

## Legislative Committee Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2016

10:00 a.m. – Noon

MABE Conference Room

Joy Schaefer, Legislative Committee Chair  
Stacy Korbela, Legislative Committee Vice Chair

### Agenda

1.	Welcome and Introductions	Information	Joy Schaefer	5 min.
2.	Reports from Board Members	Information & Discussion	All	15 min.
3.	Every Student Succeeds Act • MABE Committee Update	Information & Discussion	Joy Schaefer	10 min.
4.	“Knott” Commission on 21 <sup>st</sup> Century School Facilities • MABE Committee Update	Information & Discussion	Warner Sumpter/ John Woolums	15 min.
5.	“Kirwin” Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education • MABE Committee Update	Information & Discussion	Donna Brightman/ John Woolums	15 min.
6.	Post-Labor Day Executive Order • LSA Meeting & MABE Letter • Attorney General’s Letter • Discussion	Information & Discussion	John Woolums	40 min.
7.	Issue Updates: • PSLRB Legislation • Procurement Commission • Special Education • Other	Information & Discussion	John Woolums/ All	15 min.
8.	Calendar • Legislative Committee Breakfast Meeting - October 6, 2016 • Future Dates	Information	Joy Schaefer/ Stacy Korbela	5 min.
9.	Adjournment	Closing Remarks	Joy Schaefer	

\* Meeting Materials on Reverse

## **Meeting Materials & Resources for the September 19, 2016 Meeting**

### **ESSA Update**

[MABE's letter to State Superintendent Salmon](#) and [Dr. Salmon's response](#); [MSDE Stakeholder meeting presentation](#); and MABE's [Priority Issue Page on ESSA](#) and [MABE's ESSA Committee](#).

### **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 Department of Legislative Services (DLS), in consultation with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), must provide staff for the commission. 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 takes effect June 1, 2016, and terminates May 31, 2018. 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. 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.

### **Public School Labor Relations Board (PSLRB) Legislation**

On August 18, 2016 the PSLRB met and voted in favor of introducing legislation in 2017, but not including 2 provisions strongly opposed by MABE. In 2016, the PSLRB sought legislation ([HB 145](#)) which would have made several technical changes to the statute establishing the PSLRB. In addition, the bill would have set the venue for all court proceedings in Anne Arundel County (MABE opposed), and authorized a local board of education and an employee organization to use an alternative procedure regarding the renegotiation of funds if the county government does not approve enough funds to implement a negotiated agreement under specified circumstances (MABE opposed). In August, the PSLRB voted not to include the venue and renegotiation provisions in 2017, as requested in [comments submitted by MABE](#) on July 16, 2016.

### **Post-Labor Day Executive Order**

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 [Executive Order](#).

### **Calendar - TENTATIVE**

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