meeting by phone, under RSA
- 17 91-A, there are a few initial logistics that we need to
- 18 establish. First, each of us must state our names, where we
- 19 are located, and who is in the room. I'll begin.
- 20 My name is Taylor Caswell. I am the Director of
- 21 GOFERR here in GOFERR office at One Eagle Square in Concord.
- 22 Senator Soucy?

- 1 DONNA SOUCY: This is Donna Soucy. I am at my
- 2 legal office in Concord, and I am alone.
- 3 TAYLOR CASWELL: Speaker Shurtleff?
- 4 STEVE SHURTLEFF: Steve Shurtleff. I'm in the
- 5 Speaker's Office at the State House, and I am alone.
- TAYLOR CASWELL: Senator Morse?
- 7 CHUCK MORSE: Chuck Morse. I'm in my office in
- 8 Atkinson, and I am alone.
- 9 TAYLOR CASWELL:
- 10 JERRY LITTLE: Representative Hinch?
- 11 DICK HINCH: This is Dick Hinch. I am in my
- 12 Concord Republican Office and I am with Representative Sherm
- 13 Packard at his desk.
- 14 TAYLOR CASWELL: Okay. Senator D'Allesandro?
- 15 LOU D'ALLESSANDRO: Lou D'Allesandro. I'm at in
- 16 my home in Manchester, and I'm by myself.
- 17 TAYLOR CASWELL: Representative Wallner?
- 18 MARYJANE WALLNER: I'm at home. This is Maryjane
- 19 Wallner, and I am at my home in Concord, and my husband is
- 20 in the house.
- 21 TAYLOR CASWELL: Senator Reagan?
- JOHN REAGAN: Senator Reagan. I'm in my office by

- 1 myself.
- 2 TAYLOR CASWELL: All right. And Representative
- 3 Hennessey?
- 4 ERIN HENNESSEY: Erin Hennessey. I am home in
- 5 Littleton by myself.
- 6 TAYLOR CASWELL: Okay. Thank you everyone. As we
- 7 move through our agenda today, each Board member and anyone
- 8 else speaking is asked to identify themselves before
- 9 speaking. And remember, if you're not speaking to please
- 10 keep your phone on mute.
- 11 Should we choose to take any votes today, they
- 12 must be done in by roll call, in the process that we just
- 13 used.
- And finally, as we begin today's presentations,
- 15 please remember to hit 5\* if you would like to ask a
- 16 question.
- 17 In addition, presenters are asked also to hit 5\*
- 18 when their turn comes up, to unmute their line.
- In terms of today's agenda, we've been juggling
- 20 some changes here at GOFERR this morning. As you know, we
- 21 had planned to have the Department of Education speak with
- 22 us on the subject of current state of finances, and in

- 1 addition Speaker Shurtleff had helped make a connection to
- 2 the School Board's Association for their input on the
- 3 subject.
- We learned late this morning that both of these
- 5 presenters have scheduling conflicts with our meeting times
- 6 today, so they're not currently on the call.
- 7 I am happy to make accommodation to revisit this
- 8 issue if the Advisory Board would feel its best, given the
- 9 concern with timing expressed at our last meeting,
- 10 particularly.
- 11 We might also discuss who we might consider to
- 12 help lead this discussion, and the most productive way to
- 13 address the concerns and the discussion of the Board.
- 14 Having said that, that does leave us with the item
- 15 which we discussed at our last meeting, which is in regard
- 16 to the Mascoma Community Health Center.
- 17 And I know Senators Morse and D'Allesandro have
- 18 been working on those -- on that subject, and believe might
- 19 be in position to give us some feedback on that subject.
- 20 So I think what I might do if there's no objection
- 21 would be to proceed to that item right now, have the
- 22 discussion as it relates to Mascoma, and then we can return

