

MAEMSP Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Holiday Inn ● Great Falls, MT

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 – 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jon Konen, President of MAEMSP.

Members in attendance were: Jon Konen, President; Lance Boyd, President-Elect; Chris Stout, Vice President; Brenda Krueger, Past President; Dale Olinger, SAM Board Representative; Rick Chrisman, SAM Board Representative; Carole McKittrick, Federal Relations Director; John Gorton, Eastern Director; Tad Schye, Northeastern Director; Steve Fanning, Southwest Director; Dave Wick, Middle School Rep; Bruce Whitehead, Retired Representative; Dick Trerise, OPI Representative; Kirk Miller, Executive Director; and Pat Audet, Associate Director; Gary Wagner, Operations Manager.

Members absent were: Courtney Bake, North Central Director

Introductions – All introduced each other to start the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

There being no items to delete or add to the agenda, the agenda was approved as presented.

Tad

Chris

Approved

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Reorganization Board Meeting on April 29, 2016 were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: Brenda

Second: Chris

Vote: Passes Unanimously

MEGA ISSUE: *Topic: 2017 Legislature and Advocacy of the SAM Legislative Network*

Jon opened up the discussion about the legislative session. Kirk discussed access to the resources for the session pertaining to the website. He described the Delegate Assembly process. Kirk then showed the DA section of the website showed the outcome of the DA process on resolutions. He also described the DA Steering Committee. Then, Kirk went through the 4 priorities.

Kirk went through the OPI budget and also described the Governor's budget; this budget it being thought to be too "rich". Five percent reduction to the Gov. budget and two percent vacancy savings. He described the reductions of the OPI budget. Funding k-12 budget takes 34% of the state budget - \$1 Billion. How is the legislature going to meet the law by providing inflation of \$57 Million (1.37% and 1% for biennium) to fund education? Special education funding is inflation coverage for one time only for

next biennium. Tax payers may take up the additional cost of covering the inflation by law – a round end way of paying the bill. If the legislature does not meet the law, it will probably result in another court case. OPI has supported the HB 191 – neutral on all other bills only as informational witnesses.

Kirk discussed a few different high priority bills. He described the inflation bill HB 191. He also described the SAM Legislative Network including the appropriate way to advocate. Kirk will send out a call to action only when necessary. He also pointed out the SAM Legislative Update. Kirk described some more bills in the update and what SAM has stood up for. He also described and showed how to contact a legislator – calling is best. Chris and Jon thanked the SAM (Kirk) office for their work.

Old Business

1. Review MAEMSP Business Meeting Agenda – January 26, 2017

Jon described the agenda of the business meeting. Region reports can be kept short but high light what is going on in your region.

2. National Principals Conference in Philadelphia, July 9-11, 2017

Jon described the national conference. Secondary principals will also be there in a combined conference. Contact the SAM office if you are interested in attending.

3. NAESP Vice President Election

Jon expressed the importance of Dave running this year for this office. Dave spoke to running a second time for this office and the rationale. Brenda encouraged the region directors to get the word out for voting. The process will be easier to vote. Dave was on the national board for 3 years.

New Business

1. Consideration of Joint MAESP-MASSP Principals Conference in 2018

Jon discussed this possibility along with Chris. Conversations have been started with Joel Graves of MASSP to possibly make this happen. There is an interest to this. Fairmont is looking at this. Chris described the work that has been done so far on this. He asked the question if MAEMSP is actually interested in this or not. A concern will be having all administrators out of the building at one time. Chris stated the following dates are being looked at for combined conference is March 15-17 or April 5-6 (Fairmont is open for this date). This could be two years out in planning due to the obstacles or if it can get going, possibly next year. The date will be key. Kirk suggested to lock down a date. Lance suggested to approach the superintendents and get their support to this to let principals attend. Gary suggested getting a tentative hold on a couple places. John G asked if this is a one and done or assess to see if this is an annual event. Discussion after motion: Contacting the superintendents as soon as possible is key plus getting a tentative hold on a venue or two. The grass roots movement needs to be notified soon too. A master sports schedule can be adjusted if dates are set in winter and dates are known up front.

Rick moved to pursue a combined conference with MASSP with the gathering of pertinent information to move forward.

