

**MASSP Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**  
**Iron Horse Room, Great Northern Hotel**  
**Helena, Montana**  
**6:00 pm**

In attendance: Dan Kimzey, Peter Fusaro, Joel Graves, Peter Hamilton, Mike Olson, Jacob Haynes, KJ Poepping, Justin Helvik, Shelly Weight (7:15), Ken Larson, Michele Paine, Kirk Miller, Pat Audet

Absent: Paul Furthmyre

President Dan Kimzey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and asked that the members introduce themselves.

**MEGA Issue Discussion** - 2017 Legislative Session and SAM/MASSP Advocacy – Kirk discussed the bills that are thought to be the end game – Day 70; They may be trying to end on Day 78. The budget was the beginning discussion of this legislature - \$125 million shortfall. Inflation is in the funding formula by law. That is a \$58 million increase in state funding for schools. He covered the ‘Road to Success’ MT-PEC Issue Spotlight which included the SAM advocacy priorities. Kirk then covered the latest SAM bill status report by category. Kirk then went into certain bills that are alive down the stretch – HB 2, HB 191 (\$58.5 million), HB 647 (policy language for HB2) – this could be the final deal for educational funding. Superintendents are worried about the tax shifts – property tax payers get the increase – a concern. But, the budget authority for schools will not change – this is good. Kirk then explained SB 307 and how it works with the sub-fund and non-voted or permissive levy. The state needed to come up with \$28 million out of education but cannot do away with the inflationary increase by law. The proposed resolution - block grants (fees that are collected at the county level and distributed back through the state) will be going away (\$54 million); HB 647 will allow for recovery of the block grant losses by increases through GTB within two years. HB 134 has some components that are coordinating language – SB 307 could morph into HB 134 or vice-versa. Tax shift happens as a result of the lost block grants and the rebuilding of GTB resulting in all school districts being whole in the 3 year transition. The Data for Achievement payment, Montana Digital Academy, and a \$1.2 million increase in the Special Ed Allowable Cost payment – these items were added back to HB 2 by the Senate Finance and Claims Committee. Kirk also discussed the defeat of both school choice bills – HB 376 and HB 423. He also gave a summary of how well the SAM Legislative Network worked and thanked anyone that was a part of that.

There are no changes or deletions for this MASSP Board Meeting agenda.

Approval of MASSP Board Minutes for 4-6-16.

**A motion was made by Joel Graves and seconded by Peter Hamilton to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting.**

**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

Old Business

- a. MASSP Business Meeting 4-7-17 – Dan and Kirk described the agenda of the Business Meeting.

- b. Strategic Plan Update - <http://www.sammt.org/Page/754> - Dan described the history and evolving of the current Strategic Plan. A revision/update will be looked at in the next year or two (possibly in June).

#### New Business

- a. Consideration of Joint MASSP-MAEMSP Principals Conference in 2018 – Joel discussed the planning of this joint conference. He is working with Jon Konen to create this implementation. A discussion ensued about some of the issues and concerns. Peter H. described the report from the visiting with the MASS board – a 13 – 3 vote to support the joint conference.

**Motion made by Joel Graves and seconded by Ken Larson to approve the joint conference with MAEMSP.**

**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

- b. MASSP Proposed Budget 2017-18 – Kirk described the past 15-16 budget, current 16-17 budget and the 17-18 proposed budget from the comparisons.

**Motion made by Peter Hamilton and seconded by Mike Olson to approve the 2017-18 proposed budget.**

**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

#### President's Report – Dan Kimzey

- a. Membership – Dan stated that there are 216 MASSP members. SAM is at 1019 members.
- b. MASSP Spring Conference 2017 Review – Dan went over the conference as a whole. The board does want the 50/50 – Gary has this ready. The #massp2017 will be the Twitter feed. Edcamp style will be the format in lieu of cracker barrels. The awards and script were discussed and there was change made to the order of presentations.
- c. NASSP 'Ignite National Conference 2017 Report – Dan forfeits his turn for conference attendance and this once again aligns the proper format and rotation of attending conferences. Dan and Kirk described the joint conference and that everyone is set to go.
- d. The SAM Administrators Institute 2017 – Kirk described each of the 3 days and the presenters. April 18 will be the official launch the registration and advertising.
- e. Confirmation of the New Region Directors is requested by the end of this school year.

