

# MASS Business Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

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Tuesday, March 23, 2021

9:50 – 10:55 am

Join [SAM Zoom](#)

President *Casey Klasna*, Presiding

President Klasna called the meeting to order at 9:51 AM.

## Agenda

### 1. Action Items

- [Consideration of MASS Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes 7-28-20](#)

Darin Hannum made a motion to approve the minutes; Larry Markuson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. MASS President Report

*Casey Klasna, MASS President*

- [MASS Financial Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2020-21 with Proposed FY 2021-22 Budget](#) – Review

Kirk reviewed the financial report noting that the AASA membership dues will not be paid until the end of the year. He reviewed the proposed budget stating that even though the proposed budgets over the past few years have not been balanced, at the end of each year, MASS has experienced positive balance.

- AASA Virtual National Conference on Education ([NCE](#)) 2021 Report – *February 18-19, 2021*

Casey reported that the conference was held virtually and was still meaningful. Dr. Laurie Barron, Montana's Superintendent of the Year, was recognized during the Northwest Reception.

- Future AASA National Conference on Education (NCE) 2022 Report – *February 17-19, 2022 in Nashville, TN*

Casey encouraged members to attend the conference and consider having this professional learning opportunity written into their contracts.

### 3. AASA Governing Board/Executive Committee Report - *Tobin Novasio, Laurie Barron, Mike Perry*

Dr. Perry reported that the first Governing Board meeting was held recently via Zoom. He recently spoke to Montana's federal congressional delegates during a National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) conference relaying to them the importance of infrastructure funds for

Montana school districts. He encouraged MASS members to reach out to the delegates and inform them what is going on in their districts. Sharing personal stories and making connections is important when advocating for our school districts. Dr. Perry reported that Tobin Novasio is running for a seat on the Executive Board for AASA.

#### 4. Advocacy Issues Report

*Rick Duncan, MASS Federal Relations Coordinator, DA Steering Committee Chair*

- [2021 Legislative Session](#) Update

Rick stated that the Advocacy Issues report was given earlier during the MASS Spring Conference. He reported that the last day of the 2021 legislative session has been moved from May 1st to May 11th since they chose not to meet on Saturdays during the session as is the usual practice. Rick stated that SAM's focus is based on SAM's Advocacy Priorities that come from the SAM Delegate Assembly process. He thanked SAM Legislative Network members and other SAM members who are working to advocate for SAM by providing feedback and for contacting legislators during calls to action. Rick invited MASS members to attend the Lunch and Legislate sessions scheduled for each Monday at noon.

- [Federal Advocacy Update](#)

Rick reported that SAM is in contact with the Montana congressional delegation. Senator Tester's office reaches out often for SAM's input on education issues. The relationship with Senator Daines has also been strengthened over the past few years.

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

Kirk invited MASS members to review the report and the many resources available to SAM members. The SAM office has made a decision not to send out information to our members on a daily basis as resources are updated but to instead post resources on the SAM website and make them accessible to all SAM members. Kirk described the three areas of the report: Leadership Involved in Decisions that Impact Education, Advocacy, and Professional Learning and Services. Kirk reported that one of the COVID-19 Information for Schools resources is President Biden's Directive issues on March 4th that provides for all school staff to be eligible to receive vaccines.

Kirk invited members to review the Montana District School Leadership Staffing Report 2020-21 and the 2020-21 Administrative Vacancy Report Executive Summary that he has used several times during the legislative session to explain the problems with recruitment and retention of administrators in Montana.

Kirk reported that we are proud of the progress of the SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program. Nearly 500 administrators have participated in the personalized professional development since the program's inception.

The SAM Board of Directors will be considering the SAM Youth Endowment application later today. Close to \$8000 will be distributed to children in need.

Kirk thanked all members for the work they are doing each day and to continue to take advantage of the resources provided by SAM that will make their jobs a little easier.

6. President-Elect Candidate Forum

[Alex Ator](#), [Bart Hawkins](#), [Dave Wick](#)

All three candidates provided an introduction and reason for running for the position. Ballots will be sent to the MASS membership on Wednesday, March 24th and close on Wednesday, April 7th.

7. Retiree Recognition Celebration - *Casey Klasna, MASS President*

Ron Whitmoyer, Andrew Begger, Dave Viegut, Don Shreeve, and Renee Rasmussen were honored as retirees.

8. MASS Years of Service Pins - *Casey Klasna, MASS President*

MASS members with memberships for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years were recognized.

9. Outgoing President Award – *Presented to Casey Klasna by Mike Perry MASS Past President*

Dr. Perry thanked Casey for his leadership.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Future Meeting Dates

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
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