

# **MASS Board of Directors Meeting**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

**6:00 pm**

**Bozeman GranTree Inn Aspen Room**

## **MINUTES**

### **Agenda**

*MASS President Cal Ketchum, Presiding*

Cal started the meeting with introductions at 6:04 pm. Then he introduced OPI Staff to present.

1. *Mega Issue (6:15-6:45 pm): Key Issues - Sharing from the State Superintendent and Office of Public Instruction – Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Deputy Superintendent Jule Walker, Deputy Superintendent Susie Hedalen*

Superintendent Arntzen opened up with intro. She also discussed the flexibility on licensing with teacher - recruitment and retention. She also mentioned the SPED, Gifted and Talented, Early Learning Unit being housed in a Student Supported Services. Elsie also discussed the restructuring of certain OPI positions - CFO Ken Bailey. She discussed the challenge of the hiring open positions. OPI is looking at hiring a CDO. This will be strictly data. Another position is the CIO - informational officer. Elsie opened the door to get invited to your school. She mentioned the Assistant Secretary of Education being at Bridger Academy in Bozeman last week with Jule representing OPI.

Susie Hedalen presented on the ESSA report card update with card projected on screen for board. This will be housed in the GEMS data warehouse and make this more user friendly and useful. The report card should have a link on your school website and be readily available to your parents. She also talked about the Comprehensive Schools Program and Universal Schools categories. Part of his reporting was to intensify reporting for Hispanic population which is 4.5% of the student population. A grant will help in diversity reporting. Susie said that she got some great feedback at SAM AI last summer. The targeted classifications and labeling systems. There will be more of a definition of Title I schools are. She also went through the Student Progress bar showing the growth. Student Achievement scores are also posted for reading, math and science. Susie also went over the dashboard information of the report card - achievement trends (over a 3 year period), demographics, attendance rates, etc. Some data will be masked or not available to the community as far as individual student information. What other info can be front and center within this dashboard. The report card is 15 pages long. We are trying to promote transparency.

Rick asked about what resources to help get Science scores. Schools that are identified as targeted will be invited to regional focused activities, regional professional development, plus a track on the Learning Hub for those teachers - centered on Math and Science. There will be a switch a new Science Assessment so there will be a void in some information gathering. This will be within a transitioning period where no reporting of science will be required (pilot program for science assessment). District level data will be disbursed directly to schools first. The first report card will be given a year after the test has been taken, following February - there will be a year gap. This year's info will be December 31.

Schools will have an opportunity to preview the test results before the release to the public. Alec asked about 95% overall attendance with athletes, field trips, school related activities?? OPI is looking at this closely. Chronic absenteeism is more of an important piece of information than overall attendance.

Susie gave some resources and contact info then introduced Jule. Jule talked about the new Perkins V grant. Districts will be able report information necessary but are trying to streamline the reporting and make it less daunting for school districts. One of the new requirements is the needs assessment piece for reporting the CTE info. Schweitzer was hired to administer these new CTE requirements. On April 3, there will be a Student Career Ready Day about CTE. Regional V of the surrounding states will be presenting in April here in Bozeman. Youth entrepreneurs will be presenting in Billings soon. The Student Tracker can start tracking their progress through the CTE programs offered by schools - college and career readiness. Jule also works with licensure.

Rick asked Elsie about SPED going into Student Support Services along Gifted and Talented. He is concerned about the SPED division keeping intact as this is moved into the student support service. Elsie did say that the experts will stay in place focusing on SPED. Susie mentioned that the MTSS and MBI will be in this division supporting SPED. Tobin asked about the Learning Hub and the large number of credits that some teachers are taking in a very short period of time. Jule stated that this is monitored and is of high quality. There is potential abuse of this process. Local control where teachers can only take so many units. Mike asked about on login and password for OPI. Jule stated that this is being highly worked on. Alex thanked the 3 OPI execs and expressed his concern about the CSIP and that the process has changed with short window - 20-30 hours could be possible to spend on this in depth process change. Some reports will not be required for filling out and it will be a little more tasking. Jule stated that they are also working on the CDRC report. Many other states are pushing back on CDRC reporting. Renee asked if she could have a report and link to push out to her region - we could post this to the MASS Regional Information.

Cal introduced Linda Cleatus.

*Mega Issue (6:45-7:00 pm): Breakfast After the Bell and No Kid Hungry – Linda Cleatus, School Breakfast Coordinator, No Kid Hungry*

Linda expressed that the First Lady wanted to be here. She is stated that more kids are accessing breakfast. One in six are tasked now instead of one in five. She mentioned Alex and Loren inviting them to speak on this. There was also a presentation at WMASS where there was a direct connect with Crista Anderson of Dixon Schools. Students cannot thrive when they do not know when/where their next meal is coming.