#### President-Elect Report – Joel Graves

- a. Awards – we will add the Conference Incentive Award to the award script.
- b. NASSP Conference Incentive Award Presentation – Awarded to Ken Larson.

#### Vice President Report – Peter Hamilton

- a. Retirements – There will be only one retirement that will be announced tomorrow – Sue Andersen
- b. MASC Executive Committee – Michele Paine reported on the MASC and the \$1500 scholarship. Jane Suberg is retiring from the Directorship - --they are trying to find a replacement. The stipend has been raised from \$800 to \$1500 → Michelle will put a position open on the MASSP list serve. Molly DeMarco is the Board of Public Education – it is a two year term. MASC does the interviews and selects this rep.

#### Past President's Report – Peter Fusaro

- a. Membership Service Pins – moving that down on the script to accommodate the past president schedule.
- b. Nominating Committee for Vice President – Paul Culbertson is the lone candidate that will run against the write-in vote – ballot will be sent out on Monday after the conference. Peter encouraged Directors to run for the VP next year. Joel added that it will be good for board members.

State Coordinator's Report – Paul Furthmyre (absent)

Kirk provided an update on ESSA and a letter sent by the OPI this week. Trump initiated Congressional Review added 3 areas to be included in the ESSA State Comprehensive Plans; Kirk described these changes. The new adjusted plan needs to be in the Governors hand by August 18. Community Stakeholder meetings will be held in various communities. Kirk also described the potential rollbacks of Title II Part A from the Trump FY 18 Budget recommendations. The Trump budget is a blow to rural schools. A letter has gone out to Congress and the Appropriations Committee Leadership that was signed by MASSP and all of Montana affiliate associations to support retaining Title II Part A and the budget items that support rural schools. Peter Hamilton and Paul Furthmyre will be going to the NASSP Leadership Conference in April and will have opportunity to visit with Montana's congressional delegation about the "skinny budget" and cuts to Title II and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center Grants – the budget is a target at rural states and puts them in harm's way. SAM Federal Issues are on the SAM Advocacy web page.

MASSP Advocacy Report – Paul Furthmyre (absent)

Regional Directors' Reports

Region I – Jacob Haynes reported on their meetings and attendance being fair – they will have their next meeting in May – Joel will be the presenter.

Region II – Ken Larson reported that they have reached out to the new principals and got them to join. Peter described first year for the region II scholarships – two \$500 scholarships.

Region III – Justin Helvik reported on that they meet monthly. They have good attendance. They have started a data PLC on attendance – a Google form to share attendance policies and issues was developed. Todd Lark is also working with them. Peter F asked if Justin could add that to an Edcamp.

Region IV – Mike Olson reported on monthly meetings but had to cancel a couple due to weather. Next meeting is in May. The Bakken is picking up once again. Fairview and Culbertson are impacted deeply.

Region V – Shelly Weight reported that they have monthly meeting. There are a lot of supt/principal combos that go to supt meetings. They had a presentation on ESSA. They also get legislative updates. They are looking at join PD with other smaller schools. They are also looking at reading and math improvements.

Region VI – KJ Poepping reported on a few meetings. They do get a Billings West member attending now. There will be a couple new principals next year. He discussed that there are a lot of issues of swapping students from district to district. They have discussed student lead conferences.

Dan discussed and asked about attendance at region meetings. Discussion ensued.

Executive Director Report - Kirk Miller

Kirk provided his encouragement and pointed out strategic plan strategies to revise and update. He talked about the structure and how this is an advantage to groups and more efficient operation complete goals and objectives. He then pointed out the new membership and association software and new website – MemberClicks; blogs and communities will also be implemented. He also described the new way of registering for conference and then he described the new membership renewal format that started yesterday.

Kirk then described the new SAM Leaders Professional Learning Program and showed the video created by Tom Unwin. Kirk described the Resource Center and the wealth of information. He also described the SAM board support and the changes that are in place with SAM LPLP 2017-18.

Other – From the Board

None

**A motion was made by Peter Fusaro and seconded by Joel Graves to adjourn the meeting.**

**Vote: Passed Unanimously**

Adjournment at 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Audet  
Associate Director

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