

# MSSF Board

Montana School Services Foundation enjoys the endorsement of the three most prominent associations in Montana's education community, the MFPE, MTSBA, and SAM. The leaders of these three organizations serve as directors, overseeing the Foundation's focus on service and cost savings for plan participants.

## **Kirk Miller, SAM**

Dr. Kirk Miller has served Montana as a teacher, high school principal, adjunct professor, superintendent, and education association executive director during his 35 years as an educator. He has had the opportunity to serve Montana students in every size community from class C to AA across the geography of the state. Kirk has practiced life-long learning by completing his formal education in the Montana university system over almost two decades earning his Doctorate in School Administration and Educational Leadership from MSU-Bozeman. Dr. Miller was appointed by the Governor to the Montana Board of Public Education in 1995, served as Chairman of the Board from 1999 to 2006, completing his service in 2009. Kirk was a member of the 2010 Class of Leadership Montana. He has represented Montana students on committees at the federal level and served on many statewide committees to improve Montana education. Dr. Miller currently serves as the Executive Director of School Administrators of Montana (SAM), representing over 1000 school administrators on all efforts related to educational leadership in Montana and at the federal level.

## **Lance Melton, MTSBA**

Lance Melton has been MTSBA's Executive Director since March 2000. He first began working for MTSBA in 1996 as Director of Governmental Relations and staff attorney and was promoted in 1997 as the Association's General Counsel. Lance graduated with high honors from the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in political science, and received his J.D. from the University of Montana School of Law where he wrote for the Public Land Law Review. Before joining MTSBA, Lance served as an attorney for the Montana Dept. of Commerce.

## **Amanda Curtis, MFPE**

Amanda Curtis is President of MFPE. Before being elected president, Amanda taught math and biology for fifteen years. She holds a master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Montana and is a Montana Tech Distinguished Alumna. Amanda served in the 2013 and 2015 sessions of the Montana Legislature and was the second woman in Montana's history to run for United States Senate following a Special Nominating Convention in August 2014.