



Legislative Committee Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2016

10:00 a.m. – Noon

MABE Conference Room

Stacy Korbela, Legislative Committee Chair
Warner Sumpter, Legislative Committee Vice Chair

Agenda

1.	Welcome and Introductions	Information	Stacy Korbela	
2.	Reports from Board Members	Information & Discussion	All	15 min.
3.	Every Student Succeeds Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MABE Committee Update • State Board Presentation 	Information & Discussion	Joy Schaefer	10 min.
4.	“Knott” Commission on 21 st Century School Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MABE Committee Update 	Information & Discussion	Warner Sumpter/ John Woolums	10 min.
5.	“Kirwin” Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MABE Committee Update 	Information & Discussion	Donna Brightman/ John Woolums	10 min.
6.	Post-Labor Day Executive Orders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	Information & Discussion	John Woolums	10 min.
7.	MABE’s 2017 Legislative Positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & Discussion 	Information & Discussion	John Woolums/ All	45 min.
8.	Issue Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement • Student Discipline • Other 	Information & Discussion	John Woolums/ All	10 min.
9.	Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Dates & Agendas • Legislative Day Luncheon – Thursday, February 9th, 2017 	Information	Stacy Korbela/ All	10 min.
10.	Adjournment	Closing Remarks	Stacy Korbela	

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Meeting Materials & Resources for the October 24, 2016 Meeting

ESSA Update

MABE's [Priority Issue Page on ESSA](#) and [MABE's ESSA Committee](#). [MSDE's ESSA Stakeholder Committee](#) website. The MSDE Stakeholder Committee met most recently on Oct. 20, 2016 ([agenda & materials](#)).

Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (HB 999/SB 905) and Fiscal and Policy Note

This bill establishes the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. The commission must review the findings of the study on adequacy of funding for education, due on December 1, 2016, and related studies, and provide recommendations on preparing students in the State to meet specified objectives. The Commission must provide a preliminary report and a final report of its finding and recommendations to the Governor and specified committees by December 31, 2016, and December 31, 2017, respectively. The bill took effect June 1, 2016, and terminates May 31, 2018.

On September 29, 2016 the "Kirwan" Commission held its first meeting. Commission Chair, William E. "Brit" Kirwan, opened the meeting by emphasizing that this was a rare opportunity to be on such a commission, and that although the charge is very broad, the task at hand is essentially to make recommendations on how to make our schools better and that we owe it to students to develop a system that is as good as the best in the world. The 23 Commission members in attendance introduced themselves and offered brief remarks on their priorities for the Commission work. MABE President-elect Donna Brightman spoke to her support for pursuing the goals of greater funding adequacy and equity, as well as the need for local school system flexibility and recognition of local board control over education policy. For more information, go to [MABE's Priority Issue Page](#).

21st Century School Facilities Commission

Senate President Miller and House Speaker Busch formed a commission to review the State's school construction policies and make recommendations for more efficient and effective school construction practices into the future. The 21st Century School Commission is chaired by Martin Knott, President of Knott Mechanical. The Commission met for the first time on April 25, 2016 and after completing the work outlined below will report to the General Assembly by December 2016. MABE is represented on the Commission by MABE's President Warner Sumpter. On July 21, 2016 MABE leaders testified before the Commission, including President-elect Donna Brightman, Legislative Committee Chair Joy Schaefer, and Legislative Committee Vice-Chair Stacy Korbela. The Committee met most recently on Oct. 13, 2016 ([agenda & materials](#)). For more information, go to [MABE's Priority Issue Page](#).

Commission to Modernize State Procurement

The [Commission](#) (created by Executive Order 01.01.2016.05) is engaged in a comprehensive review Maryland's procurement laws and regulations. Based on that review, the Commission will make detailed recommendations to the Governor to improve and modernize the State's procurement process. Commission report due Dec. 31, 2016. On June 22, 2016, [MABE offered testimony](#) requesting that the Commission not pursue or adopt any recommendations regarding amendments to school system procurement law to redress the Building Materials Corp. case; or recommendations consistent with the legislation rejected in 2016 which could have impeded school system efforts to achieve the cost savings and efficiencies the General Assembly has consistently encouraged school systems to employ through cooperative purchasing.

Post-Labor Day Executive Orders

On August 31, 2016 Governor Hogan signed an executive order mandating a school year calendar beginning no earlier than the day following Labor Day and ending no later than June 15. For more information, go to MABE's [Priority Issue page on the Post-labor Day Start Date](#) and read the [Attorney General's legal analysis](#), issued on Sept. 16, regarding the legality of the Governor's initial [Executive Order](#). On Oct. 11, 2016 the Governor issued a second, [revised Executive Order](#).

Calendar

October 24, 2016; November 14, 2016; December 12, 2016; January 9, 2017 – Pre-Session; January 23, 2017 – Post Budget release; February 13, 2017; (February 9, 2017 Legislative Day); March 6, 2017; March 20, 2017; April 3, 2017; and May 1, 2017.