

MASSP Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2021

10:00 – 11:00 am



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Purpose: To increase effective communication with MASSP leadership to support regional meeting discussion of contemporary education issues. This meeting is during the 2021 Montana Principals Virtual Conference.

Justin Helvik, Jake Haynes, Shawn Hendrickson, K.J. Poepping, Dustin Gordon, Sheri Heavrin, Rhiannon Beery, Shelly Weight, Paul Furthmyre, Shawnda Zahara-Harris, Kirk Miller, Kim Scofield

President Helvik called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

Items for Discussion/Action – MASSP President Justin Helvik, Presiding

1. Introductions

2. Consideration of [MASSP Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 1-25-21](#) [Action]

Dustin Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes; Shawnda Zahara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of [MASSP Business Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 1-26-21](#) [Action]

Sheri Heavrin made a motion to approve the minutes; KJ Poepping seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. MASSP Appointments – *Justin*

· Appointment of Vice President

Justin reported that he sent an email to the MASSP membership asking for members interested in being appointed as MASSP Vice President. Sheri Heavrin is interested in the appointment. Gordon Klasna expressed interest in the position in the next few years. Justin stated that he is appointing Sheri Heavrin as the MASSP Vice President 2021-22. The Board members agreed that Sheri is an excellent candidate for the position.

· Appointment of State Coordinator

Justin reported that he sent an email to the MASSP membership asking for members interested in being appointed as MASSP State Coordinator. Joel Graves expressed interest in the appointment. Justin stated that he is appointing Joel Graves as the MASSP State Coordinator. The Board members agreed that Joel is an excellent candidate for the position. Justin thanked Paul for the great work he has done in this position.

· MASSP [Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Rep](#) needs to be appointed for a two year term at the SAM Board Meeting on June 10

Justin stated that as MASSP State Coordinator, Paul has fulfilled this role in the past. The State Coordinator is also on the MASSP Board of Directors so it is valuable to MASSP that the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative is on the MASSP Board. Paul agreed and recommended that Joel serve as the Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative. Justin stated that he is recommending to the SAM Board that Joel Graves serves as the MASSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Representative. This recommendation will be placed on the June SAM Board Meeting Agenda.

- Appointment of Region 1 Director for remainder of 2020-21- maybe not necessary, election soon

Justin stated that since nobody has expressed interest in the position, an appointment for someone to complete the year is not necessary. Elections will be held in the region for a 2021-22 Director.

Shawn Hendrickson will preside over the rest of the meeting.

5. MASSP Elections Update – *Jake*

- Regions 1, 3, 5 will be open. Each region completes their own election. [MASSP Board Election Rotation Schedule as of 3-19-21](#)

Jake reported that these regions will complete their elections and asked that the election results are reported to the SAM office.

6. MASSP Awards Update – *Shawn*

- [NASSP Digital Principal of the Year Award](#) consideration - ([online application](#)) Deadline April 30, 2021

Shawn reviewed the award description and application and encouraged board members to share this information with their region members.

7. [MASSP Financial Report with Proposed FY 2021-22 Budget](#)

Kirk reviewed the financial report and proposed budget. He recommended that the Board take action on the proposed budget during the next meeting.

8. [MASSP Membership Report](#)

Kirk reviewed the membership report. MASSP has one more member than last year with 219 members. SAM is also experiencing record membership with 1107 members. Every affiliate has increased membership over the last year.

9. NASSP Advocacy Conference and Day on the Hill - April 20-21 – *Paul*

Paul reviewed the agenda for the advocacy conference and invited board members to register to attend the virtual conference. He stated that Miguel Cardona, newly appointed Department of Education Secretary, may be the keynote speaker. Paul reported that Shawn, Joel Graves, Kirk, and Paul will be meeting with Montana congressional delegates on April 21st. He asked board members to communicate any concerns they would like discussed during these meetings to those meeting with the delegates.

Reports

1. President's Report – *Justin Helvik*

Justin reported that the MT Principals Conference was a great success. He thanked everyone for all they are doing each day.

2. President Elect Report – *Shawn Hendrickson*

Shawn reported that he has been working with Ted Miller, MAEMSP Vice President, to plan next year's conference. They hope to hold the conference in Bozeman in person.

3. Vice President Report – *KJ Poepping*

KJ thanked Paul for the great work he has done in his roles on the MASSP Board.

4. State Coordinator's Report – *Paul Furthmyre*

Paul reviewed the position statements that NASSP would like feedback on: Supporting principals as leaders of special education, LGBTQ students and educators, Racial justice and educational equity. NASSP is also working on the issue of testing waivers with the Department of Education. Paul reported that the Minnesota administrators are dealing with racial/social issues due to the George Floyd trial that is currently taking place.

5. MASSP Advocacy Report – *Paul Furthmyre, MASSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Rep*

Paul encouraged board members to review HB 630 and HB 632 that include the ESSER funds. Paul reviewed the call to action for HB 633. He encouraged board members to participate in upcoming calls to action. He invited members to attend the Lunch and Legislate sessions that are scheduled for each Monday at noon during the legislative session.

6. Regional Director Reports

Region 1 *Shawn Hendrickson* – St. Ignatius

Shawn reported that the next meeting is scheduled for mid-April as a hybrid meeting. They will conduct elections.

Region 2 *Dustin Gordon* – Fairfield

Dustin reported that the region will be awarding a \$500 scholarship to both a male and a female from region 2 districts. He has been working on discussing advocacy with region members and helping members respond to calls to action.

Region 3 *Sheri Heavrin* – Broadwater - Townsend

Sheri reported that they continue to meet monthly and discuss what is currently happening with region members. She has appreciated the support they have provided for each other. Her district is still requiring masks and will do so until all staff are vaccinated. The region members compiled salary/benefit comparisons as a resource for negotiations.

Region 4 *Rhiannon Beery* – Bainville

Rhiannon reported that the region members have been able to meet in person a few times. They are working on Academic Olympics and a scholarship for aspiring administrators.

Region 5 *Shelly Weight* – Forsyth

Shelly reported that they have had a difficult time meeting the past few months but they plan to meet later this month.

Region 6 *Shawnda Zahara-Harris* – Laurel

Shawnda reported that the region members met in February and are planning a blended model for meeting this spring. They have been discussing graduations - most will be in-person. Some districts have hosted proms and some have not. Laurel is going to try to run a mill levy election next year.

7. [SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk reviewed the COVID-19 Information for Schools resources on the SAM website. He invited members to review the information in HB 630 and HB 632 that outlines the ESSER I, II, and III funds allocated to school districts. These bills have not passed but are making their way through the process. He reported that the SAM Board met yesterday and took action on the SAM Youth Endowment allocations and revised SAM Business Partner guidelines. Kirk asked that Region Directors ensure that vendors requesting time at region meetings are at the appropriate SAM Business Partnership level of \$7500 and greater before including them on a region meeting agenda.

8. Future Meeting Dates - [Board Meetings 2020-21 & Conferences 2020-21](#)

The MASSP Board scheduled a meeting on Friday, June 11th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. All board members, including new board members, will be invited to attend.

9. What's on Your Mind ...

At Dustin's request, Kirk shared the ESSER II/ESSER III comparison that can be found on the COVID-19 Information for Schools webpage on the SAM website and also on the Legislative Update 3-24-21 document. The most pertinent information can be found on the Joint Proposal of State Superintendent of Public Instruction document that points out the difference in the appropriations of the ESSER II and ESSER III funds. The SAM advocacy team has been working diligently to ensure that the funds are dispersed appropriately. Kirk advised board members to keep meticulous documentation for how funds are spent in their districts to mitigate the impact of COVID. Kirk stated that everything the MTSBA sends out to members related to COVID and legislation is information that has been compiled by the MT-PEC partners with SAM's input. Following the legislative session, MT-PEC will create guidance to members about appropriate allocation of funds and SAM will offer professional development to members. Kirk stated that funds must be expended by December 2023. OPI will be responsible for enforcing the guidance.

10. Adjournment

Shawn thanked Paul for all of his efforts while on the MASSP Board of Directors and his service to MASSP. He encouraged board members to participate in upcoming calls to action.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Scofield
Director of Professional Learning and Member Services