

# Maine Association of School Business Officials

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**February 11, 2022**

## **Minutes**

VIA ZOOM Zoom Link -

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82456453916?pwd=WXYvdHNvakt3ZlhmUmVCSVp6cWF1UT09>

### **9:00 Association Business**

#### Welcome - Introductions

- Colin Walsh opened the meeting by letting participants know that the meeting would be recorded and would be made available on the MEASBO website. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested participants introduce themselves through the chat feature in zoom and briefly reviewed the agenda.

#### President's Update

- Colin Walsh explained that the executive committee has been working with Chris Stevenson of Drummond Woodsum on the 501(c)3 status of the organization. Executive committee members will be finalizing the documents and submitting them to the Secretary of State and the IRS. Executive committee is also working on the job description of the executive director position. The position cannot be posted or hired until the 501(c)3 status is resolved.
- Andrea Disch and Luci Milewski have been participating in the Commissioner of Education's bi-weekly panel meetings. This has been very helpful to the president of MEASBO and the executive committee.
- Roundtable on ESEA billing was held by the DOE. No comments at this time but Colin asked participants to please ask questions or make comments using the forum on the MEASBO website.

#### Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2021

- Motion to Accept by Sherri Proctor
- 2nd by Mark Bouchard
- 89% in favor - 0% opposed - 11% abstain

#### Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Motion to Accept by Kelly Wentworth
- 2nd by Andrea Disch
- 92% in favor - 0% opposed - 8% abstain

#### Committee Reports

- Executive Committee
  - Colin Walsh gave a report in the president's update.
- Tri-State ASBO

- Hollis Cobb explained that registration opened for the 30th annual Tri-State ASBO conference yesterday, February 10th. The conference will be held in New Hampshire at the Mountain View Grand Resort on May 25 through May 27, 2022. The committee has reserved the entire resort for this conference. The conference will be held in person and will not have any remote/hybrid options. At this time masks will be mandatory but this is subject to change. Cost of the conference is \$160 for all 3 days and you can register at <https://www.tristateasbo.org/conference-registration>. Room and meal fees are booked directly through the hotel. It is a 3 track program again this year including finance, legal and technology.
- Mark Bouchard asked if the conference could be moved to the fall and tri-state committee members stated that the other two states opposed moving the conference to a different time of year.
- Hollis mentioned an opening on the tri-state ASBO conference committee for a member from the state of Maine and asked that anyone interested in the position to please contact Colin Walsh.
- Legislative
  - Zach Harding noted that Vicki Wallack would be presenting at today's meeting. Her report will have updated information.
  - Zach Harding is the only member of the legislative committee. Anyone interested in helping on this committee should contact Zach.
- Technology
  - Current members are Sherry Moody and Luci Milewski. They could use one more member to help with website content and managing the MEASBO email.
- Certification
  - Recognition of SBO III certification
    - Congratulations to Shirley Waning on the renewal of her SBO III certification.
  - Committee will be holding a meeting to discuss the standing of everyone who is in the process of SBO certification.

#### Other Association Business

- No other business at this time.

#### 9 30 Maine DOE

ESSER Performance Report - Shelly Chasse-Johndro will provide a presentation about the ESSER performance report as well as answer questions regarding the reporting

- Shelly Chasse-Johndro, Monique Sullivan and Karen Kusiak presented on the ESSER performance report that is due March 25, 2022. A link to the presentation:

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/ASBO%20Presentation.pdf>

#### 10:05 Maine DOE

Indirect Cost Rate – Tyler Backus will provide an overview and update on the indirect

cost rate and what business managers need to know to assist in whether to implement it

- Tyler Backus presented on the indirect cost rate. A link to the presentation:  
[https://www.measbo.org/index.php?option=com\\_ccboard&view=postlist&forum=28&topic=184&Itemid=](https://www.measbo.org/index.php?option=com_ccboard&view=postlist&forum=28&topic=184&Itemid=)

## 10:50 Break

## 11:00 Legislative Update

Vicki Wallack of MSMA will provide us an update of various legislative bills and potential new LD's which are important to school districts

- Vicki Wallack gave a legislative update.
  - LD 548: An Act Regarding Penalties for Early Retirement for Certain Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
  - LD 555: An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees
  - LD 1632: An Act To Update the Laws Regarding the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
  - LD 1523: An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine
  - LD 1693: An Act To Advance Health Equity, Improve the Well-being of All Maine People and Create a Health Trust
  - LD 1772: An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act
  - LD 1775: Resolve, Regarding MaineCare Funding for Maine Schools
  - LD 1777: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Education Service Centers
  - LD 1789: An Act To Modernize Funding of Publicly Funded Tuition Students Attending Career and Technical Education Programs
  - LD 1823: An Act To Amend the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Earned Paid Leave
  - LD 1874: An Act To Clarify COVID-19 Paid Leave for School Employees
  - LD 1901: An Act To Protect Funding for Health Care for Retired Teachers by Establishing an Investment Trust Fund
  - LD 1802: An Act To Amend the Requirements of the Reorganization Plan for the Formation of Regional School Units
  - LD 1922: An Act To Amend Certain Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
  - LD 1939: An Act To Protect School Administration Officials from Harassment and Abuse
  - LD 1935: Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 60: New School Siting Approval, Portions of Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and Portions of Chapter 125: Basic School Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Education, State Board of Education
  - Governor initiatives:

- 12 million to increase pay for early childhood workers
  - 30 million to create education stabilization fund
  - Experiential Learning Program - to get students outside
  - Internet Connection - every person (who wants to be) connected by 2024
- Many bills in 'carry over'. In possession of committees. Not dead, they can be resurrected or re-submitted with a new name.

#### **11:40 Ask the Executive Committee**

Membership question and answer session with Executive Committee members

- Members would appreciate more notice on legislation that would affect school funding.
- Members would like to have the commissioner of education present at a future meeting.
- Member suggested looking at the SBO certification requirements to determine future professional development.

#### **11:50 Closing Remarks and Future Meetings**

- Members should feel free to reach out using the MEASBO website 'forums' or email.
- Planning topics for the next meeting will be done in early March.
- Members noted many issues with DOE including:
  - Timing of reimbursements
  - DOE staff are not responding in a timely manner
  - New Grants4ME invoicing is not intuitive - proration is problematic and only one invoice can be entered until prior is paid.

#### **12:00 Adjournment**