

MSBO School Finance Committee Minutes

Online Zoom Meeting

December 15, 2023

The meeting opened at 9:30am. Michael Klosowski, Chairperson, welcoming 117 attendees online.

Legislative Update-Bob Kefgen, MASSP Associate Director of Government Relations:

- New Pupil Accounting Manual is out. The biggest change would be an increase in virtual learning flexibility under Section 21f. Please make sure that you look at your board policy.
- CPR training is now a school district's requirement to ensure that this training is for all new teachers.
- There are permit or placement flexibility memos in the last 6 months that will help schools to fill their positions.
- Bob discussed all of the bills that will be effective February 13, 2024. Some of the topics are union dues, layoff/recall, school letter grades, repeal of PA 54, and other items that will impact future bargaining sessions.
- A new default for MPSERS will be defined benefits whereas, the old default was the defined contribution.
- The majority in the house is no longer. There are special elections to fill the two vacant positions.

Sec. 27 Update, Including Loan Repayment & Mentor Induction Payments – Sarah-Kate LaVan, MDE-OEE Director, Krista Ried and Dante Watson, MDE

- The current budget from the State have many grants that are trying to help increase the number of students going into education or individuals get their certification at a low cost.
- Grow Your Own (\$175m) to provide support staff at no cost to obtain certification.
- Student Loan Repayment Grant (\$225m) which allows the district to pay at least \$200 per month if the staff members are eligible. Staff will be in the district working more than 32 hours and directly with PK-12 students. The payments will be made for 10 years or when the staff's loan is paid off, whichever comes first.
 - Templates are being built to help districts gathering the required information.

MSBO Update – Bob Dwan, MSBO Executive Director

- ORS lawsuit update was provided.
- Payroll Group Solutions was this week.
- Upcoming events were discussed.
- State Aid items were discussed.

Roundtable discussion was offered

- Nothing was brought up.

Next meeting will be February 16, 2024, remote.

Michael Klosowski, Chairperson, giving thanks to all.
Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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