

# Minnesota Board of School Administrators

## BOSA Monthly Meeting

Minnesota Department of Education Board Room CC13  
1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113

January 13, 2014

12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### Board Members Present:

Mary Macbee, James Rhodes/Conf., Louise Sundin, Robert Meyer, Jean Haar, Penny Kodrich

**Board Members Excused:** Denise Kapler, Kim Hartung

### Staff:

Kevin McHenry, Assistant Commissioner of Education

Fiona Ruthven, Asst. Attorney General & Counsel to the Board

Janet Mohr, Executive Director BOSA

Karen Millar, Administrative Assistant

### Guests:

Mary Ann Nelson, Capella University

Harry McLenighan, Capella University

## CONVENE: MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:30 p.m.

### I. APPROVAL OF 01/13/2014 AGENDA:

ROBERT MEYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. JEAN HAAR SECOND.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### II. APPROVAL OF 12/09/2013 MINUTES:

JEAN HAAR MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. ROBERT MEYER SECOND. MOTION CARRIED.

### III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

JANET MOHR reported on the following:

- With the assistance of MDE, MMB and Governor's staff, Form A was submitted for inclusion in the Governor's FY14 supplemental budget.
- Discussion with AG representative and status of resolution directed by December 9, 2013 Board Meeting to address BOSA's financial condition.
- Update on receipt of Administrative Annual Fees.

- Comprehensive Principal/Leadership Redesign. Top priorities identified are continuing professional development and licensing/certification. BOSA Work Group identified three subcommittees to advance work.
- MASE licensing request for school psychologists RE: obtaining director of special education license without classroom teaching experience. Executive director will need direction from Board as this discussion moves forward. Possible need for rulemaking to facilitate a successful resolution.
- Work has begun on Website by MNIT. More news to come.
- BOSA board vacancies for elementary principal and superintendent seats still to be filled.
- Continuing meetings with MDE finance to review budget. Status of part-time staff.
- Agency activities continue despite financial restrictions.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### A. Ethics Committee Report

9 cases active. No Actions taken by committee at today's meeting.

##### B. Professional Development Committee Report

Executive director addressed program reviews coming up with Duluth, Walden and SWSU. Also gave an update on Comprehensive Principal/Leadership plan.

##### C. Legislative Committee Report

None at this time.

##### D. Licensing Committee Report

Committee met today, but had no requests to bring forth at this time.

##### E. Executive Committee Report

No special report in addition to material covered in the executive director's report. Major topic of discussion continues to be what to do with request from MASE regarding licensing of special education directors.

##### F. Communications Committee Report

MNIT did not meet in January. Infrastructure is in place but not ready to go yet.

#### V. MDE Report – Kevin McHenry

The new legislative session is right around the corner in February. This is the Governor's "unsession" and agenda will include the effort to undo as many of the unfunded mandates as possible. Looking for ways to streamline MDE services to assure that we are responsive to the end customer, for example with Educator licensing and online licensing despite rising costs of technology updates. Although there is a budget surplus, MDE is not looking to increase any budgets for

administrative costs. MDE encourages organizations to explore in-depth what they would do if there were more funds available.

Discussion on change in statute to allow BOSA to keep fees collected from administrators. Fees collected are a difficult battle.

Kevin will work on supplying updated STARS report for BOSA.

VI. Board Member Report – None at this time.

VII. Public Comments

Harry McLenighan – MASSP feels BOSA does good job. However, principals are paying fees to BOSA and don't understand why their fees are not going to support the work of the organization. Hopes MDE would be outspoken in urging legislature to make changes in funding to provide the budget to cover mandated activity of BOSA.

VIII. Old Business – None at this time.

IX. New Business – None at this time.

X. Adjournment

ROBERT MEYER MOVED TO ADJOURN. LOUISE SUNDIN SECOND. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen L. Millar

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