- 1 to the education piece and discuss how we would like to
- 2 proceed, given the scheduling challenges we had this
- 3 morning.
- So with that, if there's no other objections to
- 5 the conversation, I would maybe ask Senator Morse to take
- 6 over from here on the Mascoma issue.
- 7 SENATOR MORSE: Okay. Well, I'm going to ask
- 8 Senator D'Allesandro for help too, but the Mascoma actually
- 9 had a meeting with us last week to clarify a lot of the
- 10 situation, and GOFERR had a meeting with us last week to
- 11 clarify the situation.
- 12 I think what we need to walk through today in
- 13 order to get to what the end solution is; they originally --
- 14 Mascoma -- were looking for \$300,000. They had a deferral
- 15 from USCA, which Senator Shaheen work with them on.
- 16 It looks like -- and Senator D'Allesandro can
- 17 confirm this -- there's a deferral from CDFA now until 09/21
- 18 of this year, which is a huge improvement, of \$100,000.
- But there's also a need for some cash flow money
- 20 every month from now until August, and the only thing to
- 21 clarify is are they behind on some bills too, besides what I
- 22 just talked about.

- 1 And maybe Senator D'Allesandro or Mike Kane's on
- 2 this call, you can clarify those two points? Lou, are you
- 3 out there? I don't have either one?
- 4 TAYLOR CASWELL: Senator, Senator -- oh, he's
- 5 hitting -- hold on a second.
- 6 [Pause]
- 7 Senator, I think you might be muting on your end.
- 8 We don't have you muted here. Can you double check that?
- 9 Senator D'Allesandro?
- 10 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Am I unmuted.
- 11 TAYLOR CASWELL: Yep, we got you. We can hear you
- 12 now.
- 13 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Okay.
- 14 TAYLOR CASWELL: Thank you. Senator D'Allesandro
- 15 Oh, great.
- 16 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Here's just a point of
- 17 clarification -- and Senator Morse and I have worked on
- 18 this, he gave me an assignment, I worked on it with the CDFA
- 19 -- the CDFA loan is for \$100,000.
- The deferment is for -- isn't for the full year
- 21 until September 2021, it's until April of 2021. At that
- 22 point, they have a reduced payment schedule of \$1600 a month

- 1 until September of 2021, then the payment goes up to \$1800 a
- 2 month.
- And then in September of 2022, a balloon payment
- 4 of \$71,000. So that's the schedule there in terms of
- 5 repayment off loan from the CDFA.
- I looked at the -- Senator Morse and I discussed a
- 7 situation, talking about a need of \$180,000 for the months
- 8 of October, November and December -- \$60,000 a month.
- 9 And then for the next six months, \$20,000 a month
- 10 until they got back on their feet in terms of their
- 11 fundraising and their patient services, et cetera. I think
- 12 those were the things that Senator Morse and I discussed.
- I did look at the material sent to me by LBA and
- 14 Michael Kane, which accounted for the number of dollars left
- in the CARES 19 money, so we have a base number on that.
- Now, I haven't heard if HHS -- and Senator Morse,
- 17 you can help me on this one -- if HHS has any way of helping
- 18 Mascoma from January through that six month period. But as
- 19 it stands now, they do need \$300,000.
- 20 I think the increments that I've broken it down
- 21 into seem to be something that Senator Morse and I discussed
- 22 in terms of how that money would be obtained.

- 1 Is that fair, Chuck?
- 2 SENATOR MORSE: All right. Here's where I need to
- 3 clarify a point, and if Mike Kane's on the call, I just want
- 4 to clarify it.
- 5 Originally, we asked for \$100,000. We saw an
- 6 opportunity on one of these calls to talk with CDFA about a
- 7 deferral, because the [00:09:39 audio unclear] and basically
- 8 what I'm trying to figure out is -- and this goes to talk
- 9 about the \$180,000 we were talking about this fall -- if the
- 10 deferral happens, the \$180,000, does that mean they only
- 11 need \$80,000 this fall? And that's the question that I
- 12 asked Mike Kane this morning.
- And I think we need to get an answer to that, and
- 14 then the reality is I think if that is true, and, you know,
- 15 it basically until August of next year, and we need to
- 16 understand this -- they'd have to come up with about
- 17 \$200,000, which is twenty grand a month, which is what I
- 18 talked to Mike Kane about scrubbing the financials in the
- 19 state of New Hampshire first, to see if there's
- 20 opportunities in emergency funding there, so that we could
- 21 be consistent and fine them \$20,000 a month.
- 22 The reason that that would work is I don't think

