

# MASS Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, March 12, 2017

6:00 pm

Great Northern Hotel, Helena

## MINUTES

- Present:* Laurie Barron (President), Tobin Novasio (President Elect), Randy Cline (Past President), Cal Ketchum (North West) Tiffani Anderson (Northeast), Ross Farber (Southeast), Teri Harris (South Central), Bart Hawkins (Hi-Line), Mike Perry (Western), Annette Hart (Central), Loren Dunk (North Central), Robert DoBell (4 Rivers), Kirk Miller (SAM Executive Director), Pat Audet (SAM Associate Director)
- Absent:* Dennis Gerke
- Vacancy:* None
- Guests:* Rick Duncan, Delegate Steering Committee, Jon Konen, Paul Furthmyre, Peter Hamilton, Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent – OPI, Tim Tharp, Deputy Superintendent – OPI
- Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order by President Laurie Barron at 6:00 pm.
- Introductions:* Board members and guest introduced themselves.
- MEGA ISSUE* Laurie started with Legislative, State, and Federal Issues – Is OPI going to reassemble the Stakeholder group for ESSA? Is OPI going to continue sending the OPI rep to the region meetings? Board is at consensus for lobbying OPI reps to remain. Kirk showed the new guidelines for putting out a new template for ESSA tomorrow. The deadline for resubmitting this new template is due on April 3. If the Governor does not have time to sign, then it reverts to September 18. He explained that happened because of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). The board established consensus to see what the Superintendent plans to do for ESSA. Randy suggests bringing up Digital Academy in the legislature. Kirk stated that this will be considered in the Senate Finance and Claims Committee. Robert suggested asking where is the advocacy from OPI and also what is happening with Graduation Matters? Mike suggested to ask where is her main objective and how does it match the superintendents?
- Legislative update – Kirk described the SAM Legislative Network. He then went over the latest SAMLN17 Update 10. He described the SAM preference lists that all have access to on the SAM website. Kirk also describe the HB 2 activity with amendments for SPED and MTDA last week in the House Appropriations Committee. They did add in the enrollment supplemental of \$11 million. He also described HB 191 and its passage, but raised the question of how it is going to be paid for? Kirk then went over the hearings that will happen tomorrow. Language into law is powerful so that it will hold next session accountable to get funding for

this – HB 418 – difficult to repeal language. HB 390 is important to watch where this bill could become the vehicle for the odds and ends – SPED, MTDA, etc. besides broadband. The title of the bill is general enough to take these on. Tobin asked about MQEC, in the event that we need to go back to court due to lack of funding. SPED funding doesn't happen or Inflation gets taken away, then we could go back to court. Mike asked about the focus for the administrators with their legislators tomorrow. HB 376, HB 423, ending funding with HB 390. Kirk described the gamesmanship with trading. You can look at Sen Salomon and Sen Tempel to swing votes for HB 376. Kirk also mentioned to highly focus those bills in the hearing tomorrow with your legislator. Tobin asked about impact aid being affected by implementation of Charter Schools on the reservation. No information about this other than possible concerns.

*Deletions/  
Additions:*

None noted.

*Approval  
of Agenda*

**Motion by Annette Hart to approve agenda; second by Bart Hawkins.  
Vote: Approved unanimously**

*Approval  
of Minutes*

September 18, 2016 Minutes

**Motion by Loren Dunk to approve the September 18, 2017 minutes; second by Ross Farber  
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.**

*Old Business*

1. Motion to approve the ODR and changes for MASS – add the duty of President to attend the AASA advocacy conference plus some other cleanup changes – membership, Discover Card Board, AASA Governing Board, etc.

**Motion by Mike Perry to adopt the MASS ODR as revised; second by Robert DoBell.**

**Vote: Motions passed unanimously.**

*New Business*

1. Paul Furthmyre (SAM and MASSP), Peter Hamilton (MAEMSP) and Jon Konen (MAEMSP) discussed the proposal for a combined conference of MAEMSP and MASSP. Paul started the description of this pursuit of combining conferences. Jon then spoke to the time frame and location of the conference and taking input from the superintendents. He also described the rich opportunity of secondary principals to interact with the elementary principals. Peter added that the boards of MASSP and MAEMSP are supporting this joint conference and asked superintendents to support their principals being out of the district during that time frame. Paul asked the question if they could support this? Laurie supports this with the idea that they get some quality time together for collaboration. Tobin and Robert also indicated support. Bart supports this idea of one conference, one place. Great Falls would probably be open to this but send only a few. Mike supports this and Randy might support it but may not be feasible for all of his principals to leave.

