

## **ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting (Friday, April 11, 2014)**

### **Members present**

Mary Williams, Bryan Bauer, Jeff Nelsen, Orson Ward, Kathryn Greeneway, Eric Stroeder, Lloyd T Gundvaldson, Debbe Koenecke, Pamela Haukaas, Duane Alm, Lisa Engels, Leroy Hellwig, Denise Lutkemeier, Anita Peterson, Melissa Whipple. Absent board members: Dorothy Hajek and Steve Kubik.

**Meeting called to order at 12:45 PM - LuAnn Strait, Lake Area Technical provided the board with a brief introduction and tour of their facility.**

1. Board Development

2. Call to Order - Pam Haukaas

Information: 2.1 Good News -

Denise Lutkemeier - The Wilmot district has completed their negotiations.

Duane Alm - Aberdeen district was 1st in wrestling and their speech and debate team have won 3 years in a row. He was happy to report their district was able to provide a salary increase for both salary and hourly employees.

Orson Ward - Lead-Deadwood had 210 year of staff retiring this year. Their middle school/high school principal is moving to Spearfish and they still have 4 science position to be filled.

Eric Stroeder - Mobridge-Pollock district experienced their first "Code Black" and although it was a false alarm they were comforted with the timelines and responses from the various agencies. He reported they still have an English position open.

Jeff Nelsen - Negotiations are progressing in the Rapid City School District. Students are working with the National Youth Leadership and have successfully completed 4 proposals. Safe Halloween, Cobbler Cafe and banning texting and testifying against it were a couple of their projects.

Lisa Engels - West Central district continues to growing and the district is having budget constraints as a result. The district continues with its new building project.

Lloyd Gundvaldson - Colman-Egan has successfully hired a new superintendent from Minnesota and their negotiations process is complete.

Deb Koenecke - Their district is having Rachel Challenge return this fall and their district has additional monies for teacher training.

Melissa Whipple - Melissa shared her school newspaper "Dreamcatcher" which highlights all of the good news in her district.

Bryan Bauer - Douglas broke ground on a new \$14 million elementary school, has hired a new superintendent and assistant superintendent and has successfully completed negotiations.

Anita Peterson - A Presidential Award was presented to a Haakon senior high student for her involvement in restoring the local theater. Their wrestling team finished 2nd at the State Tournament. Local newspapers does a wonderful job of printing "good news" about their school.

Kathy Greenway - The Smarter Balance Testing is going well. Yankton district received a national award for their school food service - they provide breakfast, summer food program, after school program and quality lunches throughout the school year. Current board will have a new member joining them in July.

LeRoy Hellwig - Sisseton Basketball program had a very successful year with the Boys' finishing second, and the cheerleading team winning the Spirit of Six, also the Spirit of Sue was won by a student from Sisseton. Hiring a music teacher is proving to be a bit more difficult, but otherwise things are looking very good.

Pam Haukaas - Negotiations are complete and the district and teachers are most appreciative of the hard work the legislature has done. Building project of lowering ceilings for cost savings has been completed and savings are beginning to show.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 3.1 Approval of Minutes Feb. 18, 2014.

Moved by Lisa Engels, seconded by Denise Lutkemeier to accept as presented. Motion carried.

### 4. Financial Items

Action: 4.1 Financial Reports through March 2014 - Bill Lynch, CFO,

Moved by Lloyd Gundvaldson, seconded by Anita Peterson to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Action: 4.2 2014-2015 Proposed Budget

Moved by LeRoy Hellwig, seconded by Bryan Bauer to approve as presented with a three (3) percent increase for staff salary. Motion carried.

Information: 4.3 Protective Trust roles of the board

Dr. Pogany shared with the board the joint powers agreement between ASBSD Inc. and the ASB Protective Trust. SDCL 1-24-11 defines the joint powers agreement. The joint powers agreement creates ASDSD Trust Fund for the purpose of the Trust to provide health, property/liability, workers' compensation and other benefits through risk pooling, self-insurance programs, and joint purchase of insurance, and joint power agreements. No pool arrangement or agreement or financing in connection may be considered insurance or be considered an insurance company. Discussion followed.

### 5. Reports

Information, Report: 5.1 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes - Minutes of the April 7, 2014 was presented to the board for their information.

Information: 5.2 NSBA 2014 Convention Reports - Members of the executive committee shared their experiences at the National Convention held in New Orleans, LA. The meeting was recessed until 8:00 a.m on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

### 6. Strategic Planning

Discussion: 6.1 Strategic Plan / Sustainability Discussion - The meeting was called to order at 7:55 a.m. - Dr. Pogany guided the board through several activities that evaluated our current progress, looked at

the future sustainability of the Association finances, and a long range view of our advocacy work. Discussion followed with board consensus to continue the services we are providing but keep open minds for suggestions.

## 7. ASBSD Policies

Action: 7.1 ASBSD Awards - ASBSD Award of Excellence - Dr. Pogany shared at our last board meeting we talked about the difficulties we have in enticing school boards to apply for the School Board Award of Excellence. We concluded that one of the issues was the length of the application and how it was a disincentive for boards to apply. A draft copy was presented to the board. The written comments provided by Mary Williams were incorporated into the revised language of the award.

School Bell Award and Community Service Award - Board was reminded these come from them and the applications are due May 30th.

## 8. 2014 Advocacy

Information: 8.1 Legislative Wrap-up - Dr. Pogany thanked the ASBSD legislative team for all the work they did and the LAN's for their involvement in the legislative session. Dr. Pogany shared challenges will remain in finding revenue sources and not increasing taxes. A few new laws will change some of the local school policies and Gerry Kaufman, Director of Policy and Legal Services and I are working on a summary of the statutes that could impact some of the policies districts have.

Discussion: 8.2 Legislative Planning - Future advocacy plans were briefly discussed. Three key bills that were introduced by the legislative interim committee studying school funding did not make it through legislative session. ASBSD Policy and Resolution Committee needs input from the board as the following issues will be revisited:

1. Fund balances - agreement needs to be in place and when and what create fund balances, restricting fund balances vs. local control;
2. Capital Outlay - during the 2013 legislative session, SB 194, which extended the capital outlay flexibility provision until 2018 without including any stipulations in percentage reduction.
3. Ballot issue number 17 - ASBSD needs a position on record for Initiated Measure 17;
4. Teacher compensation - working with Governor and Legislature to increase teacher salaries;
5. New revenue sources for education;
6. Oppose any effort to control school calendars.

## 9. Director's Report

Information: 9.1 Program updates - Dr. Pogany presented information on ASBSD programs Buy Boards, e-Policy (3 pilot schools) and School Board U. Dr. Pogany reported that Dr. Royer is working on a finance course for School Board U. School Board Governance will be presented prior to convention.

Information: 9.2 Joint Convention 2014 report - Dr. Pogany presented information on the upcoming ASBSD/SASD Joint Conference. Opening keynote speaker will be Tom Gentzel, NSBA Executive Director.

## 10. Other Business –

- 1) Dr. Pogany advised the board of the application for 2nd vice president. Duane Alm will serve as chair of the committee and deadline for application is July 1.
- 2) The next board meeting will be August 6, 2014 in Sioux Falls.

- 3) The Policy and Resolutions Committee will meet in June with Denise Lutkemeier as chair.

#### 11. Executive Session

Information: 11.1 (If needed)

#### 12. Adjournment

Action: 12.1 Motion to Adjourn - Moved by Kathy Greeneway, seconded by Duane Alm, the meeting was adjourned.