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To: Board of Directors
From: Barbara Ripa, Exec. Director
RE: September 13, 2017 Board Meeting Agenda

A Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School at 9:30 am in the school lecture hall. The agenda follows below. Steve and I will provide the supporting materials at the meeting. If you would like the materials in advance, please let me know.

Agenda

- 1.0 Call to order – Maureen Marshall, President
 - 1.1 Welcome, Barbara Ripa
 - 1.2 Introductions
- 2.0 MARS Annual Meeting Minutes May 9, 2017
- 3.0 Report on MARS Meeting at MASS Institute, July 19, 2017– Steve
- 4.0 Need for secretary at MARS meetings to take minutes– Barbara
- 5.0 Appoint secretary/clerk for MARS – Barbara
 - 4.1 MARS legal address
- 6.0 Change in early start times discussion - Christine Johnson and Jay Sullivan
- 7.0 Review of 2017-2018 MARS Goals – Barbara
- 8.0 2017-2018 MARS Directory - Barbara
 - 8.1 New Superintendents/Directors
- 9.0 MARS Financial Report FY2017 - Steve
 - 9.1 Budget balances
 - 9.2 Total dues collected as of 8/31/17
- 10.0 MARS Audit - Steve
 - 10.1 conducting the audit
 - 10.2 Federal filing with Milanson and Heath
 - 10.3 MARS filing with Secretary of State
- 11.0 MARS Budget 2017-2018 – Barbara
 - 10.1 Dues amount remains the same: \$900
- 12.0 MARS Meeting Calendar 2017-2018 - Barbara
 - 12.1 General Meetings



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- 12.2 Board Meetings
- 12.3 MARS Professional Development
- 12.4 MASC/MASS Conference meeting and panel

- 13.0 Professional Development – Steve
 - 13.1 Training for new superintendents, school committee members and business administrators
 - 13.2 End-of-Year Report training
 - 13.3 Other trainings

- 14.0 Review of State Budget 2017-2018 - Barbara
 - 14.1 Total budget
 - 14.2 Regional transportation

- 15.0 MARS legislation update – Barbara
 - 15.1 Status of current bills in legislative process
 - 15.2 Schedule for filing new bills

- 16.0 MARS Consulting Group update – Steve
 - 16.1 Consultants
 - 16.2 Current projects
 - 16.3 Upcoming projects
 - 16.4 Possible new consulting services

- 17.0 Use of technology at MARS general meetings – Steve
 - 17.1 General meetings will be recorded
 - 17.2 You Tube
 - 17.3 Facebook
 - 17.4 Tweets
 - 17.5 New website

- 18.0 Review membership on Standing Committees – Barbara
 - 18.1 Legislative
 - 18.2 Budget/audit
 - 18.3 Professional Development
 - 18.4 Website

- 18.0 Next meeting: General Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. 9:30 am in Assabet Lecture Hall

- 19.0 Other topics

- 20.0 Adjournment