

VASBO Meeting
February 10, 2017
VSBIT Conference Room
Berlin, VT

Present: See Attached.

Steve called the meeting to order at 9:38am.

Announcements

1. March Google Training – Sign-up sheet going around, please put your name and email address on it
2. Read aloud a thank you note from Marilyn Fredrick and family
3. Cindy is leaving CSSU
4. Steve - looking for different programs to offer @ VASBO
5. Steve - Asked the members their opinion about funding the Pres. Elect to go to the National ASBO conference

Secretary's Report

January 2017 Minutes – Motion made and seconded, approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY17 YTD report. No discussion, motion carried by voice vote.

Committee Reports

BM101 – Holding an afternoon session and the last one will be held in March

Tri-State – Registration is Open

Certification – Lori mentioned again that recerts need to get their stuff in prior to May, so that they do not have to process a bunch during Tri-State

FSLA – No updates.

Legislative – No updates.

UPDATES

Brad James – AOE –

1. Bill Talbott was reappointed
2. Ed Spending per Pupil calculations
 - a. FY17 - \$14565, FY18 - \$15281, that is a 4.9% increase with only 75% of the budgets being submitted.

Bob Giroux – VMBB –

1. Tax Exempt interest rates are going up slowly – 20 yr bond 3.75%, 30 yr bond 3.5%
2. They are issuing 2 series of bond for the mid-winter pool
3. Bob is retiring at the end of June.

Don Morrill – VSBIT –

1. VSBIT U – 2/22 is the 3rd and 4th phase of the Osha training. The 5th session is the exam and that will be administered at the spring conference.
2. HR Help Button – is still not working, send email to Don or Tim in the meantime, they will forward on to the appropriate person
3. Spring Conference – Another email will be coming w/ more info regarding registration and hotel.
4. VSBIT will be adding 3 more positions to the Multi-line program.

Laura Soares – VSBIT/VEHI –

1. Health rates have been approved for FY 18, DFR is concerned about the rate increase over all across all plans.
2. Cash in Lieu – VT Health Connect does not count towards PILO
3. Employees at the age of 65 can Opt out of Medicare part A and still get an HAS, a creative way of handling this is to put the HSA money into a FSA for the employee.
4. Federal law requires HAS's to be on a calendar year.

Jeff Francis & Nicole Mace – VSA/VSBA –

1. Gov. Scott's Budget proposal
 - a. His focus is on Education and Property taxes
2. Act 68 – Cost containment discussion
 - a. According to the Gov's proposal there would be a loss in employment – Roughly 650 positions
 - b. Laura and Nicole have a Health care model that potentially save a lot of money.
 - c. There is a report of the JFO website that Jeff suggests we all take a look at.
3. Collective Bargaining
 - a. Explained how Gov. Scott's Health insurance proposal is not very thoughtful and could not work.
 - b. Laura spoke to Dave Sharpe, she also testified in front of House Ed, Senate Finance, House Ways and Means, and House Appropriations regarding health care. Her testimony was discussed.
4. Changes to Act 166 – Committees are in agreement
 - a. 1 Agency for oversight
 - b. SU's and SD's granted the ability to start PreK regionalization
 - c. Public schools could run a full day program.
5. Act 46 - @ the beginning of the session the feeling was that Act 46 would be changed. VSBA presented recommendations for the changes to Act 46. S.15 tracks the VSBA recommendations.

Chart of Accounts – Presentation – Sean Cousineau

1. Members asked questions about the new chart of accounts

Finalized Chart of accounts should be out in March.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tonia Mears

Sign-in

2/10/17

Tisha Hankinson
~~Grant Hankinson~~

WVSN
NCSU

Mary Beak

SUSU

Renee Gordon

SRSU

Randy Morton

Winham Central

Stephanie Lassonde

ENSU

STEVE HIER

SPRINGFIELD

Martha Fagner

FCSU

Don Johnson

MILTON

Grant Geisler

Montpelier SD

Kathy Barron

Chitt Central

Rebecca Gault

Winooski

Amadee Denton

So Burlington

Donna Benoit

WRVSN

Cindy Koeremenn-Warren

CSSU

Bathany Gulinan

RSU

Laura Nassau

CSSU

Deb Clark

WVSN

Leesa Fayh

Hartford

Robin Pembroke

OSSU

Lynne Carpenter

GISU

Rick Pembroke

OSSU

Wanda Orzechowski

Merchants Bank

Heather Wright

ORSU

Cheryl Scappellato

ARGU

Marilyn Friedrich

SOS

JOSEPH QUINN

ACSD

Kara Greaves
Amy Lundeen
Karen Atwood
Gibson Smith
Jeri Blood
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Christopher Adams
Su Wilborn
Brenda Fleming
Louis Malazzo
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