**Motion by Cal Ketchum to move forward with planning and support for a Joint MAEMSP/MASSP Conference in 2018; second by Robert DoBell.**

**Vote: 9 for, 3 against - motion passes**

2. MASS Proposed Budget 17-18 – Kirk briefly described the proposed income and expenditures of the proposed budget (also on the website).

**Motion by Randy Cline to approve the 17-18 Proposed Budget; seconded by Bart Hawkins.**

**Vote: Motion passed unanimously.**

*President's Report*

Laurie Barron reported on the Day of Advocacy and the agenda. She mentioned the change in the agenda with main speaker possibly being canceled due to weather. Then she described the MASS spring conference on Tuesday. Laurie then mentioned the strategic plan and discussed the history of updating the plan and describing the 4 goals. Kirk described that there are some objectives that have been accomplished and worked on in a very focused way. Laurie and Kirk briefly described the changes in the MCEL program – Digital Day, speakers, exhibitors and new location. The board was very enthusiastic hearing these changes. Laurie provided a handout about the META Network Security Council and get the MASS approval and for MASS to help disseminate info and also to partner with META on E-rate and network security. There are two MASS president-elect candidates – Cal Ketchum and Jim Baldwin. The MASS Federal Relations Coordinator position will be announced and appointed by Tuesday.

*President Elect Report*

Tobin described the combined fall conference once again with MCASE in Bozeman. He mentioned a possible speaker. Julie also told Tobin that Leslie Finnan, AASA, would like to come to the Fall conference and present to the group. He also briefly described the AASA NCE Conference; he encouraged people to attend these if you never have. He mentioned that there are 8 retirees to be honored Tuesday.

*Regional Presidents*

**Northeast Region:** Tiffani Anderson reported that they have had no representation from OPI. She mentioned Robert Guzman training. SAM had a legislative update with them. remotely. Their region is looking at ICU training for schools. She mentioned Noon School; Active shooter training is another plan.

**Hi-Line Region:** Bart Hawkins updated on continuing recruitment and retention as a huge focus. Brad Moore and Andy Carlson have done a lot of work with university system and Northern for education programs. MSU has been more responsive towards the needs right now and is working with them.

**Southeast Region:** Ross Farber giving his final report – he served on the committee to find a rep from each county to discuss how we are going to spend oil and gas money. He described how he hopes SB 307 can help with infrastructure. Dawson Community College – dual credit discussions – they may close; many students will lose this dual credit opportunity.

**South Central Region:** Teri Harris reported that they have had representation from OPI – Julie Cruz; they had Rob Guzman – training modules for helping with

Dept of Labor and Industry; Dennis Parman visited; Elsie showed up at the SC meeting; not scheduled. Andrea Meyers is doing a ton of work with ACE. Tobin also spoke on ACE plan with Todd Whittaker coming to work with staff (September 26). Dept. of Labor has visited some of our schools. Larry Martin still attends SCMASS meetings to provide legal reports.

**4 Rivers Region:** Robert DoBell reported on similar speakers. Gerry Nolan spoke to 4 Rivers about his book and loving teachers. Bozeman schools spoke to 4 Rivers about aligning standards and what they do. Elsie or Tim will be coming soon. Jeff Choate has been invited to talk to 4 Rivers. Robert covered the Required Reporting schedule with all organizations – Excellent information!!! Robert asked about dues structures with each region – NW - \$50; West - \$10; SC - \$15; NE - \$100; SE - \$50; C- no dues; NC – no dues.

**Central Region:** Annette hart reported on having concussion training; math program development, department of labor and industry coming in – industrial arts, no authority for consequences of non-compliance but contact fire marshal.

**North Central Region:** Loren Dunk reported that there is a level of anxiety with what is going on at state and federal level. NC plans on META representation next year.

