

SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Meeting 5-7-18

Notes

SAM Office or [UberConference](#)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Present: Rick Duncan (Chair & MASS), Tamra Covington (MCASE) - UberConference, Paul Furthmyre (MASSP) - UberConference, Jack Eggensperger (MACSS), Todd Lark (META), Bruce Whitehead (MAEMSP). SAM office: Kirk Miller, Pat Audet

Agenda

1. Introductions - Rick opened the meeting at 9:13 am.
2. Review DA Steering Committee Roles and Responsibilities
 - [SAM Board Revisions to SAM Bylaws Article VI – Delegate Assembly 4-6-18 \(recommended for approval of Membership at the SAM Annual Meeting 10-19-18\)](#)
 - Rick read through these proposed changes; this will be decided by the SAM Membership at the SAM Business Meeting in October. Todd asked about these changes; Kirk explained the rationale behind this recent proposal.
 - [SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Member SAM Board Appointments 2017](#)
 - Rick read through the changes and future changes - current change is with MACSS - Jack Eggensperger is replacing Jessica McWilliams and will continue the current term.
 - [Confirm Terms of Office Recommendation for SAM Board Consideration 6-14-18](#)
 - Motion by Todd to accept the recommendation of terms for committee member terms; Jack seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
3. Review of [SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee DRAFT Notes 10-3-17](#)
 - Passed by Unanimous Consent
4. Consideration and Proposed New Positions and Resolutions
 - Review of Proposed Resolutions as of 4-27-18 ([Overview](#)) ([Detailed Document](#))
 - Rick stated that 8 new resolutions were received by April 27, 2018 (deadline)
 - He read through each new proposal for new revisions and new resolutions
 1. **Online Verification and Grace Period for Registering Educator License**
 - Proposed by MACSS - Erin Lipkind
 - Motion by Jack to delete this resolution; Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. **Alignment of Accreditation Standards and Funding**
 - Consistency in testing data and standards between small districts

- Kirk discussed the changes by OPI dropping Safe School Harbor and Small Schools Process
- Be it Further Resolved additions - Proposed by MACSS - Erin Lipkind
- Motion by Jack to approve the changes; Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Permissive Funding for High Impact Costs

- Proposed change is designation from Support to Action due to the concern for Health Insurance
- This is binding advocacy for all operating costs mentioned besides health insurance
- There is discussion every session for state health insurance plans - MEA is working on more cooperative agreements for schools to enter and participate within the state model - ex. State Health Clinics
- Most AA and some A schools are self-insured. SAM's involvement with MUST is another opportunity dealing with health insurance.
- Recommended Action would cause SAM to lead any opportunity to contain health costs for our school districts.
- Died for a lack of a Motion. Maintain Designation of Support for this resolution.

4. ANB Payment Modifications for 6th Grade

- Kirk read through detailed information from original format of resolution, citing that no other proposed language to revise this had been submitted.
- Recommendation is to delete - already deleted.
- No action.

5. #18-01 -Allowing the Use of Permissive Major Maintenance Subfund of the Building Reserve to Secure and Repay Loans

- MASS proposal by Tobin Novasio
- Rick went through and read the proposed new resolution.
- The formula does allow up to 10 mills but does not permit for all districts permissively levy 10 mills.
- Add in 4th WHEREAS - "as allowed," up to 10 mills
- Add the Montana Constitutional language of support as another WHEREAS - *as assured in Article X, Section 4 of the Montana Constitution*
- Secure a loan against the permissive levy to pay back over time - trust in the trustees - for maintenance needed now.
- Board of Investments are now already considering this.
- Transparency is a must - had to be as indicated in the law to advertise permissive levy increases by March 30 this past year.
- Strike "the electors of" out of 20-9-503; trust in the trustees of the school districts.
- Motion by Todd to approve the recommended revisions; Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. #18-02 School Safety

- MASS by Heather Davis-Schmidt - NW.
- Rick read through the proposed resolution.
- MASS Survey - Firearms in Schools and School Safety - Referenced the frequency outcomes of the survey.
- Need to designate reference that approval of staff firearm carry is already in law MCA 45-8-361 - local control.
- Add MCA 45-8-361 to 2nd WHEREAS. Approved by DASC unanimously.
- Rick pointed out the high increase in insurance and workers compensation if staff, other than SRO, were to carry on a district.
- Add to “be it further resolved” and “be it finally resolved” after the word funding: “(only if adequate funding is provided beyond the services already allocated to support schools)”. Approved by DASC unanimously.
 - Not take away funding from other areas - new funding request
- Strike action and make it support designation - Approved by DASC unanimously.
- Motion by Tamra to not approve this proposal; Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- This effectively means that the language revisions to the proposed resolution will go forward for consideration of the Delegate Assembly (and Caucuses) with a recommendation to not approve. (Essence is a support of the survey indicating SAM should not take a position on weapons in schools).

7. #18-03 Daylight Savings

- There was legislation from last session to make daylight savings time permanent.
- The legislation did not gain any traction - several groups and schools opposed this very vocally. The legislation did not pass.
- DASC believed that the proposed resolution was not necessary.
- Died due to a lack of a motion.
- This effectively means that this proposed resolution will go forward to Delegate Assembly with no recommendation from the DASC.