Brenda seconded the motion

Vote: Passed unanimously

2. MAEMSP Reorganization Meeting – April 28, 2017
Jon addressed the meeting will be in April 28 where gavel will be passed.

Dave moved to approve the date of the reorganizational meeting

Shelley seconded

Vote: Passed Unanimously

President's Report/Message

Jon Konen appointed Steve Fanning for SW region director for 16-17; Jon also appointed Dave Wick for the Middle School Rep.

Chris motioned to approve the appointments

Dale seconded

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Jon also mentioned the elections of VP, SW, E and NE region directors and mentioned who is running. Jon and Kirk described and reviewed the Strategic Plan of the MAEMSP. Kirk described the action plan toward goals of the strategic plan. Jon described the difficulty of One Story and that it was hard to keep it moving; but let's not give up.

Executive Director Report

Kirk Miller let the board know that there report is on the website. He did cover the budget and 2nd quarter with the board. The one concern is that the conference is what drives the revenue of the affiliate. The net worth needs to be much higher than the \$63804. A joint conference may be helpful for raising this. Gary described the cost of the conference and what could be made for this winter conference.

President Elect's Report

Lance Boyd reviewed the preconference and conference coming up this week. He also described the speakers and their topics. This should be an excellent conference with these speakers. Lance described the work of the board members and made this understandable to the new board members. Dave brought up how board members could help cover the vendors. Board members should thank the vendors. Brenda mentioned signifying that you are a principal at the dance to thwart perpetrators.

Vice President's Report

Chris Stout reported on next year's conference. All was mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Past President's Report

Brenda Krueger described the awards and great nominees and awardees this year.

State Representative's Report

Carol described the last regional conference call with Dave Steckler – she provided a handout for the board that is attached with final meeting minutes.

Federal Relations Director's Report

Brenda Krueger also passed out a handout on her report that is attached to these minutes - website. She described the national leaders conference coming up and the appointments that have been set up with the federal leadership.

Regional Director Reports:

Northeastern Region – Tad Schye

Tad reported on 5 meetings and has 3 more scheduled in the spring – handbooks, lock down, round table discussions.

Southwest Region – Steve Fanning

Steve reported that they had a December meeting – not well attended. He wants to reach out to find out how to get more people involved.

North Central Region – Courtney Bake (absent)

Jon reported for Courtney – they had one meeting this fall. There were about 10 principals in attendance. This was the first meeting in over a year. There will be a spring meeting possibly in Lewistown.

Western Region – Shelley Andres

Shelley reported on having one meeting in the fall – over 20 people there. They rescheduled their next meeting for February. They have trouble getting the larger districts involved. Spring meeting will be in Nine Pipes. He feels at a loss for reaching people and getting them involved.

Eastern Region – John Gorton

John reported on 3 meetings from last year at this time. There were only five people at each of these meetings. He reported on low attendance in a very large region – have a FB page and sends out emails to each member. John offered the idea to break up the large east region.

Can there be an exploration of looking at the regions and networking, meetings. etc? Reorganization Meeting agenda item.

Other Representative Reports:

Middle School Representative – Dave Wick

Dave Wick discussed role of getting JH/MS principals to join MAEMSP.

SAM Representatives – Rick Chrisman & Dale Olinger

Dale reported that most has been covered – reiterated the work at the legislature. He also reported that the SAM membership has grown to over a 1000 members. Dale also discussed the finance/investment committee and what is being followed now for investments. The board also looked at the SAM needs assessment and results.

OPI Representative's Report – Dick Trerise

Dick described that reaching out to the new supt of OPI and get across what is important. He also described training of administrators for SPED to get updated and educated on SPED law and process. Dick also proposed inviting the MCASE members to your region meetings and conferences.

Retired Representative's Report – Bruce Whitehead

Bruce described the retirees in the west and how to keep them active in the membership. He wanted to know all current retirees for 2017 so he can reach out.

MAEMSP Delegate Assembly Steering Committee Report – Bruce Whitehead

Bruce also described how the steering committee works and what an advantage it is.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

April 28, 2017 – Reorganization meeting – 10 am - 3 pm

Adjournment

Motion: Dale

Second: John

Vote: Passed Unanimously – Adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Audet
Associate Director

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