MSBO - ISD Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 21, 2019 – 9:30 am

MSBO

Members Present:
Acton, Leslie - Manistee ISD
Anderson, Shay – Clare-Gladwin RESD
Bielecki, Linda – Traverse Bay ISD
Bodiya, Paul - Macomb ISD
Carnes, Jamie - Ionia County ISD
DeKuiper, Jodi - Newaygo County RESA
Dwan, Bob - MSBO
Ezikian, Steve - Wayne RESA
Helsen, Jason – Muskegon Area ISD
Higgins, Mark - Kent ISD
Hills, Becky - Ingham ISD
Kolb, Kevin – Gratiot-Isabella RESD

Lamer, Chris – Ottawa ISD
LaRue, Nicole - Ingham ISD
Ludlow, Mark - Calhoun ISD
Marcel, Brian – Washtenaw ISD
Mauntler, Kris, Manistee ISD
Ostrom, Kim - Genesee ISD
Philipps, Kevin – Kent ISD
Shaffer, Belinda – Hillsdale ISD
Shiery, Diane - Branch ISD
Weese, Stephanie – Montcalm Area ISD
Williams-Muz, Julie – Huron ISD

Members Present – On Line:
Auwers, Roger - Jackson County ISD
Biddle, Shawn - Traverse Bay Area ISD
Bontekoe, Katrina - Wexford-Missaukee ISD
Chestnut, Gina - Oakland Schools
Dechnik, Kelli - St. Joseph County ISD
Fleser, Lyndsey - Ottawa Area ISD
Frank, Chris - Bay Arenac ISD
Karsten, Amy - COP ESD
Krosnicki, Lisa - Charlevoix-Emmet ISD

Latta Larsen, Cindy - Barry ISD
Lloyd, Abby - Allegan Area ISD
Orhel, Mark - Midland County ESA
Pfund, Judy - Lenawee ISD
Porter, Cheryl - Lapeer County ISD
Recor, Tracy - St. Clair County RESA
Saunders, Michelle - Oakland School
Schomisch, Lori - Clinton County RESA
Vidak, Jennifer - Mecosta-Osceola ISD

1. Call to Order – Stephanie Weese, Chairperson

2. Introduction of Members/Guests – Stephanie Weese, Chairperson

3. Approval of October 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes
   ● Motioned by Chris Lamer and Supported by Brian Marcel

4. Legislative Update – Jerry Johnson, CISD
   ● Discussed possibility of supplemental budgets in December
   ● Discussed SB 600 and 601 regarding Michigan Merit Curriculum
     ○ CTE administrators approve of bills; principal groups do not
   ● Discussed SB 555, 556, 558, 561, 575 and 577
     ○ Senate restoration bills
   ● GB 4274 on Retirement (annuity option) appears to be a vendor bill
• Discussed 31N (Subsection 6) which does not allow for carryover; there is discussion to allow for carryover of funds with an approved plan; still concerns about hiring qualified employees to fill positions
• 35a Early Literacy: Discussion to eliminate match in supplemental bill

5. Excess Cost Reporting – John Andrejack, MDE, Scott Kemmer-Slater, Financial Manager & Alex Kontras, Public Sector Consultants
• Excess cost standard requires that an LEA spends at least as much on children with disabilities as is spent on children without disabilities before using IDEA funds.
• Threshold Setting Activity will begin December 2nd in Catamaran and conclude on January 31, 2020.
  o 2019-20 activity is a pilot
  o Fall 2020 will be the 1st real Excess Cost Threshold Setting
• Compliance Cycle will occur next fall
  o Fall 2021 will be the 1st real Excess Cost Compliance Testing
• Threshold Setting Calculation
  o Follows 34 CFR Appendix A to Part 300
  o Sum of all local, state and federal expenditures from prior school year
  o Deduct certain expenditures (e.g. debt service, capital outlay, etc)
  o Divide the adjusted expenditure amount by the total number of students from prior year
    (Annual Per Pupil Expenditure (APPE))
  o Multiply the APPE by the number of students with disabilities in the ISD during the current year
• Pilot will generate lots of questions
  o Focus on reasonability and consistency
  o Catamaran allows user to upload notes and spreadsheets
• Beta ISD’s discussed their experiences
  o Julie Williams-Muz recommended that ISD Business Officials try to understand the process prior to meeting with local Business Officials
  o Paul Bodiya acknowledged Julie’s hard work in researching the directions and process

6. MSBO Update - Bob Dwan, MSBO
• Discussed annual conference; materials will be available sooner; December 2nd hotels are available (there will be more hotel options)
• Financial Strategies is set for January 21st and 22nd; agenda is close to being finalized
• Business Managers Academy had reunion meeting to discuss program; feedback was positive; Bob would like feedback from ISD’s on location needs for 2020
• ORS contacted MSBO on moving the Small Steps program from January to March; Bob would like ISD feedback

7. Old Business
• None

8. Round Table
• Is any ISD contracting with MRS for Special Ed staff? No one in attendance currently had an arrangement with MRS.
• Bulletin 1022 met and it was announced that the audits on the MDE website would not be updated, but the history would remain
• ORS is looking at modifying restrictions on retirees coming back to work.
• What ISD’s are not taking 31N? Remember that program will have to be maintained and increased each year as part of the assurances of accepting the funds.

9. Adjournment
   • Next Meeting - Thursday, December 19, 2019 at MSBO in Lansing