\$100,000 and \$300,000 in grant money disbursed. Lance Boyd (GF Principal) asked if the grant cycle could change? From this request, another \$32,000 was disbursed.

Most states are regressing in their breakfast programs. Montana is one of few states that are progressing and increasing the breakfast programs. Barb Droessler and Crista Anderson were able to report on their programs from a leadership standpoint. More opportunity developed with TV network covering Jonny and the summer meals program and Crista Anderson and Dixon breakfast program.

No Kid Hungry Vistas who are set up across the state - Linda shared a story from Haley, the Butte Vista. Goals is to reach 70% threshold sitting at 59% right now. Hunger impedes academic progress.

She asked about any grant recipients at the Board table to share any stories - Mike shared their breakfast after the bell program. His staff has had nothing but positive comments now from refining the process from a first negative view. Tobin piggybacked on that with concerns of losing tidiness, etc. However, this program has been normalized where students are getting fed as classes are about to begin and not taking upon themselves to get in before school. Normalization and good habits are there now. Rick said that all students are getting involved and getting fed. There is no set data as of yet but discipline referrals has reduced. Bart stated that they are not a grant recipient but they still offer breakfast after the bell. There was one concern of losing academic time but not anymore.

2. *Additions to Agenda - NONE*

3. *Approval of the [MASS Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes 3/18/18](#)  
Approval of the [MASS Board Leadership Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes 9-4-18](#)*

Motion was made by Rick Duncan to approve the minutes for both meetings; seconded by Scott Chauvet.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

4. *Old Business*

a. *Consideration of [MASS Strategic Plan 2018-2022](#) (Action)*

Cal gave an intro to the strategic planning process and then turned it over to Kirk. Kirk talked about the process held in July and described the work done. He went over each component of the MASS Strategic Plan and the revision/work done thus far. Kirk also described the focused work on the Goal/Objective actions. This is now the scope of MASS Strategic Planning 2018-2022

Tobin Novasio made a motion to approve the 2018-2022 MASS Strategic Plan; seconded by Scott Chauvet.

Vote: Passed unanimously

5. *New Business*

A. Administrative Specialist Listing and Database for various categories (Heather). This will be sent out to board and posted on MASS web pages.

B. Cal - Superintendent recognition system for various categories and point system to be awarded pins - various color pins for points accumulated for supt service through MASS service. This can be started soon.

- a. These are action steps quered right out of the action plan of the strategic plan and strategic goals/objective - add this recognition system to the Strategic Plan. Point values were discussed about adjusting; Cal is open to any number values - Tobin stated that is should be less classification as opposed to more. Bart helped a ton in this process.

6. *President's Report – Cal Ketchum*

a. *[MASS/MCASE Fall Conference](#) Schedule and Business Meeting Agenda*

Cal gave an overview of the upcoming conference and the great variations to presentations like the Kindness Challenge. He also gave a brief description of the business meeting.

b. *[SAM and Affiliate Awards](#) – [GV Erickson](#), [Erdie Scholarship](#), [MASS School Board of Year](#)*

Kirk gave a great overview of the awards. Pat talked about how many nominations are in so far and urged getting nominations before October 1 deadline.

c. *[MCEL Conference 2018](#)*

Cal gave a quick description of the MCEL and talked about the shift to the west in Missoula for this year's conference.

d. *AASA National Conference on Education ([NCE 19](#))*

Cal described the upcoming NCE in LA and urged board members to look at attending and NCE if at all possible. Heather added that the AASA Supt. certification program is excellent, challenging, intense work.

e. *MASS Spring Conference*

Cal discussed the spring conference and how important it will be to attend due to the Day of Advocacy also being a part of the two days.

f. *[Membership](#)*

Pat went over the MASS/SAM numbers. Renee would like a reminder to renew in the SAM update. Kirk and Pat also described the benefits and the drop date of September 30 and losing years accumulated for these benefits that are dependent of continuous years of membership.

g. *Updates - NONE*

7. *President-Elect Report – Dr. Mike Perry*

a. *[AASA National Conference on Education Incentive Award](#)*

Mike reported that there is only one application for this. It will be announced that there is one application in and that the deadline will be extended to get another award winner. The deadline will be extended to October 1. Pat will get this out to the MASS membership upon return to the office this week.

8. *Regional Director's Reports – Regional Presidents*

HL - Bart reported on upcoming presentations. Bart expressed that regions should get Nicole Jones to come and present about Erate and differences to CAT 1 and CAT 2.

W - Tom reported on 24 attendees at last meeting. Lance Melton will be coming to next meeting. He has contacted all in red on Google sheet that have not renewed their memberships.