- 1 their merger with Health First isn't gone. It isn't moving
- 2 forward right now -- obviously COVID has a lot to do with
- 3 that, but if they could merger with HealthFirst, you know,
- 4 by next August that would change the whole position of their
- 5 financials.
- 6 So basically what we were trying to do leaving our
- 7 meetings last week was rearrange the debt, and that's what
- 8 they've been trying to do -- and then second find them what
- 9 number of cash flow they would need per month.
- 10 They certainly wanted to frontload that, but my
- 11 understanding is if we defer that \$100,000 payment in
- 12 December, they wouldn't need that piece frontloaded. And
- 13 that's what I want to understand.
- 14 TAYLOR CASWELL: Senator, I'd like to also add
- 15 that Mike -- I think we have Mr. Kane available on the call,
- 16 if you'd like him to jump in on this conversation.
- 17 SENATOR MORSE: Yeah, I think he could help with
- 18 it.
- 19 TAYLOR CASWELL: Okay. Go ahead, Mike. You
- 20 should be unmuted.
- 21 MIKE KANE: Hi, good afternoon. This is Michael
- 22 Kane, Legislative Budget Assistant. I'm in my office in the

- 1 State House in Concord, alone.
- 2 Just in regards to the current situation with
- 3 Mascoma, I did have a discussion with Mike Sampson this
- 4 morning. And so, basically if you remember back in your
- 5 09/29 meetings, it's an estimated loss at the end of
- 6 December of about \$300,000 on their pro forma.
- 7 Since that time, they did receive multiple
- 8 deferrals -- one from the USDA for debt service, which is
- 9 about \$16,000 a month, and then CDFA deferral of that lone
- 10 payback -- which for the three months in October, November,
- 11 December, based on their pro forma, they were assuming
- 12 \$100,000 payback of that loan. So that deferral for the
- 13 next three months saves them about \$100,000.
- 14 As a result of some deferred bills from August to
- 15 September that they could not pay because they did have to
- 16 pay the USDA Debt Service for those two months, that's
- 17 another \$50,000 that will become due through December, is
- 18 what they would like to pay.
- 19 As a result, that \$300,000 comes down to about
- 20 \$200,000 estimated through the end of December. Mike
- 21 Sampson could be on the call. Obviously Mascoma would be a
- 22 better expert on their financials, but as Senator Morse was

- 1 stating, the -- so \$200,000 would get them through August.
- There is some frontloading for the \$50,000 in
- 3 bills that they did have to defer in August and September.
- 4 So I think Mike can -- Sampson -- can verify this, but I
- 5 think for the three months, they were looking at close to
- 6 \$110,000. That's roughly \$20,000 a month, based on the
- 7 \$200,000 over 10 months, plus the \$50,000 divided between
- 8 the three months.
- 9 So I think it was roughly about \$110,000 if they
- 10 received by December; my understanding was that they would
- 11 be in a good position. And then obviously would need that
- 12 additional assistance going forward through August to take
- 13 them through.
- 14 That was my understanding in a quick conversation
- 15 with Mike Sampson. So I don't know if that helps or just
- 16 causes more confusion?
- 17 SENATOR MORSE: No, no, that's actually -- that
- 18 makes a lot of sense, Mike. So basically, to get to \$110-
- 19 we go with \$20,000 a month for 10 months, so the next three
- 20 months would be \$60- and then they have a \$50,000 problem
- 21 with bills they haven't paid?
- 22 MIKE KANE: Correct.

- SENATOR MORSE: Okay. So that gets us to \$110-.
- 2 MIKE KANE: Yep.
- 3 SENATOR MORSE: I don't think we're going to get
- 4 an answer today, but -- I mean, and, you know, I want to
- 5 thank Senator D'Allesandro and LBA and the staff in my
- 6 office, because these meetings have not been 15-minute
- 7 meetings.
- 8 We need a little more time, and I don't think we
- 9 can get an answer today on the -- how we fund the number of
- 10 that Mike just said. I think it's going to take some part
- of GOFERR and some part of the state budget to get us there,
- 12 and the -- the number is \$110- to get us through the end of
- 13 the year.
- But I certainly think we need to address the whole
- 15 cash flow issue every month for 10 months. So it's a bigger
- 16 number, but it's just slightly over \$200-.
- 17 So that's how we got to where we are right now. I
- 18 just think it's going to take a few more days of doing
- 19 exactly what we did, but the biggest news we can bring you
- 20 right now is delay on the CDFA, which makes the picture a
- 21 lot brighter, but it's not -- they certainly need more.
- One other clarifying point, if you remember we

- 1 talked about a \$6500 grant they got. The GOFERR committee
- 2 made it clear everyone that was in that round of grants got
- 3 -- I believe 15.8 percent, it was pro rata of whatever
- 4 number they would have been awarded.
- 5 So that was only a number of about \$40-some
- 6 thousand dollars. It wasn't anywhere near what they really
- 7 need, even if there was.
- But that bucket wasn't big enough to solve that
- 9 problem. I mean, that's [00:17:22 audio unclear] \$500
- 10 accounted for, but there wasn't enough money from that
- 11 GOFERR bucket to get it done.
- We still have work to do is my whole point, and I
- 13 don't think I'm going to be able to tell you it gets solved
- 14 today, because I'm not even sure but the motion would be.
- 15 But that goes back to the fact we need to get the education
- 16 people in. So I'm hoping for suggestions.
- 17 I just -- I realize what's going on is everybody's
- 18 under a time crunch because of a whole lot of other -- like
- 19 opening the state up, elections -- I got that. And I know
- 20 Lou and I certainly face that challenge setting up all these
- 21 meetings, but I think we need to have another meeting with
- 22 GOFERR. I don't know how much time you think we need, but,

- 1 you know, whatever it is that we can come back and make a
- 2 recommendation for that.
- 3 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Well, if I -- can you hear
- 4 me, am I on?
- 5 TAYLOR CASWELL: Okay. I think Chuck's right in
- 6 this context. Michael -- Michael from LBA, you say the
- 7 \$200,000 is what they need. This is based on all of the
- 8 material that we have gathered up to this point, the
- 9 deferrals, et cetera.
- Now the deferral for the CDFA only goes until
- 11 April, and that's when they have to start repaying that. So
- 12 the \$110,000 that's required for the end of the year, that's
- 13 for October, November and December. And that -- from your
- 14 perspective, Michael Kane, that keeps them viable?
- 15 MIKE KANE: Yeah, well, you know, I would
- 16 absolutely defer to Mascoma County to -- sorry, Mascoma
- 17 Community Health Center to comment on viability. But that's
- 18 my understand is that that \$110,000 would be very helpful to
- 19 get them through December.
- 20 And as you said, and Mike Sampson can share with
- 21 you, is a deferral is relief for now, but --
- 22 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Right.