**Western Region:** Mike Perry reported on getting a new meeting place for hosting 35 members. Bea Kaleva gives a great presentation each month. Dan Lee from UM stated that they are going to revamp their Ed Leadership program. Dr. Tharp was supposed to be at a meeting but got called to stay on HB 2. Mark Beckman and Kirk have visited WMASS. WMASS have put out a survey to see what student assessments are being used by school districts. Please take a look at this quick survey. Colet Bartow has been there each month from OPI. Mini discussion about statewide assessment – measured progress, MAPS – NWE, STAR.

**Northwest Region:** Cal Ketchum reported on some great Professional Development. OPI is still coming with Jake Warner. Kirk will be coming in May. John Matt from UM.

*Federal Relations*

No report – Dennis Gerke absent. Superintendent challenge – AASA – provides all superintendents with Federal Advocacy information - [nellerson@aasa.org](mailto:nellerson@aasa.org) – Rick Duncan described the AASA Superintendent’s Advocacy Challenge.

*Delegate Assembly Report*

Rick Duncan, DA Steering Committee Chair – Rick stated that all need to be very vigilant with the SAM Legislative Network. SAM is very involved with the legislature this session.

*Executive Director*

Kirk’s report is also available on the website – Kirk referenced the links that inform you of all that is going on. He mentioned the new SAM website and database and that the membership drive will look a lot different. There will be a community

structure for digital communication. SAM executive board passed the continuation of the LPLP – Kirk played the SAM LPLP 2017-18 Resource Center Promo Video. Kirk described SAM LPLP 3.0 – a delivery system of professional learning used by administrators when THEY need it. The 10 Professional Education Standards for Leaders (PSEL) are the foundation of the SAMLPLP Resource Center.

*OPI  
Report*

State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen provided a handout on the Transmittal Education Update for the Legislature and also a handout on the School Funding support from OPI. She described HB 191 and her support and described losing 6.7 million with changes to the inflation applied in FY 18. She also mentioned that she got 11 million back in HB 2 for increasing enrollment to avoid a supplemental next session. She described SB 307 as being a vehicle for getting some money back. Elsie also described the data for achievement possible loss and the loss of the NRD payment in HB 2. She described the loss of 6.7 million hurts but the second year biennium is higher.

Elsie then described that she is an R. However, that she puts students first and supports the statutory requirements of her job. She also described the relationship with the Governor and his office. She states that her job is to educate the legislators – meets with them regularly (coffee and apple fritters) – leaders and learning; also involve the tribal councils. She gave information on the rest of her activity like Shodair, banner of MT proud, school counselors, etc. She mentioned the Board of Public Education meeting coming up – accreditation and standards adoption. She did mention that they are going to revamp Math standards. Science standards were adopted and we now are looking at what services can be provided for science. She also mentioned that the ACT the problems with the alignment to state standards and that she has commissioned a report to look into this. She has stated that she is keeping OPI office staff numbers down to put more money back into education.

*Questions:*

*Laurie asked about OPI reps continuing to visit the regions?* Elsie responded with “communication is essential”. The deployment of information is going to be a little different and not so much physical. Laurie stated that the two-way communication is important. Bart stated that getting the info closest to the students comes through visiting and sharing info with the superintendents.

*Laurie – will you be reconvening the Stakeholder group for looking at the ESSA template?* Elsie stated that email communication and letters will be going out to the stakeholders. She stated that the group will reconvene but not as much. She stated that she would like to invite community to these meetings within the 9 MASS regions. She stated that the next plan will be a MT plan, not just an agency plan or an education plan. Robert stated that the multiple measures that was final needs to be preserved. She did state that the stakeholders group will meet again but might look a little different. Tobin asked about Graduation Matters and its funding. Elsie responded that there was a reach out to the previous supt. She stated that there was a good pathway with Grad matters, but now the money is not there. The money now being funneled more to MBI with a graduation component. She mentioned the Washington Foundation being a possible part of it. Grad matters is

not an OPI program; please keep it up within your own community to honor the program, community, and past supt. She stated that she is not a fundraiser, she is a fundraiser of the legislature.

**Adjourned at 9:18 pm** (no motion)

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Audet  
Associate Director

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