

MSBO School Finance Committee

Meeting November 17, 2017

Called to order by president, Jill Mulders at 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and introductions

Legislative Update – Scott Little, MSBO

Topics included:

- Legislation was passed to exempt schools from the construction code requiring a storm shelter to be included in any construction or renovation project. This exemption is good for the current code cycle (18 months to 2 years).
- Hiring standards for Food Service Directors – MDE will work with districts, based on the size of the district, if candidates don't meet all of the necessary qualifications.
- Child Nutrition Act has not been re-authorized. Food Service Programs will continue to operate under the old authorization.
- Bus Purchasing Program is open through January 31. Districts must register and follow the process through to the end in order to meet the competitive bidding requirements.
- Leadership Institute – Registration is currently underway for the new cohort. The new cohort will begin its activities in December.

ACA / Healthcare Update – Heather Menzies, SET SEG – Heather discussed changes in the ACA act and provided information on IRS communications and reporting deadlines. The presentation that she shared with the group is attached.

MSBO Update – David Martell, MSBO

Topics included:

- Changes in the way to allocate UAAL cost for FY 2019. The 1022 Committee will be meeting to discuss proper accounting for the changes.
- ORS has released rates beginning 2/1/2018.
- Supreme Court heard testimony on the old 3% deduction. No word on when a decision will be made.
- There are currently problems with the listserv. The problem is off-site with a company that specializes in listservs. If a remedy can't be found, we may have to move to a different method of sharing information.
- Leadership group met in Detroit and narrowed down the topics for next year's annual conference. Room blocks open on December 1 and registration will begin on February 1 with early bird rates available through February.

Round Table Discussions / Announcements

- Jason Helsen was part of the Leadership group that met in Detroit. He reported on all of the positive changes happening in Detroit and is looking forward to the Annual Conference being held there.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next meeting will be Friday December 15, 2017 at the MSBO Offices in Lansing