- 1 MIKE KANE: -- there will be that balloon payment.
- 2 And that's a whole other issue that they're going to have to
- 3 deal with. They're very well aware of that. But --
- 4 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Yes.
- 5 MIKE KANE: -- at least the next three months, the
- 6 \$110-. And I would ask you just to clarify that with
- 7 Mascoma. But based on my quick discussions with Mike this
- 8 morning, that was my understanding.
- 9 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. See, our original
- 10 discussion with Senator Morse and myself was that they would
- 11 need \$60,000 a month for October, November and December,
- 12 which would be \$180-. And then --
- 13 MIKE KANE: Yes.
- 14 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: -- the \$20,000 a month for
- 15 the next six months would allow them to remain solid. Now,
- 16 of course, the other thing -- you can push these repayments
- 17 out, but they still are repayments, and they have to be
- 18 addressed at some time. And the -- as you said, the big
- 19 things is the balloon payment at the end. And that comes --
- 20 MIKE KANE: Correct.
- 21 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: -- in 2022. But I think,
- 22 as Chuck says, we've got to find a way to save this place.

- 1 Look at the people they serve, look at the kind of service
- 2 they give; nobody else gives it. And indeed we've got to
- 3 find -- we have to find the money. And within the confines
- 4 of COVID, I think we've got to find the \$180,000.
- 5 But I'm -- I mean I'm obviously prepared to
- 6 continue talking with Chuck and look into this and see what
- 7 else we can do. But my intention is to provide health care
- 8 for those people. And it's not my district, it's not
- 9 Chuck's district, but it's people of the state of New
- 10 Hampshire that need services.
- When I looked at who was being serviced and the
- 12 number of people who were being served, who else is going to
- 13 serve them? I think that's highly problematic. So whatever
- 14 we think. But we've got to move on this. This is not
- 15 something that we can delay for a period of time.
- We're moving quickly into the month of October,
- 17 we've elections coming, we have a lot of other things going
- 18 on, and we have problems with the State House opening that
- 19 place up.
- 20 And so, I think we have to face it, and we have to
- 21 look at it, and we have to look at it soon. Those are my
- 22 comments. And obviously, I think Senator Morse and I work

- 1 well together, and we try to come up with solutions that are
- 2 most beneficial. So that's what I want to do.
- But through this whole conversation, those are the
- 4 numbers that we originally came up with. Your adjustment to
- 5 those numbers takes it from \$300- to \$200-. It takes the
- 6 \$180- to \$110- but still we got to find the rest of the
- 7 money.
- 8 SENATOR MORSE: Well, just so everybody
- 9 understands, I mean we're not going to get -- there's two
- 10 other major things that we can help with. One is, if there
- 11 is going to be a marriage between Mascoma and someone else,
- 12 we certainly -- if we're going to jump in to this today,
- 13 tomorrow or the next week, you know, we'd have to work
- 14 alongside them to make that happen.
- 15 Along with that, I do believe with the calls we've
- 16 been on that fundraising or chasing a new round of federal
- 17 grants came out in the middle of our discussions with
- 18 Mascoma -- actually the next morning, and we were contacted
- 19 by Lisa at GOFERR to tell us that -- it may not fit for
- 20 Mascoma, but it might fit for one of the partners that
- 21 Mascoma already has, and we can work through that.
- So my whole point -- you know, we've been on calls

- 1 for a while. I mean, I think we need -- you know, at least
- 2 another week to get through all these other issues, and then
- 3 come back with a recommendation.
- But I know Mike Kane's working with HHS to see --
- 5 I think there has to be some monthly amount that we can look
- 6 to lines in the budget to do, in order to make this all
- 7 work. Because otherwise it's not going to work. It's not -
- 8 we need to find them some cash flow on a consistent basis.
- 9 And it's not -- we need a little time to do that.
- And then on top of that, I think it's going to
- 11 need an appropriation from GOFERR. So there's a lot of work
- 12 to do here, but if we could just wait a week, I think we
- 13 could come back with a recommendation and deal with it.
- Or if you want to wait until our next meeting, I
- 15 don't know how quick we can get education together. I think
- 16 we've tried, but it's -- obviously it didn't work with
- 17 people's schedules.
- 18 I don't know if we can get them together by next
- 19 week. But it's up to everyone on this call. So when is our
- 20 next meeting scheduled? Can someone tell me that?
- 21 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: It's the twenty-seventh.
- 22 SENATOR MORSE: Right, but --

