



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday May 12, 2021

3:00 – 4:30 pm (via Zoom)

Minutes

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

Members Absent: Trish Lopucki

Other Attendees: Abby Cypher, Sue Leach

Guests: None

Call to Order: 3:03 pm

A. Approval of Board meeting agenda

Motion: Approve 5/12/21 Agenda

Motion – Ben Hicks

Second – Deb Zelinski

Discussion - None

Motion carried

B. Presentation from Justin Michalak - Governor's Return to Learn Advisory Council

Justin was put in the Council's Academic Recovery group; special education appeared to be an afterthought. Committees met 1-2 times per week for 8 weeks. Comments were submitted to the chairperson. The draft document for academic recovery was sent to Council. At this time, the document is a resource and has no mandates.

C. Review of Board Action since previous meeting (via electronic vote)

1. Approval of March 2021 meeting minutes
2. Approval of April 2021 meeting minutes
3. Approval of Sponsorship fee structure
4. Approval of public comment drafted by the ISD Collaborative CoP as official MAASE public comment on the proposed State Complaint Guidelines

D. Strategic Planning Update

Contracts with MSEA have been signed and planning work continues for this summer's strategic planning process in July. A survey will be sent to voting and nonvoting members soon. It is expected to have a strategic plan document to present at Summer Institute.

E. Executive Associate Report

At the Board's February meeting, they approved the 2021-22 calendar, including June 6-8, 2022. Due to a conflict at the Crowne Plaza, the date is being moved June 12-15.

F. Executive Director Report

1. Typically John Andrejack provides financial updates at MAASE Finance & Legislation meetings. Teri Rink approved her staff to participate in a virtual discussion to MAASE members.
2. Legislative Updates
 - i. Educator Shortages
 1. MDE waivers and Interview requests - MAASE had taken a position on this topic through Path Forward.
 2. Alternate Path to educator certification guidance from MDE (SB657) - Info should be ready by Summer Institute.
 3. Attract, Prepare, Retain OSEP Framework - OSEP has a guidance document. There is interest for bipartisan work around retention & recruitment.
 - ii. 105c vouchers (Theis) School of Choice options - LAC is focusing on this.
 - iii. Capitol Insider Survey - Karoub asked people to participate in survey.
3. VR Committee Update (with Derek)
 - i. Suggest MAASE create a federal account with OSEP. Grants come up quickly, and MAASE could apply so we could apply with an OSEP account.
 - ii. FY 22 Budget allocations.
 1. Senate - \$2.25 million
 2. House - \$375,000
 3. ESSER III discretionary request
 - iii. New committee members
 1. AT
 2. METL
4. Work is underway to update the MAASE Procedures. The document will include expectations for committee/CoP chairs.
5. The financial transition to Maner Costerisan is going well.

G. ISD Monitoring & Technical Assistance Conference Update

Number registered to date: 67

H. Summer Institute Update (Derek/Sue)

1. Master schedule is done
2. Have time for multiple breakouts
3. Only have a couple proposals so far; reminder being sent in N&N next week
4. Virtual networking option through PheedLoop

I. Board Election Updates (Sue)

1. Elections close this Friday at 5:00 pm

J. Patricia Gilcrest-Frazier Award Updates (Sue/Trish)

- a. One nomination sent for committee review

K. Beekman Award Updates at Summer Institute

1. 2019 recipient (Scott Richards) will be invited to share his thoughts on day 1
2. 2020 recipient will be announced on day 2
3. 2021 recipient will be announced on day 3
4. Will be presenting Beekman awards in June and have video to share at Summer Institute.

L. Additional Updates/Reports from Board Members

1. President:
 - i. MAASE received a CASE Membership Recognition this year for a 3% membership increase. MAASE's highest year of membership in CASE was in 2002. Our membership numbers have decreased since then. Renee will be making a concerted effort to increase CASE membership.
 - ii. MDE Preschool Inclusion Workgroup
 1. Approximately 50 people in the workgroup
 2. Work began by identifying our dream vision for a high quality inclusive preschool, next the group identified barriers to achieving that vision, and then actions to address those barriers. The group has now broken into three sub-groups (Research/Training, Policy/Funding, & System Design/Marketing) to work on a strategic plan for their selected area.
2. Regional Updates:
 - i. Region 1b Ben - Teacher recruitment: MDE during virtual job fair. There were no special education candidates in the pool. The job fair will be announced on MAASE social media.

Adjourn: 4:19 pm