

MSBO School Finance and ISD Committee Minutes

Online Zoom Meeting

September 24, 2021

The meeting opened at 9:30am. with Bob Dwan from MSBO and Stacey Viers, President, giving a welcome.

Legislative Update-Bob Kefgen, MASSP:

8B in funds to be used for state aid, 4B of which was discretionary

Revenue projections that were made in May at CREC are coming in even higher than expected

Build Back Better Act, \$3.5 trillion, Far from being approved

Wraparound Services, \$240M to hire school psychologists, social workers, counselors and nurses, state pays a portion of these salaries for first 3 years

Every school is required to offer testing for grades 9-12, take/retake SAT or PSAT during the school day (need to take into consideration proctoring/staffing)

Vaccine mandate signed by the President does apply to schools with 100 or more employees and all head start employees, will come from OCEA.

We are back to pre-pandemic pupil accounting standards. You can use 21f as a pivot for remote learning.

23b Applications/Reporting and Consolidated App/NexSys Update-Chris May and Nate Beelen, MDE

Where is the consolidated application? Staffing issues have been holding things up. We are “getting closer” but don’t have an exact date of when it will go live. Goal is to release money even though not approved. Putting the application back into MEGS is not an option. Nate reviewed the screens in the new application.

MSBO Update by Bob Dwan

Considering a webinar with all parties to spend ESSER funds...many mixed messages out there.

Looking for topics for future school finance meetings and annual conference topics.

Roundtable discussion was offered.

Next meeting will be October 22, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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