



**MAASE Finance and Legislation Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2014
REO Room**

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MDE Representatives:

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Agenda Items:

1. Update from MDE on State and Federal Finance (Andrejack, Easterling)

a) State Update

Last week the governor signed HB 4295 which is a supplemental bill for 2013-14 (PA 116).

- * It is a technical bill to clean up language and adjust cost estimates.
- * Appropriates 51.7 million in federal funds under the Race to the Top Early Learning Grant – Sec 32r
- * Decreases appropriations in SE Categoricals by 60.6 million due to lower cost estimates
- * Creates Section 25f for SDAs allowing them to bill for pupils received after the Feb count date
- * Allows ISDs to now offer online course under Section 21f
- * Appropriates 2 million for year round schools grant – memo for application went out through MDE network
- * Revised Section 101 – days and hours
 - *13-14, if scheduled more than 174 days, must provide at least 174 days
 - * Added days at the end of the calendar will require 60% attendance; not 75%

The 4096 report R3014 will be posted to the web site by end of the week.

b) Federal Update

State could be at risk with IDEA State MOE due to reduction of appropriations of 60.6 million in PA 116.

State MOE is calculated differently than local MOE and is based on what SE dollars are made available at the state level. MDE is working with the State Budget Office and appropriations committee members to develop an understanding of this issue.

ESEA Waiver still at risk with no mandated state assessments required as a part of the teacher evaluation bills. Draft bills are still in committee.

2. Update from MDE OSE Program Accountability Unit (Diamond, Winkleman)

3. 2013-14 Rules Package Update (Rotarius)

Most recent public comment will be sent to the Regulatory Affairs Office by May 1st. There may need to be a hearing. There were over 2000 comments.

4. CASE Update (Scott-Burton)

Kathy Fortino was awarded the CASE Administrator of the Year award at CEC in Philadelphia.
CASE Policy Committee has finalized ESEA Recommendations for July CASE Leadership Seminar.
CASE Policy Committee is sending in feedback to Acting Assistant Secretary Yudin on discipline.
CASE Legislative Leadership Seminar in Washington DC will be July 13-16. All are encouraged to attend.

5. Other items:

a) MLAS Update (Fuerer/King)

- a. Final details will be coming soon. Lobbyist panel will be Monday and Legislative Visits will be Tuesday.

b) MASA/MAISA Update (Ghareeb)

- a. Teacher Evaluation bill has been the focus (tenure implications, % tied to state assessments, local options)
- b. Categorical funding has also been discussed.

c) Teacher Evaluation Update (Manson)

- a. Bill is in committee but may be out soon. Most recent draft does not contain language MAASE provided. Constituents of Rep. O'Brien and Rep. Zemke will be reaching out to see if language can be added back in again.

d) Interpreter Rules Update (Lopucki)

- a. Comments/Input from school personnel has been very helpful. Waiting to see what happens next.