

MSBO School Finance Committee Minutes

Online Zoom Meeting

February 17, 2023

The meeting opened at 9:30am. Michael Klosowski, President, giving a welcome.

Executive Budget and Legislative Update-David Ladd, Kelley Cawthorne:

- Both the House and Senate are closed due to the MSU shooting.
- Tax reform is currently discussed which would impact the ongoing revenue from which the school aid can draw.
- The immediate effect was discussed.
- Gun control could impact the timeline of other educational policies such as 3rd-grade reading law.
- Buses as an allowable expense within sinking funds were discussed.
- FY 2023 budget supplemental and FY 2024 were discussed.
 - GSRP point was the start-up to get universal Pre-K.
 - The house district by district impact is on the MSBO website.
 - FY 24 did not include anything for transportation as there was discussion that this could have been a possibility.
 - Section 51 special education category increased again for the third straight year. The % went from 75% to 87.5%.
- Prevailing wage and right to work seem to be on the top of the list but other things have been pushed ahead of those two items (tax and gun control).
- Prohibit subjects/management rights are still be discussed at the State.
- Hard Caps and 80/20 could change.
- Section 19 with some language change that could increase the number of times you have to update REP due to any changes in placements or vacancies.

MSBO Update – Bob Dwan and Jason Helsen, MSBO

- MPSERS funding continues to get increased (147c, 147e and 147a2)
- MPSERS rates are increasing so districts will see an increase in their ORS line items. 147a2 increase in revenue should offset most of the increase within the expense line. This will impact ORS costs within the federal and/or state grants.
- Beware as the budgets are a lot of one-time funds. The State is looking to spend most of the one-time/carryover funds all in one year (FY 2024).
- Jason discussed the upcoming events including the annual conference.
- The annual conference presenters are complete. There are scholarships available to people to apply (one per district).

Roundtable discussion was offered.

Next meeting will be on March 17, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Submitted by:

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