

Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators
General Membership Meetings
Minutes of October 25-26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Kogut called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 26, 2012 General Membership meeting were presented.

MOTION: Moved by Scott Menzel, seconded by Ron Fuller, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2012 General Membership meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Board of Directors

President Kogut shared that the Board accepted the 2011-2012 Audit prepared by Plante & Moran and that the March meetings have been moved to March 21-22, 2013 and will be held at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing.

Executive Director Report

Bill Miller gave a report that included the following:

- NCLB Waiver
- PSC Report: facilitated discussion will be held at 10/26 meeting
- Early Childhood/Great Start
- MAISA Recommendations for the MI Education Finance Project
- Common Core Project

Standing Committees

Legislative Services

Emily Laidlaw and Brad Biladeau reported on:

- Ballot Proposals
- School Aid Rewrite/Oxford Foundation
- EAA Bill
- MPSERS Reform

Administrative Services

Becky Rocho shared information on field services and recent meetings with Mike Radke from MDE.

Early Childhood

Scott Menzel discussed working with Susan Broman, the role of ECIC, the Great Start Readiness Program, and work to rectify conflicts with the Head Start Program.

Instructional Leadership

Mike Hill shared that they have been getting good participation in the Ed Leadership program – the next meeting will be held on November 8th.

Technology

Dave Schulte stated that there was a good turnout for the first committee meeting. The group is working on 5 and 4 of 54321 and Jan Vogel presented information on 22i.

Ad Hoc Committees

ISD 50th Anniversary

Gerri Allen presented the new additions to the 50th Anniversary initiative, including a timeline and the new MAISA website.

Representatives to Other Organizations

REMC

Sue Schwartz shared an infographic, discussed the blended learning classrooms pilots, and the cooperative services project.

Special Education

Scott Koenigsnecht discussed engaging the State Board to revisit personal curriculum (drafting a letter), and sequestration.

UPDATES

MIExcel

Rob Butler gave a report on the Title I Tech Grant, which ended on 9/30/12 with a spending completion as of 10/3/12 at 60%, and the SIG grant, whose SIG monitors have discovered that they will need to spend more time at particular schools.

RDI/Sustainability

Jan Vogel gave an update on the Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (22i):

- The program will fund:
 1. Collaborative purchasing arrangements
 2. Sustainable, cost effective collaborations
 3. Capacity building
- All districts are eligible to apply
- Must complete the Smart Balanced Assessment Technology Readiness Survey by November 29th to apply for the grant

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The membership discussed the following items:

- Section 25
- DHS Policy
- Discounts for college credit

State Superintendent Mike Flanagan spoke to the membership on the following:

- School Aid Rewrite
- Focus Schools
- Pupil Accounting
- P20 System

ADJOURNMENT

President Kogut adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

The **October 26, 2012 General Membership Meeting** consisted of a report from Linda Forward and Karen Ruple of MDE on Priority & Focus Schools and the Role of ISDs.

A facilitated conversation was then conducted by Roger Lentini, of Lentini Associates, on the PSC Report and the “Empowered ISD.” The three key items that came out of the conversation were the following:

1. Branding of ISDs: Gerri Allen will report back on this at the January 23 meeting
2. Motion on the following 6 core services of Michigan ISDs:
 - 1. Teaching and Learning:** ISDs offer thousands of training sessions each year to educators, keeping them informed of the latest research and teaching methods.
 - 2. Specialized Student Services:** Local school districts depend on ISDs to meet ever-growing needs in areas such as special education, career and technical education and preparation, talent development, online and digital courses, Math and Science centers, extended day and alternative education programs, and court-involved youth and homeless education programs. In many cases, ISDs are able to pilot innovative learning programs that districts couldn’t afford on their own.
 - 3. Early Childhood/Great Start:** ISDs are taking the lead in early childhood education to better ensure every child is safe, healthy and prepared to succeed in school and in life.
 - 4. Administrative Services:** ISDs help districts share services in such areas as instruction, technology, transportation, business services, teacher training, and purchasing.
 - 5. Developing Partnerships:** ISDs are often key partners in local economic development through their community ties with human service agencies, businesses, industry, colleges and universities.
 - 6. Technology Services:** ISDs often manage the fiber network, purchase bandwidth, subsidize the cost of student assessment and management tools, obtain lower costs for computer software, provide Internet protection filters, purchase digital collections, promote online and digital learning options, and provide technical support.

MOTION: Moved by Don Spencer, supported by Stan Kogut, to adopt the 6 core services areas facilitated by the ISDs of Michigan. Motion carried.

3. Motion on Accountability:

MOTION: Moved by Curt Finch, supported by Sheryl Presler, that all MAISA membership districts move towards accreditation through AdvancED. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30a.

**NEXT MEETING:
10a-11:30a, January 23, 2012
During the MASA Midwinter Conference, Kalamazoo MI**