- 1 MIKE KANE: Yes.
- 2 SENATOR MORSE: The twenty-seventh. I think we've
- 3 got to meet on this issue before the twenty-seventh.
- 4 Because the twenty-seventh, that means the whole month of
- 5 October's gone, and those -- what we talked about in terms
- 6 of their cash flow requirements, that's a month down that we
- 7 haven't done anything. So we've got to meet before then.
- 8 SENATOR MORSE: So there's --
- 9 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: I would hope we could meet
- 10 next week and finish this.
- 11 SENATOR MORSE: Okay. So would it make sense to
- 12 come back on the thirteenth and talk about Mascoma only, and
- on the twenty-seventh schedule Education?
- 14 TAYLOR CASWELL: That would make sense to me,
- 15 Senator. I also am seeing hands raised from Representative
- 16 Wallner, if she would like to check in on the conversation?
- 17 REPRESENTATIVE WALLNER: Yes, thank you. I
- 18 certainly think we need to come back fairly soon on the
- 19 Mascoma issue. But I also think that the education issue
- 20 needs to get a direct -- we have not been able to come up
- 21 with a decision.
- I think that Senator D'Allesandro maybe in the

- 1 August meeting brought up the idea of setting aside the
- 2 Broadband funding that was not used for Broadband, setting
- 3 that aside for education.
- I would like to see us move forward with that, and
- 5 then get education in here. If we're going to meet next
- 6 week on Mascoma, I'd like to see education come in at the
- 7 same time.
- And I'd like to see the Superintendents
- 9 Association come in and do a presentation for us where they
- 10 are with schools opening -- some opening, some going remote.
- 11 I think they've got some real needs that are urgent and that
- 12 we need to move forward.
- 13 TAYLOR CASWELL: Okay. I have one other hand
- 14 raised, and then I can get into some response there.
- 15 Representative Hinch has his hand raised.
- 16 REPRESENTATIVE HINCH: Yes, thank you. So I was
- 17 going to also agree that we should delay action today on
- 18 this. I guess the question really is, do we need to have
- 19 Education come in simultaneous with making a decision on
- 20 Mascoma, or isn't it really two separate conversations, and
- 21 the one emergency is Mascoma, and we could continue with
- 22 Education on the twenty-seventh, as was suggested?

- 1 TAYLOR CASWELL: I might -- this is Taylor -- I
- 2 think one thing I might add without too much of a [00:28:08
- 3 indiscernible dog and spite] because we obviously will
- 4 accommodate whatever the Advisory Board will want to do.
- 5 But I think an important part of this conversation
- 6 will be whether or not Congress and the White House are able
- 7 to come to any deal on either extending the [00:28:29 audio
- 8 unclear] or adding additional resource.
- 9 So to some extent, particularly as it relates to
- 10 the education discussion, I don't mean to sort of throw that
- 11 big mess on the pile here, but I think that that might --
- 12 having some further information on that subject might help
- 13 the education discussion a bit. I just throw that out for
- 14 your consideration.
- 15 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: I think that we have to
- 16 talk about education with Mascoma. I mean, Education --
- 17 again, their proceeding you've got people that started
- 18 hybrid, have now gone totally, totally virtual; you've got
- 19 people that started totally virtual who are thinking about
- 20 coming -- and costs are being incurred as we move along --
- 21 and as we've been on the subject matter for a while, that it
- 22 seems to me that we should get to these things now.

