

## MASSP Executive Board Meeting

October 14, 2006  
Tuscarora High School

Those in attendance were the following:

Bill Ekey	President
Addie Kaufmann	President-Elect
Scott Pfeifer	Howard-NASSP Board
Sally Pelham	Secretary
Joe Collins	Treasurer
Jay Berno	Frederick County
Darryl Watson	Anne Arundel County
Bill Wise	Charles County

The meeting was called to order at 9:42AM.

The minutes for September were reviewed. A correction was made to the minutes-there are 30 rooms available for the NASSP Conference. The treasurer is Joe Collins. Approval of the minutes will be deferred until November, since there is not a quorum.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Joe Collins presented an electronic summary of the current state of funds. The summary is as follows:

### **Executive Director:**

A proposed revision to the graduation requirements that will include a two-credit foreign language requirement was distributed.

Resident Assistant Principal Certification- 27 months of satisfactory teaching experience is required, with at least 6 semester hours of acceptable credit. Coursework for Admin I with the exception of the internship must be completed. We need to respond to this proposal. Gene could be authorized to write a letter to MSDE expressing his concerns on our behalf. Does the language mean that the state board is setting itself up to appoint assistant principals to a local school system?

A discussion was held on NCLB and testing ramifications, especially special education.

### **Presidents Report**

Bill Ekey attended the Maryland teacher of the Year Awards last Friday. There were seven finalists. The winner was a reading specialist in

Worcester County. The governor donated \$100,000. to MSDE for teacher incentives. Each of the teachers of the year received \$4,000. The finalist got an additional \$5000. and a new Pontiac convertible.

On Tuesday the coalition for public school funding will be held. One of this group's interests is several items we would like to see funded by the state. AP Conference is October 26, CEASOM is October 30 and 31 at Hunt Valley. On November 6 Bill will be representing us on a State superintendent stakeholder committee. The state is going through a review of Thornton that MGT will also be reviewing.

### **President Elect**

Addie Kaufman will be attending the AP and CEASOM Conferences. Addie would like to adjust the Ocean City Agenda for Saturday.

### **NASSP Coordinator**

The mailing has been completed for the Las Vegas Convention. The information will be posted on the website. 582 mailings were completed. For the first time, NASSP did the travel arrangements for us-their service is outstanding.

Tony has expressed an interest in running for the Diversity Candidate for our region to NASSP. The final determination will be made on December 1. The length of term is four years.

### **MSDE**

#### **CEASOM**

Bill spoke with Mary Gable last week. In Maryland 20% of teachers in English were not highly qualified. 21% of teachers in math are not highly qualified, 16% in science, 8% in foreign language. In classes taught with students who have IEPs, 50% of teachers were not highly qualified. In Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Prince Georges County, and Montgomery County, 69.6% of those students were taught by teachers who were not highly qualified. A plan was submitted, available on the ed.gov website, on how to address this issue. This is impacting local system master plans.

#### **MAESP**

Jim Dryden has put together three aspiring principal workshops around the state.

### **Private Schools**

Andy Dotterweich discussed the impact of IDEA on funds available for students in private schools. The largest number of children who need services is in the area of speech services. There is not enough funding available, so if children need these services, they often enroll in public school.

Next month-results of elections will be added to the agenda.

### **Professional Teacher Standards**

For the next meeting, which is held the first Thursday of every month, early childhood certification was discussed-change from 1 to 2 years of successful teaching experience. The other proposed change affects ESOL teachers k-12. They would need 12 semester hours of teaching divided between elementary and secondary settings or two years successful teaching in ESOL.

### **MPSSAA**

The strategic planning process has begun for the next five-year period, and will be completed in the spring. The assistant executive director will be announced next week.

### **NASSP Board**

Steve DeWitt has taken another job, so his position will need to be filled. Breaking Ranks in the Middle is a major new initiative, and a new person will be hired. Formerly, the student activities division involved both the NHS and National Association of Student Councils. A new strategic plan will be developed to make the student government piece economically viable.

Thomas Friedman will be the keynote speaker at the NASSP Convention. Scott could be one of five candidates for NASSP President-two members will be appointed to the Executive Committee.

### **Unfinished Business**

Executive Director Responsibilities-A bonus will be paid to the Executive Director for membership increases.

Bill Bond will be speaking on Bullying at Hunt Valley Country Club on March 2, 2007.

**New Business**

For next month, electronic voting should be added to the agenda.

**County Reports**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Pelham

Secretary