

# MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

8:15 – 9:00 am Bozeman GranTree Inn



President *Dr. Mike Perry*, Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by President Perry.

## Agenda

1. Consideration of [MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes 3-19-19](#)

**Matt Genger made a motion to approve the minutes; Dale Olinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. MASS President Report

*Dr. Mike Perry, MASS President*

Mike referenced the following topics from yesterday's presentations: building relationships, creating a movement in a school district, and preparing staff to make changes. He urged members to share their stories with staff and community members.

3. AASA National Conference on Education ([NCE](#)) and MASS Incentive Award

*Casey Klasna, MASS President-Elect*

*February 13-15, 2020 in San Diego, CA*

Casey urged members to consider attending NCE 2020. Dan Grabowska and Tom Stack will be attending as recipients of the incentive awards.

4. AASA Governing Board/Executive Committee Report

*Ron Whitmoyer, Jule Walker, & Tobin Novasio*

Tobin thanked Jule for reaching out to the U.S. Department of Education. Tobin stated that Medicaid is the third largest funding source for schools. AASA is advocating for streamlining the Medicaid reporting process. Jule stated that another priority for AASA is ESSA. She noted that Title I funds help to boost support for comprehensive schools. Jule stated that districts choosing to opt out of testing would impact funding. Ron stated that the *Espinoza vs the State of MT* is being challenged at the U.S. Supreme Court and that the ruling will affect 38 states. Tobin stated that recruitment and retention is one of their largest concerns. Senator Tester has reintroduced the REST and NEST acts. Ron urged members to respond to the Montana delegates when asked by Noelle Ellerson Ng - AASA Associate Executive Director, Policy & Advocacy. Jule stated that another priority for AASA is funding for social emotional learning.

5. [Advocacy Issues](#) Report

*Rick Duncan, MASS Federal Relations Coordinator*

- [Delegate Assembly - recommendations](#) for SAM Business Meeting on 10-18-19

Rick reviewed the Delegate Assembly process and the recommendations that will be voted on by the SAM membership at the SAM Business Meeting in October at MCEL.

- [2019 Legislative Session - Summary](#)

Rick reviewed the five SAM advocacy priorities 2019-20. He explained the difficulties encountered around HB 755 - funding for preschool that would have allowed for privatization with public funds. Rick stated the interim education committee meets regularly. He referenced the Committee's website for agendas and minutes.

- [Federal Issues](#)

Rick reviewed the effort to increase IDEA funding stating that there is now bipartisan support for Senator Tester's bill. A letter of support was written by SAM to FCC Chairman Pai to continue the use of E-Rate to appropriately meet the needs of Montana schools.

## 6. [SAM Update](#)

*Kirk Miller, SAM Executive Director*

Kirk thanked Dr. Perry and the MASS board for their work on putting on a great conference. He referenced the MASS Conference webpage where all conference materials can be found. Kirk referenced the three goals of the SAM Strategic Plan that serve as the framework for the SAM update. Within the update, Kirk focused on the following:

- The REL NW Recruitment and Retention survey results will be presented at MCEL.
- Kirk explained that HB 211 provides for loan repayment for educators in critical education shortage areas. He highlighted that if a position has been posted and qualified applicants have not applied, the position can be reposted and will qualify for loan repayment funding. Vacancies posted before the bill went into effect on July 1, 2019, do not qualify for this funding.
- Kirk referenced the Education SuperHighway report. The program will continue throughout this next year. He referenced the districts that will be targeted for 1:1 ESH support this year.
- Kirk referenced the DPHHS Health/Safety Proposed Rules that address air quality and lead in schools. The DEQ is working to encourage DPHHS to follow proper negotiated rulemaking that would assess the fiscal impact and allow the legislature the opportunity to provide adequate resources. He referenced the MT-PEC letter to DPHHS requesting this process. Renee Rasmussen stated that the number and type of fixtures was not clear and the DPHHS response did not include the information from communities currently testing the water in schools.
- Kirk referenced the LR-130 ballot issue (HB 357) - uniform rules of open and concealed carry in MT. SAM did not take a stand on HB 357 due to the Delegate Assembly process. The bill passed and Attorney General Tim Fox wrote the language around the law. The language did not include schools, but included "government entities". When the language was challenged, the Supreme Court ruled that the language was written properly. SAM will continue to not take a stand on the issue throughout the process. It could however, take a stand if the proposed policy impedes local control and the ability of Boards of Trustees to ensure and safe/ healthy environment for the students in their schools.
- Kirk referenced HB 745 - Student Data Privacy/Terms of Service. META began working on this issue almost two years ago. META has worked with OPI to join the Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC), worked with MTSBA to create one process for entering agreements with vendors, and is working on a website where all resources can be accessed.
- Kirk referenced the Espinoza vs MT Dept. of Revenue case.

- Kirk introduced the SAM LPLP Providers and stated that 84 members are currently registered for SAM LPLP 2019-20 and ten Collegial Learning Networks are operating. He mentioned that the MASS board voted to pay the registration fee for all superintendents new to their districts.
- Kirk stated that MCEL 2019 is scheduled for October 16-18 in Billings. He reviewed the schedule and introduced the keynote presentation topic by Jamie Volmer.
- Kirk reviewed the framework for the MT-PEC professional development series including the 21 learning outcomes within the framework. He stated that those applying for funding provided through HB 351 should be ready to apply by October 1, 2019, as funding will be approved on a first come first served basis. Jule stated that applications will be date and time stamped and the OPI is currently testing their system. Districts will receive a response that their application has been received. Kirk stated that the bill was written to be allocated in that way.

7. Other Business - For the Good of the Order

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

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