



MAASE Finance and Legislation Agenda Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Committee Members:

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MDE Representatives:

John Andrejack, Sheryl Diamond, Diane Easterling, Teri Johnson, Joanne Winkleman, Nancy Rotarius, Joni Jay, Cheri Oczepek, Rene Richardson, Vanessa Winborne

Agenda Items:

1. Update from MDE on State and Federal Finance (Andrejack, Easterling)
 - a) State Update and Federal Update - Easterling
 - * 3 versions of School Aid Budget (House, Senate and Governor's Office). All three versions are vastly different.
2. Update from MDE OES Program Accountability Unit (Diamond, Winkleman, Oczepek)
 - * New State Complaint (Problem solving) procedures are available online. Send corrections/ suggestions to Sheryl Diamond. Rules changes are being considered for proposal related to timelines with IEPs and evaluations.
 - * Low incidence teacher training programs are being proposed for cuts. There is a tentative spring deadline for HI specialist and VI specialists for enrollment in Fall. An ISD plan revision committee meeting draft plan will be shown the draft plan, and discussion focuses on streamlining the process.
 - * Sally Vaughn is retiring and the MDE is in process of restructuring/transformation.
3. CASE Update (Weckstein)
 - * CASE Board of Directors meeting was preceded by CASE President Laurie VanderPloeg at the CEC Annual Convention held in April in San Antonio, Texas. July 14-17 in the CASE Legislative Leadership Seminar in Washington DC. Please come and support Michigan and learn valuable skills that could be applied at the state and federal levels.
4. Other items:
 - a) MASA-MAISA Legislative Update from March meeting (Thaxton)
 - * Handouts were provided. Tony reviewed MAASE's involvement with MAISA/MASA. Becky Rocco and Brad Biladeau from MASA-MAISA presented at yesterday's MAASE Pilot Legislative Action Day preparation. MASA –MAISA continues to partner with us on SE issues and concerns. MAASE statements are on the wiki, under topic page.
 - b) Sequestration (VanderPloeg)
 - * Locals should be advised that Sequestration's 5% cuts should be considered in budget preparation for next year. There is a potential total of 8% cuts. There is no traction at the federal legislative level with MOE. Please monitor your county's MOE as districts are making cuts (county average); particularly with the loss of

federal funds for Headstart and Flowthrough with sequestration cuts.

c) School Funding (Weckstein)

*No vouchers for vendors. The budget amount mentioned is not funding for students but in fact goes into retirement. Becky and Brad have made provisions for MAASE to be considered in the conversation. Tony invited the members to attend the "peanut gallery."

c) Other

* MAASE will be providing comment to MASA-MAISA on HI Interpreter proposed rules.