Other considerations but not submitted:

8. Resolution #18-04 WEF - World Education Foundation - Students not enrolled

- Relative to Resolution #99/03/08/10-01 instead of a new resolution #18-04 WEF - World Education Foundation
- Additional WHEREAS to the current Resolution #99/03/08/10-01 to be drafted by Tamra for consideration of the DASC.
- Do not put an estimate number of children in this WHEREAS.

9. Resolution #16/17-06 - Additional Funding for Career and Vocational/Technical Education

- No revisions to the resolution on Middle School CTE funding was submitted.
 - DASC recommends to let the resolution stand as is
5. Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Current Positions and Resolutions by the Steering Committee
- Review of Resolutions of other Montana Education Associations to determine alignment (MTSBA) (MQEC)
 - Kirk gave a quick overview of the other organizations' delegate assembly proposals
 - MTSBA
 - CTE Funding 7-12
 - 19 year old - 20 year old - state payment for 19 year old
 - Stronger statement against privatization
 - Funding for synchronous distance learning - funding ANB at regular rates
 - Middle School CTE funding
 - Allowable cost funding for SPED and put into the funding formula
 - Special Education - Coop funding
 - School zoning - building
 - MQEC
 - Data for Achievement
 - Funding school facilities - NRD payment
 - Oppose Privatization
 - Early childhood funding
 - Defend and preserve existing funding formula
 - SAM will be in touch with these organizations to access results and outcomes of their delegate assemblies - Rick will also find out through his board chair.
 - Kirk mentioned *other ideas* of new positions and resolutions and the discussions that have ensued; some these were not submitted or proposed.
 - Rick mentioned the projected revenues for the state - a lot of differences each month; recent is \$1.5 million shortfall.

Rick requested the DASC look at another date to resume work on the rest of the agenda items for this meeting: UberConference Meeting - 8 am to 9 am on May 17 was decided.

Adjourned at 11:57 am

SAM Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Reconvene Meeting 5-17-18

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SAM Office or [UberConference](#)

8:00 - 9:00 am

Present On UberConference: Rick Duncan (Chair & MASS), Tamra Covington (MCASE), Paul Furthmyre (MASSP), Jack Eggensperger (MACSS), Todd Lark (META), Bruce Whitehead (MAEMSP).
SAM office: Kirk Miller, Pat Audet, Kim Scofield

Reconvened 5-17-18 at 8:05 am

- Kirk provided a quick overview of work that was done on 5-7-18.
 - Tamra reviewed the language revisions to the WEF resolution (#99/03/08/10-1).
 - Bruce asked about applicable agencies. Kirk stated that OPI is the most applicable agency. OPI completes a missing students list, but SAM may need to do some research and cross reference OPI data with the data Tamra will have access to.
 - The designation of the resolution is support.
 - **Bruce Whitehead made a motion to approve changes to #99/03/08/10-1; Jack seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Current Positions and Resolutions by the Steering Committee
- Steering Committee revisions to [SAM Positions and Resolutions \(Positions\)](#) ([Resolutions](#))
 - Rick asked if the committee has any suggested editorial changes to the resolutions and positions.
 - **Bruce made a motion to accept the resolutions and positions as they stand; Todd seconded the motion.**
 - Discussion: revisions to Resolutions and Positions were meticulously made a year ago, along with any necessary editorial changes.
 - **The motion passed unanimously.**
 - Establishing funding advocacy priorities
6. Delegate Assembly 2018 Process
- Affiliate Presidents selection of [Delegates](#)
 - A full slate of delegates have been selected.
 - The letters and advocacy package will be sent to delegates by Monday.
 - [Induction and Orientation of New Delegates](#)
 - Agenda has been set and will take place at 2:00 before Delegate Assembly Caucus at 2:30
 - Caucus Duties
 - Kirk asked that the steering committee highlight what they would most like to have discussed in their caucus in order to be prepared for discussion, especially around school safety.
 - [Agenda](#) for the Delegate Assembly
 - Kirk referenced the agenda for June 13 - June 15.

- [Rules and Procedures](#) for the Delegate Assembly
 - Kirk referenced the rules and procedures.
- [Letter to Delegates](#)
 - Kirk referenced the letter to the delegates that will be sent to delegates with the advocacy package. He asked steering committee members to communicate with their affiliate president to update any changes to their slate of delegates.
 - Rick thanked Kirk for fine-tuning the process.
 - Kirk asked if the SAM Office is an appropriate location for Delegate Assembly. The Steering Committee would like to keep it at the office.

7. Review of SAM Legislative Network 2019 ([Description](#)) ([Forming Email](#)) ([SAMLN17 Members](#))

- Kirk stated that the goal is to have every affiliate region have a representative that can effectively communicate with their region and their region's legislators. Kirk referenced the SAM LN 2019 Description focusing on the responsibilities of the LN. He asked the steering committee to begin talking to their delegate during their caucus' about LN members. We want to be sure to collect personal email and personal phone number for LN members so they are not using district time and district equipment for legislative issues.
- The letter will be sent after Delegate Assembly.
- A Community Forum will be created for LN19 members.
- Rick asked if something has been put together describing the differences between lobbying and advocating. Kirk will include this document in the letter that goes out to SAM LN19 Members.

8. Other Items

Meeting adjourned at 8:40am