- 1 You know, the end of October this money disappears
- 2 at the end of December. So that leaves us November and
- 3 December. And indeed, the monies that aren't spent will be
- 4 returned. And we're talking about a big chunk of money for
- 5 education that hasn't been spent. We don't want it
- 6 returned; we want to spend it appropriately.
- 7 So I think the education discussion is very
- 8 important. And I think we should do both of them on the
- 9 thirteenth.
- 10 TAYLOR CASWELL: Okay. Was there any other
- 11 discussion on pushing both these subjects out to the
- 12 thirteenth at this point?
- DONNA SOUCY: Taylor, this is Donna Soucy. I
- 14 would agree we need to do it on the thirteenth. I would
- 15 just request that we do it earlier on the afternoon or in
- 16 the morning if possible. I just have a long-standing
- 17 medical appointment that I'm unable to change.
- 18 TAYLOR CASWELL: Ok. Yeah, we could come to some
- 19 arrangement on timing, for sure.
- 20 MIKE KANE: The earlier the better for me.
- 21 TAYLOR CASWELL: Okay. And if I might also just
- 22 ask members of the committee about -- so I've heard the

- 1 Superintendents Association. Is that sort of an area -- is
- 2 that someone we want to pursue, and organization we want to
- 3 pursue to come before the Advisory Board?
- 4 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: I think the Superintendents
- 5 is the perfect one, because they are looking at the total
- 6 costs incurred in their districts, and indeed they would
- 7 have the best -- I think the best possible information for
- 8 us.
- 9 And they had this huge hearing this morning --
- 10 Senate Education did. I wasn't able to get in on it, but it
- 11 started at 9:00 and I think it's an ongoing, where this --
- 12 all of this is being discussed, so we could get very fresh
- 13 information from the Superintendents.
- 14 TAYLOR CASWELL: Okay. Representative Wallner,
- 15 you have your hand raised?
- 16 REPRESENTATIVE WALLNER: Yes, thank you. I would
- 17 certainly agree with Senator D'Allesandro that the
- 18 Superintendents Association seems to be the place that we
- 19 could find out what's going on in schools across the state.
- 20 And we could reach out to them; I think if we
- 21 reached out to them early by next Wednesday, they would have
- 22 information for us and could provide us with the kind of

- 1 information we're going to need.
- 2 TAYLOR CASWELL: Yep. Well we would do the
- 3 reaching out probably this afternoon to try to --
- 4 REPRESENTATIVE WALLNER: Yeah.
- 5 TAYLOR CASWELL: -- make sure this was locked in.
- REPRESENTATIVE WALLNER: And I said Wednesday, but
- 7 I meant next Tuesday the thirteenth.
- 8 TAYLOR CASWELL: Ok. So do we want to aim for
- 9 something earlier than noon, then? What are people feeling?
- 10 Like 10:00, does that work, something around that time?
- 11 MIKE KANE: I'm good with that.
- 12 REPRESENTATIVE WALLNER: Yes.
- 13 SENATOR MORSE: That's fine.
- 14 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: I'm good with 10:00.
- 15 REPRESENTATIVE HINCH: That's good.
- 16 SENATOR SOUCY: I'm good with 10:00.
- 17 TAYLOR CASWELL: 10:00 works, out, very good.
- 18 I'll take that as a unanimous yes. So we will revisit both.
- 19 We plan to revisit both of these issues on Tuesday the
- 20 thirteenth at 10:00 a.m.
- 21 And then we also are planning to have our next
- 22 meeting after that on Tuesday the twenty-seventh at 1:00

- 1 p.m.
- 2 And at that point we'll be -- I think as our
- 3 previous conversation was around the funding balances and
- 4 the potential second round of business support funding. And
- 5 those are our agenda items for the twenty-seventh, I think.
- 6 Okay?
- 7 SENATOR D'ALLESANDRO: Great.
- 8 CHRIS MATTHEWS: That's fine.
- 9 TAYLOR CASWELL: Well, I appreciate everyone's
- 10 time. As short as it was today, I apologize for the
- 11 scheduling snafus. We will not let that happen twice. So
- 12 we will look forward to -- unless anyone has anything else,
- 13 I will end this call, and we'll meet on the thirteenth at 10
- 14 a.m.
- 15 COLLECTIVE: Great. Thank you very much. Thanks
- 16 a lot. Thanks, everybody.
- 17 TAYLOR CASWELL: Thank you, everyone.
- 18 [End of Proceedings]