SE - Nate reported that he has talked to his one person in red on Google sheet that has not paid. They will look to have a Polson rep report on school safety at next meeting or at a future meeting.

NE - Renee reported on having legislative candidates from those districts come and present at NE MASS. They are looking at picking one school a year to hold meetings. Opheim (Tony Warren) has volunteered for this. She thanked all other region presidents for having their agendas posted. She likes to get ideas from other regions.

NC - Loren mentioned that Dennis Parman - MREA presented at last meeting. Safe and Healthy schools presented also. Dick Trerise is the OPI rep that attends the meetings for NC. There is some concern that there is inequity for OPI reps coming to the region meetings - set at two meetings for this year. Dianne Burke is coming in November.

NW - Heather reported that Elsie Arntzen has committed to presenting to the NW in October. Two reps are on rulemaking committee on the from the NW. Dianne Burke is coming in November.

C - Greg reported on the undersheriff attending for school safety and more engagement with schools on school safety. He also mentioned that there was a report given on Montana Youth Challenge. Jack O'Connor is the OPI rep and he presented also. In October, four leaders from MSU will come and start on a year long conversation on Recruitment and Retention.

SC - Alex reported on that they will be discussing Energy Credit and have a presentation. Their first meeting will be at the end of the month. SAM will be coming in October. He discussed that other members from other affiliates come to SC and is not sure what to make of this - apparently past practice.

4R - Scott mentioned the SAM - Kirk presenting on LPLP. They also talked about the Title IV grant. Next month, they are meeting in Manhattan to look at the new school. He expressed concern about the OPI rep also. He described the makeup of the 4R and its school size and organizational diversity.

9. [Advocacy Issues](#) – Rick Duncan

a. [Delegate Assembly - recommendations](#) for SAM Business Meeting on 10-19-18  
Rick gave a brief report on the 2018 Delegate Assembly, resolutions, positions and the preparedness for the 66th Legislative Session. He talked about the 5 priorities developed from the Delegate Assembly - the new priority is Mental Health; Bart expressed concern if this support centered around any one agency. A discussion ensued about these concerns and that there are some agencies that are not as quality and that processes are not as effective as they should be.

b. *Preparation for the 2019 Legislative Session* – [SAMLN19 formation](#)

He described the SAM LN that email will be from Kirk going out in October to each Region President for signing up MASS members to the SAM LN. Rick announced that he will visit regions to give legislative updates and federal updates.

c. [Federal Issues](#)

Rick talked about Title IV Grant, Part A. OPI has reported out on this. There is information posted on the SAM - MASS website. He talked about the sustainability of Title IV and ability to dump funding from Title IV to Title I of Title II. He also talked about the IRS issue - opposing school voucher systems and tax breaks toward scholarship and donations to private schools. There will be funding for grants - Title IV, Perkins, etc. Rick also mentioned the Farm Bill and its effect on students and lunch programs.

10. *Executive Director's Report* – Kirk Miller

Kirk pointed out the full blown directors report and the links associated with it. He also showed the MASS financial report for 17-18 and update on 18-19 and described the MASS budget as it stands. Kirk added to Rick's report of the SAM LN by talking about getting the exact contact information for reaching your representatives and senators. He also described the cautions to be aware of when contacting the legislative reps. The regional president will handle the registration of members signing up for the SAM LN with delegation of a liason. Kirk updated the board on the REL NW and the survey that was taken. He described the finalization of what data can be released and a report soon to be provided identifying the key issues from the data mined from the survey. SAM is on the University System Recruitment and Retention Task Force. Kirk then covered other information from the EDIC meeting (report on the website). He talked about the placement of SPED funding in the funding formula plus \$2 million in supporting special education cooperatives. This is a great triumph from 5 years of work.

He also talked about the OPI legislative platforms that were introduced - one of the 3 PIR days must be devoted to School Safety; the two school funding payments will be spread out more over each month. Rick asked about Retirement and GTB and County levying on retirement. Kirk described the GTB formula is tipped due to these attendance center locations and remote learning. Tom asked about Suicide prevention training - it must 2 hours every five years and how it relates to this possible requirement coming for 1 of 3 PIR days being school safety. The last thing he discussed was an update to the 18-19 SAM LPLP and reported on the SAM Aspiring CLN and the agreement with AASA program - today, a 3 hour training was provided by David Schuler who is the national mentor. Heather asked about a national supt certification agreement with SAM/LPLP - possible for other programs to become involved. He also mentioned the Comprehensive School CLN and connection with OPI and SAM LPLP.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Chauvet; seconded by Bart Hawkins. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm