

# MASSP Board Reorganization Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Friday, June 11, 2021

12:00 – 1:30 pm



Delta Hotel by Marriott Helena Colonial or [SAM Zoom](#)

President Helvik called the meeting to order at 11:43 AM.

In attendance: Justin Helvik, K.J. Poepping, Shelly Weight, Joel Graves, Paul Furthmyre, Sheri Heavrin, Shawn Hendrickson, Shawnda Zahara, Dustin Gordon, Matt Torix, Jason Slater

Not in attendance: Rhiannon Beery, Jake Haynes

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

1. Introductions
2. Consideration of [MASSP Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 3-24-21](#) [Action]  
[Dustin Gordon](#) made a motion to approve the minutes; KJ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. [MASSP Financial Report with Proposed FY 2021-22 Budget](#) [Action]  
Kirk reviewed the financial report and proposed budget. He stated that the NASSP dues will include one more payment before the end of the fiscal year.  
  
Shawnda Zahara made a motion to approve the budget; [Shelly Weight](#) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
4. MASSP Appointments – *Justin*
  - Appointment of Vice President (Sheri Heavrin) and State Coordinator (Joel Graves)  
Justin welcomed Sheri and Joel to their positions on the board.
5. MASSP Elections Update – *Jake*
  - Regions I, III, V Election. [MASSP Board Election Rotation Schedule as of 6-2-21](#)  
Region III and Region V have made their appointments for new directors: Jason Slater and Matt Torix respectively. Region I still has a vacant seat.
6. MASSP Awards Update – *Shawn*  
The first award to open will be the Assistant Principal of the Year followed by the Principal of the Year award.
7. [MASSP Membership Report](#) – *Kirk*  
Kirk reviewed the membership report. MASSP ended the year with one more member than last year and a total of 219 members. The SAM office will continue to share the list of members to assist region directors to know which members have renewed their memberships.
8. Consideration of MASSP Board Meetings 2021-22 ([Schedule](#)) [Action]  
Justin reviewed the meeting schedule.

Dustin Gordon made a motion to approve the schedule; Joel Graves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consideration of MASSP New Board Member Orientation – Date, Time and Format? [Action]  
It was suggested that the MASSP New Board Member Orientation is scheduled for September 14th at 9:00 AM

Dustin Gordon made a motion to schedule the MASSP New Board Member Orientation on September 14th at 9:00 AM; KJ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Montana Principals Conference 2022 Update – *K.J.*  
Shawn reported that he and KJ have been working with Ted Miller, MAEMSP. Music and games are being planned. The conference is scheduled to be held in Bozeman at the Gran Tree January 23 - 25.

## Reports

1. President's Report – *Justin Helvik*

Justin reported that the year has been difficult but has proven to be a rewarding experience. The conference was a success in January. He thanked the board for all of their work.

2. President Elect Report – *Shawn Hendrickson*

Shawn reported that he is looking forward to next year.

3. Vice President Report – *KJ Poepping*

KJ reported that he is looking forward to working with the board next year.

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

- NASSP Advocacy Conference and Day on the Hill (April 20-21) Update

Paul reported that he, Joel, and Shawn recently met with the Montana Congressional Delegation. It was a positive experience and he felt the legislators listened to the concerns of the board members. He reviewed the work of the SAM Delegate Assembly that was held just prior to this meeting. MASSP recommended changing the designation of SAM's Non-Public and Home Schools position statement from support to action. The recommended amendment was not successful but Paul feels that it is beneficial that a conversation has now been started among SAM members around the issue.

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

6. Regional Director Reports

- Region 1 *Shawn Hendrickson* – St. Ignatius

Shawn reported that the region meetings were extremely beneficial this year during COVID.

- Region 2 *Dustin Gordon* – Fairfield

Dustin reported that there has been a lot of turnover in his region, especially for principals. There were many new principals who needed assistance throughout the year. The experienced administrators in the region assumed the role of mentor to many of the new administrators.

- Region 3 *Sheri Heavrin* – Broadwater - Townsend

Sheri reported that Region III experienced much more attendance at region meetings from members from larger districts. It was beneficial to have a more diverse sharing of ideas. The region is considering blended delivery of meetings in the future.

- Region 4 *Rhiannon Beery* – Bainville  
No report.
- Region 5 *Shelly Weight* – Forsyth  
Shelly reported that the region started out with good attendance at meetings, but the participation lessened as the year went on. As new director, Matt wants to promote region meetings with new and experienced members. A blended delivery will be offered.
- Region 6 *Shawnda Zahara-Harris* – Laurel  
Shawnda reported that the region is rethinking how they approach meetings as participation has been sparse. Shawnda met more one on one with region members than in region meetings. She would like to schedule monthly meetings next year.

#### 7. [SAM Update](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk reviewed the report. He invited board members to encourage new principals to register to participate in SAM LPLP. He stated that a letter is sent to each new administrator and their supervisor informing them of the opportunity to participate in the program. SAM LPLP Provider, Sue Sweeney, conducted a robust New Principal Collegial Learning Network (CLN) during the 2020-21 program year. The CLN will continue during the next program year. Kirk thanked region directors for their leadership, for reaching out to new region members to get them involved in the association, and for serving as mentors to Montana principals. Paul suggested that the MASSP Board consider paying for new principals to participate in SAM LPLP in the future.

#### 8. MAEMSP Board Reorganization

- Recognition of outgoing Board members – *Jake Haynes, Paul Furthmyre, Shelly Weight*
- Seating new Board members – *Sheri Heavrin, Matt Torix, Jason Slater, Joel Graves*
- Recognition of outgoing President – *Justin Helvik*
- Seating of the new President – *Shawn Hendrickson*

#### 9. Future Meeting Dates

- [SAM 2020-21 Schedule of Conferences and Board Meetings](#) and [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [2021-22 SAM Conference - Meeting DRAFT Schedule](#) and [2021-22 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting DRAFT Schedule](#)

#### 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM