



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, April 12, 2021
4:00 – 5:30 pm (via Zoom)

Agenda/Minutes

Board of Directors Members present: Derek Cooley, Katie Flynn, Ben Hicks, Karen Howey, Trish Lopucki, Nikki Moore, Renee Thelen, Sarah Winslow, Deb Zelinski, Tami Mannes

Members Absent:

Other Attendees: Abby Cypher, Sue Leach

Guests: None

Call to Order: 4:01 p.m.

A. Approval of Board meeting agenda:

Motion: Approve 4/12/21 Agenda

Motion - Deb Zelinski

Second - Tami Mannes

Discussion - None

Motion carried

B. Approval of March 16, 2021 Board meeting minutes:

Will send out for electronic approval along with April minutes.

C. Review of Board Action since previous meeting - None

D. Updates from meeting with OSE:

1. Reminders about Recovery Services - Can be accomplished in a number of ways; aren't limited to special education options
2. Existing flow-through formula will be applied to new American Recovery Plan Funds - applicable to both Part B & Part C
3. Exploring creativity around teacher certification endorsement options
4. SSIP - looking more carefully at requirements for C11 in Part C and B17 in Part B
5. Exploring potential need for integration of Catamaran & MICIP
6. Will continue to recommend use of Contingency Learning Plans
7. Will be convening a stakeholder group around obligations for alternative and adult education; SEILN also working on one pager with reminders for the field on this topic
8. Inquiry as to any guidance/flexibility around who can provide Recovery Services, especially in light of all of the staff shortages

E. Update/Discussion of Strategic Planning:

1. Information on possible individuals/organizations that could support strategic planning. Overviews were provided from three potential contractors.
2. **Action Items:**
Motion to contract with MSAE (Donna Oser) for strategic planning facilitation.
Moved - Tami Mannes
Second - Katie Flynn
Discussion – None
Motion carried

F. ISD Monitoring & Technical Assistance Conference

The Conference will be held virtually on May 13, 2021, from 8:30 am-12:00 noon. Registration information was shared with the ISD Collaborative CoP today. Registration will be open on the MAASE website and advertised in News & Notes.

1. **Action Item:**
Motion: Set registration fee at \$40 for the half-day conference
Motion: - Renee Thelen
Second - Deb Zelinski
Discussion - MAASE will have flexibility to use the 2022 reservation at the Holiday Inn for a different MAASE event if needed
Motion carried

G. Summer Institute

Derek Cooley presented a spreadsheet outline expenses and revenue for the 2021 virtual Summer Institute. Proposed a registration fee of \$175 for all three days (consistent with MCEC conference fees).

1. **Action Items**
Motion: Set registration fee \$175 registration; free registrations for every 50th registrant to honor 50 years of Summer Institute
Motion - Trish Lopucki
Second - Tami Mannes
Discussion – None
Motion carried

H. Tuesday Professional Learning

There are still strict gathering limitations at the Crowne Plaza; 2021-22 PL will continue to be offered virtual. If limitations are lifted, MAASE has the first right of refusal for in-person dates at the Crowne Plaza. Will not have a set theme for the 2021-22. Flexibility can be built into virtual offerings as the need arises.

I. Elections 2021

Nominations will end at the conclusion of the April 13 General membership Meeting. Current nominees:

- Vice President-Elect (4 year term)
Lauren Eardley

Concetta Lewis

ISD/ESA Representative (2 year term)

Lynette Hodges

Karlie Parker

Region 1b Representative (2 year term)

Mary Zann

Region 3 Representative (2 year term)

Kirsten Myers

Jim Lóser

1. Action Items

Utilize a Google form to gather information from nominees

Motion - Tami Manes

Second - Ben Hicks

Discussion - None

Motion carried

J. Additional Updates/Reports from Board Members:

1. President - Early Childhood Path Forward Task Force/Preschool Inclusion Workgroup meeting tonight
2. LEA Administrators -
 - i. News & Notes went out about nominations for Gilcrest-Frazier award.
 - ii. Laurie VanderPloeg reached out to Trish to highlight Trish's program. They will be filming her program in May. Kudos!

K. Executive Director Report:

1. Legislative Updates
 - i. Dyslexia Legislation - no movement currently
 - ii. MASA Strategies for the New Education Landscape: Educator Effectiveness Task Force
2. CEC upcoming Panels and ARP discussions
3. Attract Prepare Retain (OSEP)
4. Educator Wellness Conference
5. VR Update
 - i. VR Committee submits progress to MDE with monthly progress; with teacher input
 - ii. Beth Steenwyk, Project Manager, is doing a great job.
 - iii. Additional document addressing the Legislators' questions was sent

Adjourn: 5:42 pm