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Minutes

Carriage House Banquet & Catering

Haley Redman	Luci Milewski	Colin Walsh	Teresa Scott
Brigette Williams	Leah Kaulback	Mary Dailey	Bruce Rudolph
Laura Pineo	Stephen Marquis	Sherry Moody	Sherrie Small
Michelle Lickteig	Karla Miller	Hollis Cobb	Holly Eggleston
Cindy Koenemann-Warren	Jackie Smith	Carla Franzose	Heidi Sisco
Zak Harding	Jason DiDonato	Kristal Flagg	Michele Coates
Adam Hanson	Sue Bell	Lynn Gray	Kelly Wentworth
Kris Pottle	Bridget Hopkins	David Leavitt	Peggy McKenzie
Chris Howell	Diane Boucher	Sandy Padham	David Bridgham
Barbara Grindle	Lori Glidden	Jason Tardy	Mark Bouchard
Dhyana Blanchard	Tonya Arnold	Stacey Webster	Debra Martin

1. Association Business

- a. Welcome – Introductions
- b. Approval of Minutes, November 9, 2018 - Motion & Second – Motion Carried
- c. Approval of Treasurer's Report – Motion & Second – Motion Carried
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Tri-State – May 15-17 Mt.View Grand in New Hampshire, brochures available, registration open on line, hotel reservations need to be called, Murder Mystery dinner the first night, banquet & band Thursday night. Opening on the committee.
 - ii. Legislative – no active liaison currently, Vicki Wallack this morning, ask superintendents to share information.
 - iii. PD – session this afternoon with Walter Beesley
 - iv. Technology – if trouble logging in to the website try password reset or email MeASBO gmail or Luci directly.
- e. Executive Committee – meeting regularly, last time in January. Another plea (also letter from Colin) for volunteers needed to help the organization to continue to grow. Looking for commitments of 1 – 2 hours a month. A lot of opening for committees members. Colin's letter will be sent out to entire membership. Where it goes is where we decide to take it.

Other Association Business

- a. Dave Holden Award nominations are requested
- b. April 26th at Le Club Calument in Augusta will be the last meeting for this year.
- c. Tri State Scholarship for someone to attend the Tri State Conference, nominate someone deserving or yourself.
- d. October 4th, 2019 will be the DWM/MeASBO Law Conference.
- e. Communication – Website forums, no longer have the magazine. Time & labor effort needed to post additional items on the website.

2. **Vendor Spotlight** – Canon Solutions America – Chris Whitaker, Paul Davis & David Rouleau
Thank you for sponsoring the breakfast. Powerpoint presentation made about Cannon and what their company has to offer. Passed out a quiz (10 questions). Gift certificates for 2 people that answered all questions correctly.

3. **Legislative Update** – Vicki Wallack, MSMA - A lot going on in the legislature right now. Everything is happening in Augusta at a speed & volume that she has never seen before. You can check the MSMA website for updates on legislative updates. The Labor Committee is taking up a lot of her time. 160 education bills to start, up to 200 bills right now. She needs our help on the biggest bill she has ever worked –LD240 a bill to allow public employers to teachers to negotiate regarding education policies (class size, prep time, workload, etc.). If this goes through life as we know it will never be the same. Talk to State Rep. This will lose local control and cost a ton of money. If negotiated these they will all end in arbitration. The bill was currently tabled in Labor, but is sending it to Education. Budget is really kind of boring, the increase just covers regular increases. Required mill rate is going down from 8.48 to 8.28. If this did not go down we would get a tax payer revolt. The second year of the biennium has more money, 10M to raise teacher's salaries to \$40,000. MSMA had lobbied for it, but it was an inspirational goal and did not expect it to be put in the budget. This could be a very expensive proposition. A committee of superintendent's & Deb Roberts to write a proposal on how this work. 7M for prek initiatives. Also an initiative to move CDS to school districts. Again the CDS initiative boils down to money and space (but space costs money). This change cannot be rushed, need to look at all the ramifications. Normal teacher retirement costs were put onto the locals – there are two bills to remove this from the ED279. If this were to pass funds would probably be removed from the ED279, but she does not think this will pass. System Admin reduction has a bill to reinstate the funding, but this bill has not come up yet. Charter Schools bill that has a chance to pass about the cap on number of charter schools. Two other Charter School bills – using state funds to advertise & student enrollment limits on virtual charter schools. Act to prohibit food shaming – unanimous out of education committee. This bill will fly through & will pass. Some districts use debt collectors. This bill will not change your life much, but should discuss within district as to how this is handled in your district. Lead testing for schools – MSMA has been trying to get a reasonable bill because the original bill was not. This bill is for school supplied by public water districts. She thinks the bill will pass, but there is no funding and it is a mandate. Current RRF only has 6M, and has not been replenished. This fund is highly used and there are bills looking to increase the RRF for lead mandates & other maintenance projects. MSMA would like to see this at 100M through a bond. Currently testing is free, but mandated repairs would need to be funded. Reducing the mandated age for starting school, which is now 7, to either 6 or 5. This is an issue with homeschooled students/parents. She thinks this will pass. Bill LD300 in to pay hourly workers for hours not worked due to snow storms or other emergencies – took out this requirement to pay; but they may require pay averaging for hourly employees. This has been approved out of Labor Committee and is going onto the House for a vote. Contact rep & senators to not pass this bill. She reviewed a few other bills that do not have any effect on \$ - banning certain books/materials; local option sales tax – does not make sense in all communities. She needs help on the way CTEs are funded (Tyler Backus offered some information), because districts are very surprised at what they are receiving for subsidy. The hold harmless for two years was

not kept. School bus passing has two bills (one would put the person in jail) and MSMA is supporting one of them, but not the one that puts people in jail.

4. **Fiscal Update from DOE on Various Topics** – Tyler Backus, Department of Education, had a Powerpoint (will be sent to Colin to post on MeASBO website) & hand outs that were emailed. Couple of changes on the ED279 – System admin went from \$92 to \$47. Bill in the legislature to bring it back up. Valuation changed again to most recent year or the average of the past 3 three years, whichever is less for FY20. Dept. of Education does not like bills that changes the formula for years that already are calculated in an ED279. Every three years each component of the ED279 formula is reviewed. The additional \$42M in the FY20 subsidy formula – \$4.5M Operating Allocations; Other subsidizable \$21M, teacher retirement \$2.8M; debt \$3.5M; Mill rate change \$11.5M – total increase \$43.7M. New Budget info to State will now be due 8/1; Actual info to State will still be due 8/25. The State really only cares about receiving budget information on Fund 1000 & Fund 1500. If additional funds are uploaded the state will take the file & open in excel & will delete any other funds that are not needed for the upload. The State wants uploaded files and budget information that has corresponding warrant articles. Adult education programs – raising funds for a local program & a regional program; make sure warrant articles match to what is intended and not duplicating by adding individual local \$ that are also included in the “additional local” warrant article. Reviewed how items in the warrant articles match to the budget uploads. There is a choice on how local \$ for food service warrant articles can be set up.

ESSA Report Cards were delayed to the public because there were many questions about them. The one item that the state uses above a district's own expenditures is the \$ they contribute to teacher retirement. This report will be available soon for CTE Regions also. What superintendent's received in December has been updated, but they do not have that yet. It will be available by the Federal mandated date of 6/30. There were many questions on the attendance data used. Disadvantaged rule update – they are hoping to get a new rule out in the next month or two, but that will be too late. There will be no penalty because of the late changes. Districts should be reconciling Nutrakids to economically disadvantaged counts. Also look for anomalies in the direct cert lists.

Child Development Services Update – they are working with a couple schools to be pilot sites right now – SAUs take responsibility of child; students attending prek get counts on ed279; no special education count; all special education services provided will be billed to CDS; all special education services provided will be billed to CDS & will not be part of fund 1000 or the ed279. Will be through a separate fund. State is taking a slow approach because there are so many problems; the intention is to not put SAUs in a bad place financially. No need to worry about this for FY20.

Supplement not Supplant – General rule – district must demonstrate allocating local resources between Title IA schools as they are non-Title I schools. Possible solutions – Student based allocation formula; resource based allocation (similar to ed279 page 1). This process must be described in the Title I application process. National organizations are pushing for student based allocation formulas – amount per all students, additional for disadvantaged, ELL, disability, grade span, G&T, CTE, homeless etc. How spending decisions are made needs to be decided as a district.

Certification of staff data shows what will be used on the ED279. Tyler has also asked for this same information to show up on the certification of student data. These are items that effect subsidy calculations and should really be checked.

Data trainings in August (first & second week). State contribution - how all education funds are being expended – not just subsidy. Question was asked about changes in G & T funding – from actual approved/expended funds to a per pupil amount – this is being reviewed currently.

Closing Remarks and Future Meetings – made by Colin. April 26, 2019 at Calcumet Club in Augusta; Dave Holden award nominations to Luci; tri-state scholarships – contact anyone on executive committee.

Adjournment

Thank you to Chris, Paul and David of Canon Solutions America for being our Breakfast Sponsor!