

MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

9:45 – 11:00 am

Helena Great Northern Hotel



President *Cal Ketchum*, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 9:52 AM.

Agenda

1. Consideration of MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes 9-18-18

Jim Baldwin made a motion to accept the minutes; Bart Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. MASS President Report - *Cal Ketchum, MASS President*

Cal relayed his joy with having the opportunity of serving as MASS President for the past year. He thanked the membership.

3. AASA National Conference on Education ([NCE 19](#)) and MASS Incentive Award Report - *Cal Ketchum, MASS President and Scott Kinney & Casey Klasna, MASS Incentive Award Winners*

Scott reported the impact of Bill Daggett's presentation about future-focused schools. Casey reported the benefit of being able to network with other Montana administrators. He found the SAM LPLP presentation to be the most impactful workshop and the fact that administrators from around the country are interested in what is going on in Montana.

4. Board of Public Education Report - *Tammy Lacey*

Tammy reported that she plans to continue serving on the Board of Public Education (BPE) into her retirement. She encouraged members to review the BPE's agendas. She mentioned the following: ESSA Report Card (2017-18 data) will be posted by OPI in mid-April; district accreditation status will be sent to districts next week; OPI will be continuing the process of updating standards. Tammy encouraged potential teacher candidates having licensure difficulties to call OPI to discuss licensure. A record number of licensure surrenders are being heard at each meeting along with revocation of licenses. Linda Filpula asked if districts can be notified when a teacher licensure hearing is taking place so the district can be present. Tammy noted the request. She mentioned that MSU is

offering a one-year (36 credits) Masters of Education degree program for anyone with a bachelors degree in any field. A five-week student teacher portion is part of the program. Licensed teachers from out of state will have a one-year provisional license giving them time to take the Praxis. The BPE has asked for a report of the OPI FTE changes. The next BPE meeting is in May at MSDB in Great Falls.

4. Future AASA National Conference on Education (NCE 20) – Feb 13-15, 2020 in San Diego, CA - *Dr. Mike Perry, MASS President-Elect*

5. AASA Governing Board/Executive Committee Report - *Ron Whitmoyer, Jule Walker, & Tobin Novasio*

Tobin reported that the topic of a federal mandate to ban corporal punishment was a controversial topic at the meeting. He found that nationally corporal punishment seems to be a disproportionate issue according to race. The definition of corporal punishment is any physical act used for discipline. This could include activities such as doing push-ups or running extra laps. Tobin stated that the region supports discipline that is research-based. Only 19 states allow corporal punishment.

Jule reported that AASA will not increase membership dues for next year and the seven regions will remain as is. The AASA Advocacy Conference is July 8 - 10, 2019 in Washington DC. She mentioned that AASA is providing a Medicaid primer for superintendents.

Ron reported that the legislative agenda items for AASA include: support of increased mental health services for students, school safety, opposition to mandates around seclusion and restraints, opposition to private rights of action (giving parents the right to sue a district and limiting what a district can be sued for).

6. [Advocacy Issues](#) – *Rick Duncan, MASS Federal Relations Coordinator and Kirk Miller*

- [Legislative Update](#)
- Federal Issues

Kirk thanked the members for the challenging work they do for the children in Montana. He referenced the SAMLN19 webpage and the tools available on the SAM website. He asked that members use these tools as their first resource when researching advocacy issues. He encouraged members to review the weekly SAM Legislative Updates that can be found on the website.

5. [SAM Update](#) - *Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director*

Kirk invited members to review the SAM Update. He highlighted the recruitment and retention work that has been done over the past few years as a result of the SAM presentation to the interim legislative committees. Kirk emphasized the benefit of SAM LPLP and asked members to encourage new administrators to participate. He reported that SAM AI 2019 will be July 29-31 in Helena. A robust agenda is planned and Kirk encouraged members to assemble their team and attend to assist in planning programming for next year.

6. President Elect Candidate Forum - *Dr. Mike Perry announces brief speeches by the candidates for President Elect*

Casey Klasna and Bart Hawkins provided speeches. Ballots will be sent to the MASS membership on March 20th. Voting will close on April 3rd.

Mike noted that Alex Ator will be serving as the representative for the OPI Variance to Standards Review Board.

7. MASS Years of Service Pins – *Dr. Mike Perry*

8. MASS Retiree Recognition Celebration – *Dr. Mike Perry*

9. META Empowered Superintendent of the Year Award - *Dr. Mike Perry*

10. Outgoing President Award – *Presented to Cal Ketchum by Dr. Mike Perry*

11. Other Business - For the Good of the Order

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Scofield

Director of Member Services & Professional Learning