



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, March 16, 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

Guests: None

Call to Order: 4:03 p.m.

A. Approval of Board Meeting agenda

Motion: Approve 3/16/21 agenda

Moved - Ben Hicks

Second - Deb Zelinski

Discussion - None

Motion carried

B. Review of Board Action since previous meeting

1. Approval of February 8, 2021 Board meeting minutes
2. Approval of ABA and Michigan Schools document
3. Approval of Early On one pager
4. Support for MAASE's continued efforts on advocating for talking points on dyslexia legislation
5. Support for revised Board meeting structure - switch to monthly meetings that are shorter in length for the remainder of the school year
6. Signed on in support of a letter to suspend teacher/administrator evaluation law for the 2020-2021 school year

C. Update/Discussion of Strategic Planning

1. An update was presented on the strategic plan committee work. Discussion included the goal for the work and the possibility of contracting with an expert on strategic planning for nonprofits.

2. Action Item:

Motion: Reach out to organizations to gather information on next steps re facilitation of strategic planning including a budget proposal for the work.

Moved - Derek Cooley

Second - Ben Hicks

Motion carried

D. ISD Monitoring & Technical Assistance Conference

In the recent past, the ISD Monitoring & TA Conference has been organized by various regions. This training is similar to other professional learning conferences hosted by MAASE (ie, SLIP). The planning committee is wondering if MAASE would take over the coordination of the event (reserve space, registration, onsite support, etc.).

1. Action Item:

Motion: MAASE adopt the statewide monitoring and technical assistance conference as an official MAASE professional learning opportunity beginning with the May 2021 conference

Moved - Renee Thelen

Second - Derek Cooley

Discussion - Is the committee asking us to do that -- yes.

Motion carried

E. Public Comment from LAC Regarding Proposed MARSE Rule Changes

The Legislative Action Committee is responding to MDE on this rule specifically.

1. Action Item:

Approve draft public comment as the official MAASE public comment.

Motion - Tami Mannes

Second - Karen Howey

Discussion - None

Motion carried with one abstention

F. Elections 2021

Nominations for the 2021 Board positions will be taken February 9 through April 13. Current nominations:

Vice President-Elect (4 year term)

Lauren Eardley

Concetta Lewis

ISD/ESA Representative (2 year term)

Lynette Hodges

Region 1b Representative (2 year term)

Mary Zann

Region 3 Representative (2 year term)

Kirsten Myers

G. Additional Updates/Reports from Board Members

1. President:

- ABA and Schools document update - reviewed the fact that brief revisions were needed but nothing that changed the content

- Early Childhood Path Forward Task Force - tabled until next meeting
 - MDE-OSE optional sessions before board meetings - tabled until next meeting
2. VP Elect: Summer Institute Committee – recommend virtual conference in August 2021

Action Item:

Motion - Host a virtual summer institute in 2021.

Moved - Renee Thelen

Second - Trish Lopucki

Discussion - None

Motion carried

H. Executive Director Report

1. Legislative Update: Items tabled until the next meeting
 - i. Dyslexia Legislation - Pushed to next agenda
 - ii. MASA Strategies for the New Education Landscape: Educator Effectiveness Task Force - Pushed to next agenda
 - iii. Educator Wellness Coaching - pushed to next agenda
2. VR Update - Project is going well, and there is an ask for additional funding; more details to follow.

Adjourn: 5:33 pm