

Call to Order at 11:27 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Renee Thelen

- A. 10/13/21 General Membership Meeting Minutes
- B. 12/8/21 General Membership Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve the 10/13/21 Minutes

Motion: Greg Bodrie

Second: Lohren Nzoma

Motion carried

Motion to approve the 12/8/21 Meeting Agenda

Motion: Kristi Williams

Second: Nicole Lawrence

Motion carried

II. Celebrations

Renee Thelen

- A. Sara Winslow's new position as the Statewide Director of Project SEARCH
- B. Acknowledging all MAASE colleagues for navigating a challenging fall
- C. MAASE received the 2021 CASE Communication Award for our News & Notes publications and articles published by MAASE members featured in the Association of School Boards annual Leaderboard. MAASE was also featured on NPF, Michigan radio, local CBS, and Fox 2 Detroit speaking mainly on issues related to COVID and staff shortages.
- D. Past President Recognition. Brenda Tarsa was in the President rotation from 2016 to 2020, and prior to that served four years as a Board Regional Representative. Due to Covid, Brenda's service was not recognized in 2020. We thank Brenda for her years of dedication to MAASE.

V. MAASE Mini Grants

Jimmy Nuse and Marci Moloney co-chaired this year's mini grant process. Ten awards were chosen; each will receive \$500 to implement their program:

- Paws with a Cause at School – Rikki Clarent, Tuscola ISD
- Employment Work Skills Cart – Dawn Totten, Midland ESA
- The Executive Functioning Classroom – Rebecca Leskowich, Homer Community Schools
- Elementary Entrepreneurship – Jeanette Klein, Alcona Community Schools
- Reinforcer Room – Timothy Kotewa, Saginaw Township Community Schools
- Early On Application – Emily Robbins, Muskegon ISD
- Studio Apartment – Andy Doupe, Brighton Area Schools
- Beecher School Store – Jenifer Bruke, Beecher Community Schools
- Freedom Acres Library – Lynne Geiger-Wester, Ionia ISD
- High Interest Books to Engage Reluctant Readers – Erin Broughman, Char-Em ISD

A description of the programs will be sent in News & Notes also be on the MAASE website.

Thanks to those who volunteered to review the mini grants this year: Lisa Meyer, Charlevoix-Emmet ISD; Jennifer Briggs Russell, Mona Shores Public Schools; Amanda Unger, West Shore ESD; Chantel Mozden, Saginaw Township Community Schools; Robin Meldrum, St. Clair County RESA; Melissa Strobridge, Clinton County RESA; Kim Wooster, Livingston ESA; Michelle Allison, Livingston EA; Jim Linn, The Leona Group; Chelsea Korzecki, Saginaw ISD; Candice Osika, Shiawassee RESD; Sara Leggett, Livingston ESA; Megan Perrault, Muskegon Area ISD; and Britt Pionk, St. Clair RESA.

V. Strategic Planning Updates

- A. Advocacy – First meeting was in November.
- B. Association Partnerships – Target areas: Association Partnership list, appointee selection criteria, and visual to outline committee work.
- C. Volunteer Management – Will be meeting in the near future
- D. Professional Learning – Reviewing existing standards for administrators (MDE and CASE), defining what makes a special education administrator "special", and developing a rubric with special education administrator qualities and resources for development.
- E. Staffing Capacity – Recommendations that have been implemented: extended Executive Associate contract through June 2022, Executive Director is now full time, and hired a Manager of Projects and Professional Learning.

V. Board Updates

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- A. Kristine Gullen hired as Manager of Projects & Professional Learning
- B. Budget adjustment approved to contract with a new Association Management System (AMS). The AMS will have enhanced registration options, a more robust member portal, will integrate with other systems, and feature an enhanced website.

VI. Attract - Prepare - Retain

MAASE is featuring the OSEP Attract-Prepare-Retain model to address critical shortages in special education.

VII. Partner Association News

- A. CEC/MCEC/CASE Membership Reminder
- E. MCEC Updates

VIII. Batten Award Presentation

Congratulations Jeff Reinelt, Special Education Supervisor and Transition Coordinator at Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD!

IX. Membership Recognition

Member announcements were shared and visitors were acknowledged.

X. Adjourn at 12:05 pm

III. Attract-Prepare-Retain Series to address critical shortages in special education

- A. Attract: School Psychologist Apprenticeship Program and "Grow Your Own" opportunities. Training via Zoom on November 3rd, 2:00-3:00 pm. Registration is open on the website.
- B. Prepare: How one county empowered teachers with the skills to teach mindfulness to students and the unanticipated benefits for staff. Date TBD - January 2022
- C. Retain: How one district used educator voice to create a district wellness committee in order to retain current staff. Date TBD - March 2022

III. Ongoing Professional Learning

A current challenge is how to support staff in unique roles (i.e., school based BCBAs) with their professional learning needs. Introducing PLC for school based BCBA to provide opportunities for networking and professional growth. Persons interested should complete the survey to sign up: <https://forms.gle/EoQ2rTwaoFsh8aro6>

III. Membership Beyond MAASE

- A. Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- B. Michigan CEC
- C. Council for Administrators of Special Education (CASE)

III. Ben Hicks Running for CEC Board of Directors

Ben Hicks, a former MAASE Board member and Past President of Michigan CEC, is a candidate for the national CEC Board of Directors. Voting runs from October 11 – 26.

V. MCEC Updates

Lauren Ringle, MCEC Vice President

- A. Professional Learning: October 27, 2021 – MDE Town Hall
- B. Annual Conference (hybrid) – March 2-4, 2022
- C. Recognition applications due 12/17/21 – <https://michigancec.org/>

VI. Upcoming MAASE Deadlines

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- A. SLIP proposals – email to Tina Lawson by October 15.
- B. Mini Grants – applications due by October 29. Readers are also still needed – contact James Nuse or Marci Moloney.
- C. Batten Award – nominations due by November 2.

VIII. Membership Recognition

Retirements, new jobs, and other celebrations were shared.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.