



MAASE Finance and Legislation Minutes

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

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Agenda Items:

1. Update from MDE on State and Federal Finance (Easterling)
 - a) State Update – Easterling
 - b) Federal Update – Easterling
 - Finalize FY amendment in 2013 IDEA grant
 - HB5267 – Revisions to School Aid Act affected Sec. 25
 - Reverted back to 11-12
 - Only strict discipline academies can bill
 - 12-13 language will move to 13-14
 - Thursday, Feb. 7 – Gov. Exec. Presentation
 - Dept. Bills
 - Revised School Aid Act
 - Will be initially presented
 - Ed. Summit in April
 - Roll out McClelland Report Ideas
 - Nothing new at this point
2. Update from MDE OES Program Accountability Unit (Diamond)
 - Working on a report to the joint committee for new MARSE rules
 - Public comment on removing 1832(e) was not favorable, therefore, 1832(e) will remain in effect
 - Looking into modifications language regarding ages 3-5 and 2.6-3 years
 - Will probably not be a reality until next school year
3. CASE Update (Scott-Burton)
 - CASE Winter Conference – Future of Special Ed – Next week February 13th-15th
 - Encouraging ISDs to host
 - Virtual Education
 - Reinvention of Special Education
 - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
 - Policy Committee

- IDEA reauthorization
- There will be a Draft Survey coming shortly – 6 topics
- All CASE members are encouraged to respond
- Issues related to virtual, transition, etc.
- Consider a real opportunity to voice on IDEA (Fortino)
 - Last opportunity for many years
 - Seeking input from all

4. Other items:

- a) MASA-MAISA Legislative Update from November meeting (Thaxton) – Committee did not meet
- b) Public comment on the proposed Michigan Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (aka Early On®) Federal Fiscal Year 2013 application (Fortino)
 - Should comment on State Plan – re: Part C
 - Early On State Plan
 - Fortino, Delsi, Koepke, and Smiley volunteered
- c) Sequestration (VanderPloeg)
 - Proposed options:
 - March 1st Proposal
 - Reduced from 8.2% to 5.1%
 - Will take place over 9 years
 - Possibly will take effect next school year
 - CEC – Day of Action
 - Feb. 11
 - Suggestions for flyer
 - 3,000 groups have signed on to review possible options – 35% would affect education
- d) Proposed Parental Consent Regulation Update (Scott-Burton)
 - January 31
 - Still at Office of Mgmt. Budget
 - Meeting this week to discuss status
 - Hoping for 2-3 weeks
- e) Rewrite of the School State Aid Act – (Barker)
 - MAASE submitted input
 - Government has heard from group
 - Implications for Special Education
 - Meeting with Richard McClaren
 - Order from Governor “Not about SpEd”
 - Governor “Not going to deal with parent group”
 - Rewrite includes more research based substance
 - Policy included that will require discussion
 - If passed – 5 year change
 - Needs to be backed with money
 - Will go to Governor in March for review and bill construction
 - New name: “New School State Aid Act”
- f) Other
 - MAISA draft recommendations on Early Childhood funding (Scott-Burton)
 - Draft of regulations to legislative committee
 - Will MAASE support the draft?
 - Will be sent to MAASE for approval

- Legislative action Committee (Smith-Gerdes)
 - Legislative Action Day for MAASE upcoming
 - Legislative platform and priorities
 - Has not yet been submitted
 - List of topics
 - Interviewers
 - SB 66