

Minnesota Board of School Administrators

BOSA Monthly Meeting

Minnesota Department of Education Board Room CC13

1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113

April 13, 2015

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Nancy Antoine, Tracine Asberry, Deb Henton, Kim Hartung

Mary Macbee, Robert Meyer, Louise Sundin

Via Conference Call: Jean Haar

Board Members Excused: Denise Kapler

Staff:

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

Janet Mohr, Executive Director BOSA

Karen Millar, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Hue Nguyen, Assistant Commissioner of Education, MDE

Bill Wold, Capella University

CONVENE: MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:34 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF 04/13/2015 AGENDA:

ROBERT MEYER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. TRACINE ASBERRY SECOND.
MOTION CARRIED.

II. APPROVAL OF 03/09/2015 MINUTES:

NANCY ANTOINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. TRACINE ASBERRY SECOND.
MOTION CARRIED.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

o JANET MOHR reported on the following:

A. MASA Spring Conference, March 2015

Presentation: **Where Change Begins** by keynote speaker Dr. John McKnight. Dr. McKnight is a professor of education and social policy and co-director of the Asset-Based Community Development Institute at Northwestern University located in Chicago. Dr. McKnight spoke on the importance of school-community connections and the importance of

reconnecting institutions with their local community, building new alliances which recognize that healthy schools and healthy communities reinforce each other. For more information go to: <http://www.mnasa.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=153>.

Dr. McKnight's publications are also listed on the MASA website, such as:

[Building Communities from the Inside Out ~ Book Excerpts](#)

[Building Mutually Beneficial Relationships](#)

[School Participation in Local Community Economic Development](#)

[A Primer for a School's Participation in the Development of Its Local Community](#)

[John McKnight's PowerPoint](#)

- B. Introduction to Mr. Michael Coty, Principal Development and Evaluation Specialist, recently hired by MDE.
MDE applied for and received a grant from the Bush Foundation to provide assistance to principals and districts in the areas of principal development and evaluation. The grant funds a position at MDE dedicated solely to this work. Mr. Coty will be facilitating all the grant activities over the 18-month duration of the grant. BOSA has been invited to participate in the Principal Growth and Evaluation Workgroups.

- C. Teacher Equity Advisory and Steering Committee: The committees are to work toward developing a Teacher Equity Plan to meet the state's obligations under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to ensure that all students, regardless of background, have equitable access to excellent educators. Each group has met and BOSA has been represented. The Steering Committee will meet again on Wednesday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m.

- D. BOSA Workgroup met on March 31st to frame the work that needs to move forward with the 5-year review process for approved university administrative preparation programs. Kim Hartung led the meeting. The next step is to obtain input from university collaborative members at their next meeting on April 20th.

- E. MDE is working on a catering contract that includes MDE and other agencies housed at MDE. Catering contracts are required by MMB. There are a few issues to be worked out. So for the next couple of months, BOSA may experience a price increase in catering costs until a contract is finalized.

- F. HF 1075 and SF1220 have moved forward to the Omnibus Bill. These companion bills make retired school principals subject to continuing education requirements.

- G. On-Line Fee Payment — under discussion.

H. FY15 Budget

- a. Met with MDE's Contracting Unit about the internal process to appropriate funds for professional/technical services. Under an Annual Plan Agreement \$5,000 is the maximum allowed per project per service. Over this amount requires an RFP.
 - b. The Governor has proposed allowing agencies to roll over the year-end balance to the next fiscal year. If this happens it will allow BOSA the time to plan for future projects.
- I. Proposed budget appropriation in the Governor's bill is \$228,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$231,000 in fiscal year 2017.
 - J. Monthly Budget Expenditures (handout)
 - K. No update on board positions – 4 seats up for reappointment or new appointees

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Ethics Committee

Reviewed 17 cases

Closed 2 cases

Remaining 15 cases are waiting on responses or tied up in Court.

B. Licensing Committee:

ROBERT MEYER MOVED to approve a 2-year professional license for Jeffrey Snider with the caveat that we waive 3512.0200, Subp. 3, Article 8, which is the requirement for 30 credits over a Master's degree. DEB HENTON SECOND. Discussion: Jeffrey Snider has two full Bachelor's degrees and a Master's degree, has an Iowa principal's license and has been a practicing principal for the last 3 years. Recommended the waiver because of extensive degrees and experience. MOTION CARRIED.

DEB HENTON MOVED to approve an alternative superintendent's license for Dr. Rev Hillstrom. ROBERT MEYER SECOND. Discussion: Dr. Hillstrom came before the Credential Review Panel and provided information on how he met all of the competencies. Panel decided he met the competencies with some exceptions. Committee moved forward with recommendation that he be approved for a 2-year professional license as a district superintendent but must meet additional requirements, attend regular meetings with Dr. Mohr and reappear before the Review Panel prior to June 30, 2017. MOTION CARRIED with one abstention by Kim Hartung.

C. Communication/Legislative Committee Update:

Louise Sundin: Requested update on principal licensure bill from Jean Haar. Dollar amount has been assigned but not aware that it has moved to an omnibus bill.

H.F. 642 and 1048 are bills requiring long-term reporting on teacher and administrator performance evaluations. No additional funding provided to handle collection of this data so BOSA and BOT working to push back implementation of this bill.

Update on bill requiring sexual predator licenses to be automatically revoked without hearing.

D. Professional Development and Program Review:

Jean Haar and Jan Mohr: Collaborative Meeting on Monday, April 20th at MDE.

Agenda for this meeting will be the University 5-year review, inviting stakeholders to

provide feedback and make recommendations for revisions in the review process.
Report outcome at May meeting.

E. Executive Committee Report: No additional report.

V. MDE REPORT – Hue Nguyen, Assistant Commissioner of MDE

Last week the Governor’s supplemental bill was presented to both House and Senate for \$320M in the area of education. This would bring the total investment in education to \$690M, which is 39% of the projected surplus. Proposed full funding of Pre-K programs. \$25M recommended for Teacher Workforce proposal to fund:

TeachMN – addressing forgivable student loans to attract teachers to high needs schools.

STEPPING UP FOR KIDS – providing grant funds to paraprofessionals with requirement to work in high needs schools for 4 years.

KEY 20 WORKING GROUPS - BOT to pursue rulemaking to allow expedition of teacher licenses in high needs areas.

INDIAN TEACHERS IN RURAL SCHOOLS PROGRAMS – More funding to help increase number of Indian teachers in Minnesota.

House and Senate will release budget recommendations this week. Target dollars are much lower than Governor’s proposals. Update: MDE did receive NCLB waiver on March 31, 2015.

VI. BOARD MEMBER REPORT:

Former BOSA board member, Bruce Kramer, passed after long battle with ALS.

Recently published book has been released chronicling his journey since diagnosis.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

VIII. LICENSING MATTER: NONE

IX. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

X. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

XI. ADJOURN:

ROBERT MEYER MOVED TO ADJOURN. TRACINE ASBERRY SECOND.
MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Next meeting – Monday, May 11, 2015

Respectfully submitted by:

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