

## MSBO - ISD Committee Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2018 – 9:30 am

MSBO Office, Lansing

### Members Present:

Bielecki, Linda – Traverse Bay ISD  
Carnes, Jamie – Ionia Co. ISD  
Collins, Elette – Washtenaw ISD  
Curtiss, Bruce - Bay-Arenac ISD  
Ezikian, Steven - Wayne RESA  
Fleser, Lyndsey – Ottawa ISD  
Hagerty, Mike – Kent ISD  
Kolb, Kevin – Gratiot-Isabella RESD

LaRue, Nicole – Ingham ISD  
Lloyd, Abby - Allegan RESA  
Ludlow, Mark - Calhoun ISD  
Martel, Dave - MSBO  
McNamara, Helen - Ingham ISD  
Stiebe, Lana – Washtenaw ISD  
Weese, Stephanie - Montcalm Area ISD

### Members Present – On Line:

Acton, Leslie – Manistee ISD  
Auel, Jason – Copper Country ISD  
Auwers, Roger - Jackson County ISD  
Bodiya, Paul - Macomb ISD  
Brow, Anne – Parchment School  
District  
Dillon, Patrick – The Lamphere Schools  
Frank, Chris – Saginaw ISD  
Freer, Shawn – Macomb ISD  
Harrie, Kerri – West Shore ESD  
Latta Larsen, Kerri – Barry ISD  
Laux, Carol -Saginaw ISD  
LoPresto, RaLena – Hillsdale Co. ISD

Matthews, Barb - Van Buren ISD  
May, Lisa – Clare-Gladwin RESD  
Porter, Cheryl – Lapeer Co. ISD  
Recor, Tracy - St. Clair County RESA  
Sandvik, Lisa – Eastern UP ISD  
Schmidt, Dina – Iosco RESA  
Schomisch, Lori - Clinton County  
RESA  
Shaffer, Belinda - Hillsdale ISD  
Shiery, Diane – Branch ISD  
Stephan, Lynn – St. Clair Co. RESA  
Thomas, Scott – Kalamazoo RESA

### Guests Present:

Kathy Merry, Wayne RESA

1. **Call to Order:** Stephanie Weese, Chairperson at 9:32 am
2. **Introduction of Members/Guests:** Stephanie Weese, Chairperson
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** October 18, 2018  
Motioned by Mike Haggerty and Supported by Steven Ezikian
4. **Legislative Update:** Kathy Merry, Wayne RESA
  - Discussed election results:
    - Senate - The Republicans no longer have a super majority – (now 22 Republicans and 16 Democrats)
    - House – The Republicans also lost some seats in the House but still retain control.
    - The Governor went to the Democrats – Gretchen Whitmer
    - Many Women won seats in this election.

- The election turnout was very high for a non-presidential race.
- The new Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, has a history of reaching across the aisle.
- **Lame Duck:**
  - Minimum Wage and Sick Leave were two proposals that were removed from the ballot because the legislature passed bills containing those provisions. This was done so that they wouldn't be constitutionally protected and harder to amend/ repeal. Expect these laws to be amended during lame duck.
  - There will be a push to pass legislation for School Report Cards (A-F letter grades).
  - There is a feeling that test scores are down because teacher preparation institutions are failing.
  - There are 12 session days left that may be shortened to 9 days.

5. ***Program:*** Medicaid Updates/Tips to Maximize Medicaid Funding - Kathy Merry, Wayne RESA

- There is a possibility of a new Medicaid program coming to Michigan
  - Mental Health Services for students on Medicaid that are General Education Students.
  - Purpose - to address issues such as school violence, suicide, etc.
  - Where are ISD's supposed to get the money to hire these people (these people can't be in the same cost pool as special education staff).
  - Currently the State keeps 40% of the Medicaid Reimbursement for Special Education staff. The State would only take 5% of this new program.
- Maximizing Medicaid Reimbursement:
  - Need to strive for 100% compliance on RMTS!!! There are no excuses. This affects the whole State.
  - Use Federal Funds to pay for Cases Management and/or AOP staff rather than Direct Service and Personal Care Staff (who have a much higher reimbursement rate).
  - Personal Care Aides are responding to RMTS indicating that they are only performing these services 24.88% of the time. This can't be correct. This percentage should be much higher since they are normally with the student a majority of their work day. This is likely a training issue.
  - Make sure all providers are logging (check periodically).
  - Need to make sure that the LEA's understand how the program works (i.e. – don't report positions or portions of positions that are federally funded).
  - Attend all PCG workshops!

6. ***MSBO Update*** – David Martell, MSBO

- Leadership Institute is accepting applications for the new co-hort. If you can't meet the application deadline, call Scott Little and he can hold a space for you.
- Financial Strategies Conference is scheduled for January 15-16, 2019 – The agenda is now posted on the Website. Dave discussed the items on the agenda.
- Purchasing Cards - Would like to have everyone switched to Harris Bank (PFM) by January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The January Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference – Don't have a date yet.
- ISD Committee in December – Program: John Brooks, MDE, GSRP Fiscal Monitoring Process Update.
- ORS COE calculation – COE implementation has been delayed. There is a bill that would completely eliminate this requirement in the future. The COE calculation would adversely affect those districts that are trying to make budget cuts. Eliminating this requirement will cause privatization to continue to be a funding problem for ORS that will need to be addressed (Paul Bodiya).
- Annual Conference – have made some progress on selecting the topics/speakers. The hotel room block will open on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The rooms will be gone within a couple hours. There will be additional room blocks available at a later date.

- MASB – On Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> they will have a Views from the Capitol webcast. Starting at Noon. There is a link on the ISD Committee home page listed under the 11/15/18 meeting titled “MASB Views from the Capitol webcast invitation”.
- Business Leaders of Michigan (BLM) Survey – People are working hard to collect survey results. Have only received about 20 responses from districts across the State. If you don’t plan to complete the survey, please let them know so they don’t keep trying to contact you. This is the survey that is trying to identify opportunities to direct K-12 non-instructional spending into the classroom. Will we get support from the business community if they don’t get more responses?

7. ***Round Table***

- Kent ISD is considering scheduling Payroll meetings similar to business manager meetings. These meetings will not focus on software as much as general payroll issues. Allegan ISD is doing this and has great participation (5 times per year). Wayne and Calhoun ISD’s also have these types of meetings (Mike Hagerty).
- The Inflation rate for 2019/2020 (2019 Levy) is 2.4% for purposes of calculating Headlee limitations. It was 2.1% for the 2018 Levy (Paul Bodiya).
- Enhancement Millage – ISD’s should not be reimbursed by the Local Community Stabilization Authority for millages passed after 2014. ISD’s may have been reimbursed in error (Steve Ezikian).

8. ***Adjournment:***

**Next Meeting** - Thursday, December 20, 2018 at MSBO in Lansing

Programming: John Brooks, MDE, GSRP Fiscal Monitoring Process Update