

# META Board Web Meeting DRAFT Minutes

November 17, 2021

1:00 – 2:00 PM



In attendance: Everett Holm, Carol Phillips, Brian Norwood, James Krippes, Detlef Schlieper, Paul Kozlowitz, Darlene Hess, Adam Toombs, Zabrea Fiscus, Jeredene Mayfield, Travis Baumann, Kirk Miller, Marcus Meyer, Kim Scofield

Not in attendance: Robert Parker, Mitch Irvine, Brad Somers, Rich Lawrence, Branson Rogers

## AGENDA

**Call Meeting to order and Introductions** - Presiding – *Everett Holm*, META President  
President Holm called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

### 1. **Approval of [META Board Retreat 9-10-21 DRAFT Minutes \[Action\]](#)**

Adam Toombs made a motion to approve the minutes; Carol Phillips seconded the motion.

Discussion: An error was made in the spelling of Zabrea's name. The minutes will be corrected.

The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. **META Business**

#### 1. [META Strategic Plan 2019-23](#) (Board Revisions on 9-10-21) – *Everett Holm*

The board reviewed the revisions made by the board at the META Retreat on 9-10-21. Everett asked board members to update the [META INFO SHARE Document](#) and review it with region members.

#### 2. [SAM Strategy – Promote the Value Your School Brings to the Community](#) – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk reviewed the resources available to SAM members to support the ongoing effort to bring to the attention of community members the value their local schools brings to the community. He reported that Michael Sweeney - OPI Chief Data Officer - has resigned. He was in charge of the database modernization project. Kirk stated that he is currently in Missoula to provide testimony at the Board of Public Education and the Board of Education meetings. His testimony includes 1) a description of the problems that the 90% turnover rate and 51 vacancies at OPI cause to providing services to Montana schools and 2) communicating the value schools bring to communities.

#### 3. 2022 METAtched Spring Conference Update – *Carol Phillips*

Carol reported that she sent a survey to members and the results indicated that many technologists would like to bring ESSER funds and technology funding to the forefront in discussions with superintendents during the conference that is scheduled for March 21-22, 2022. TROX will be a platinum sponsor. HighPoint will also sponsor the conference. Carol is hoping to get the new Montana Chief Information Officer, Andy Hanks, to provide a keynote presentation about cybersecurity. The data privacy agreement project will also be part of the discussion at the conference. Carol plans to send a save the date in early January. Marcus will meet with Carol and MASS President, Dr. Greg Dern, to discuss conference planning.

#### 4. [Connect K-12 Broadband E-rate Data Report](#) – November 2021 – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk asked board members to review the report.

#### 5. [Charter Communications \(Info\)](#) & [Connect MT](#) website – *Kirk Miller*

Kirk reviewed the request of Charter Communications to be in contact with the META Board of Directors to review their services. Kirk reviewed the Broadband - Connect MT and

Communications Advisory Commission website that describes how to apply for broadband funding.

6. [CyberMontana at UM connection](#) with Dianne Burke through Jeff Patterson – *Kirk Miller*  
Kirk reported that Dianne Burke, formerly Executive Director of MQEC, is now working in a new cybersecurity program at UM.  
Carol suggested that Dianne Burke is invited to present at the spring conference
7. META Elections and Appointments Update – *Everett Holm*
  - [META Region](#) Directors – NE Region Director open
8. [META Financial Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*  
Kirk reviewed the financial report stating that Everett reviews the META financial report quarterly with the SAM Investment/Finance Committee, a committee on which he serves.
9. [Membership Report](#) – *Kirk Miller*  
Kirk reviewed the membership report stating that META currently has 101 members. He asked region directors to reach out to those members who have not renewed their 2021-22 membership.
10. [Current Award Opportunities](#) and CoSN Empowered Superintendent National Award  
The Empowered Superintendent of the Year nomination of Heather Davis Schmidt and Technologist of the Year nomination of Carol Phillips will be submitted to CoSN. Kim reviewed the current MAEMSP and MASSP awards that are open for nomination until December 17, 2021.

### 3. Reports

1. President Report – Everett Holm  
Everett encouraged board members to participate in their district leadership meetings.
2. President Elect Report – Carol Phillips  
Carol reported that she has asked South Central SAM members to begin documenting on their district letterhead the difficulties they are experiencing with obtaining data privacy agreements from vendors. She hopes to share the documentation with legislators to begin gaining support for Montana adopting the national agreement. James reported that an action item from the recent Central META region meeting was to find a legislator to carry a bill to adopt the national agreement at the state level.
3. Past President and CoSN State Chapter – Brian Norwood
  - CoSN Advocacy Auction 2022 Support [Info](#) [Action]  
Brian reported that he received a request for support from CoSN for the Advocacy Auction 2022. Brian will be attending the conference, either virtually or in person, on behalf of META.

Paul Kozlowitz made a motion to donate \$1,200 to the CoSN Advocacy Auction; Detlef Schliepe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board will decide at a later date which board members will attend the conference virtually. The board will also discuss if they plan to send Everett to the national conference since it is not held in Washington D.C. in 2022 and the goal of having the current META President attend during their second year as president is to experience the advocacy that takes place at the conference.

4. South East – Branson Rogers - No report
5. South Central – Darlene Hess - Darlene reported that the region has been discussing cybersecurity as well as the data privacy agreement.
6. Central – Adam Toombs & Zabrea Fiscus - Adam reported that a meeting will be scheduled in January.
7. 4 Rivers – Mitch Irvine & Brad Somers - No report
8. Western – Paul Kozlowitz - Paul reported that a meeting will be scheduled in January in person if possible.

9. Northwest – Detlef Schlieper -Detlef reported that a meeting will be scheduled in January.
  10. North Central – Jeredene Mayfield & James Krippes - James reported earlier about the region members’ discussion about the data privacy agreement.
  11. Hi Line – Robert Parker & Travis Baumann - Travis reported that a meeting will be scheduled in December in person if possible.
  12. North East – TBD
4. **Advocacy Update** – *Rich Lawrence & Kirk Miller*  
Everett encouraged board members to review
  5. **Executive Director Report – SAM Update** – *Kirk Miller*  
Everett invited board members to review the document.
  6. **Open Discussion** - Items brought to the Board by Regional Directors  
Carol asked that a discussion about the data privacy agreement be included on the next META Board Meeting agenda. Paul stated that he is still trying to contact Andy Hanks about getting on the ISAC committee. Carol would like to contact Andy about presenting at the spring conference.
  7. **Adjourn**  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM.

#### **META CALENDAR**

- META Board Leadership Web Meeting – February 16, 2022, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
- [SAM Web Calendar](#)
- [2021-22 SAM Conference - Meeting Schedule](#) and [2021-22 SAM and Affiliate Board Meeting Schedule](#)