



Minutes from MSAA Vocational Administrators' meeting through Ring Central by Karen Guenette on Sept. 23, 2020, from 10 - 11 a.m.

In attendance: Rich Kelley (MSAA), Karen McGuire (SERSD), Kathy Duff (MSAA – Newton) Geoff Zini (Blue Hills), Cliff Coutinho (Bay Path), Karen Guenette (Bristol-Plymouth), Barbara-Jean Chauvin (Martha's Vineyard), Tom Browne (Monty-Tech), Anthony Steele (Blackstone Valley Tech), Leslie Weckessler (Southeastern) and Justin Krantz (McCann Tech).

Meeting began at 10:05 a.m., and Rich opened the meeting and welcomed all vocational administrators. Discussion points include the following:

Goals for the year were briefly discussed.

Virtual meetings were discussed. MSAA is holding this annual Convocation virtually this year and will continue to host monthly meetings at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month for at least six meetings for the 2020-21 school year. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2020, and all members will be notified of this discussion and decision for monthly meetings. Kathy noted that Mr. Wood could not make any meetings that may be scheduled from 10:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. and that morning meetings will continue with the finance committee and afternoon meetings with the executive board.

Kathy updated the members that Commissioner Riley's meeting was rescheduled from Sept. 17th to October 7th, and if anyone has any questions, please send them to Kathy.

Goals for the 2020-21 school year were tabled at this meeting, but items such as co-ops, licenses for early childcare and community health were discussed. The admissions policy was discussed with language changing for incoming students to not have their any scores after March 16, 2020, to be included in the rubric process. Karen will send language of what has been sent to DESE that has already been approved for another school district.

The Committee roster was discussed with the members to continue to expand our membership with other administrators in attendance. Meeting notes are reported to the Board at MSAA and Mark or Anthony complete the report that goes to Rich Kelly, Bill Gaine, and the Board of Directors. Rich asked if vocational administrators could reach out to two colleagues and invite them to an MSAA meeting. Additional discussion about these meetings taking place with MSAA and MAVA since last spring and that, overall, it's the same group of people for both organizations, and both Kathy Duff and Kevin Farr have been present in all of these meetings.

Rich asked to have the Conflict of Interest forms completed from each member and emailed to ltaylor@msaa.net. He added that they can be printed, signed, scanned, and emailed back and to fill out one, per committee that an individual person serves on.

All members voted to have the current slate of officers remain in their roles for the 2020-21 school year.

MSAA will continue to communicate with its members through social media and the website, and email especially for all of the professional development offerings. Most MSAA employees are working remotely, but a few are in the office on a part-time basis, e.g. 2 days in the office and 3 days at home for full-time personnel, and all remote at home for part-time personnel through the end of the calendar year or until further notification.

Discussions for hybrid and remote learning plans were discussed. Most schools have adopted a hybrid (50-50) model with no outsiders entering the building. Due to the bus transportation restrictions, with only 23 students allowed to ride on a bus, they have had to expand on their parking lot spaces. They have A & B weeks for shop and academics, with lunch served in the café and gym spaces. Bristol-Plymouth and Southeastern have similar models, except SERSD has shop in-person and academics remote. Many schools are also having breakfast/lunch options in the classrooms if there is enough space and students are in cohorts together throughout the day. Some schools have a staggered bus schedule where students on an academic week attend from 7:30 – 1:15 and vocational students attend at 8:30 -2:15, and this allows for staggered prep and admins to be worked into the schedule without coverages needed. Schools are also offering take-home meals for remote learning days. At this time, there is only one school with 25% of students attending in shop

Both BayPath and BVT have introduced intramurals and after-school activities, but there is no building access after 2:30 p.m. Students are playing in pods and modified versions of sports.

The last discussion was about Perkins V and the online version to complete, especially with lines not matching up. Discussion ensued with working backwards to the CLNA Report and paying particular attention to Steps 7.1 – 7.3 in the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m., and the next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 7, 2020, at 9 a.m. virtually.



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