

ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting (Friday, April 24, 2015)

Members Present:

Denise Lutkemeier, Duane Alm, Bryan Bauer, Eric Stroeder, Anita Peterson, Melissa Whipple, Deb Koenecke, Jeff Nelsen and Tom Farrell. Also present was ASBSD staff, Dr. Wade Pogany, William F. Lynch, Tyler Pickner and Katie Mitchell-Boe. Absent board members: Kathy Greeneway, Pamela Haukaas, LeRoy Hellwig, Steve Kubik, Todd Thaelke, Orson Ward and Neil Putnam.

1. Call to Order - Denise Lutkemeier at 1:08 p.m.

Information: 1.1 Good News -

Duane Alm - An empty building has been purchased by the Aberdeen school board and will be converted into a new elementary school. New Tech Academy will open this fall. Negotiations went very smooth and are complete.

Bryan Bauer - New extra-curricular activity is computer coding - they will be partnering with the School of Mines. Negotiations in Douglas are also complete.

Tom Farrell - Through a cooperative effort of the county sheriff, city police and the Madison School District they now have a school resource officer. The resource officer is located between the middle school and high school and has already proven to be a valuable resource. Madison received a CTE grant and the students are partnering with Lake Area Technical for welding classes. The students received dual credit enrollment. Negotiations are proceeding nicely.

Melissa Whipple - Todd County is moving along. New elementary school is really nice.

Deb Koenecke - Negotiations are done and all teaching positions are filled. Their district is completing phase 2 of Rachel's Challenge.

Anita Peterson - Negotiations are complete as this was year 2 of a 2 year contract. Prior to attending the meeting she had the opportunity to listen to her grandson compete in the Regional Music Competition. Her district also allows the current senior class to have a wall in their school to decorate as they wish.

Jeff Nelsen - Negotiations are moving forward and they are trying to implement a two year contract. A school district bus was involved in an accident and no students were injured and the accident was not their drivers fault. Rapid City School District has three high schools, Central, Stevens and Rapid City High, he volunteers at Rapid City High and works on the construction camp. He works with 5 young men ages 15, 16, 18, 20 and 21 he commented on their dedication and work ethics.

Eric Stroeder - The Mobridge-Pollock district participated in the 125th statehood celebration with student doing special projects. Their negotiations process is complete and they are trying to put together a 3-5 year plan.

Denise Lutkemeier- Wilmot had several students qualify for the State History Fair, unfortunately they didn't make it to nationals. Negotiations are complete with their district providing their teachers with a 5% increase and 2 more contact days. Their board is planning roundtable sessions with their teachers to discuss pressing issues.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes Feb. 16, 2015. Moved by Duane Alm, seconded by Anita Peterson to approve February 16 minutes as presented. Motion carried

3. Financial Items

Action: 3.1 Financial Reports through March 2015 - Bill Lynch, CFO, presented the report and advised the board the Association is sitting very well.

Moved by Deb Koenecke, seconded by Melissa Whipple to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried

Action: 3.2 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

Brian Bauer moved to approve the staffing changes as proposed, seconded by Jeff Nelsen. Motion carried.

Duane Alm moved, seconded by Anita Peterson to accept the budget of \$1,998,532.09 which represents a 15.56% decrease in overall expenditures and revenue as well as a 3% increase for staff salaries. Motion carried.

4. Reports

Information, Report: 4.1 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes

Dr. Pogany presented the minutes of the Executive Committee for the boards information.

Information: 4.2 NSBA 2015 Convention Reports - Written report provided to the board for their information. Duane Alm moved, seconded by Bryan Bauer to send a letter of endorsement for the candidacy of Neil Putnam for the position of Director of the National School Boards. Motion carried.

5. Strategic Planning

Discussion: 5.1 Strategic Plan Discussion – Dr. Pogany involved the board in several activities designed to craft the next steps in the strategic plan. Discussion followed relating to questions about strengths, opportunities to improve, threats, and activities to meet the mission of ASBSD.

Meeting was recessed until 8:30, April 25th, 2015
Denise Lutkemeier called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

6. ASBSD Policies –

Information 6.1 ASBSD Awards – Dr. Pogany lead the board in discussion to offer nominations for ASBSD awards. The Board discussed nominations for the School Bell and Community Service Awards. The Longevity Award was briefly discussed with Melissa Whipple sharing Todd County Board member Lavern Lanz will be leaving their board having served 27 years. Bryan Bauer shared Douglas too has a board member, Larry Larson, leaving having served 36 years.

Information 6.2 Board Vacancies - Dr. Pogany address the board regarding the openings on the ASBSD Board and perhaps the need to review Policy BD-Composition, selection, responsibilities, terms and removal from office. He advised the board of the resignation of Dorothy Hajek, representing SE Region under 265. Currently ASBSD has 3 openings on its board, two in the southeast and one in the west.

7. 2014 Advocacy

Information: 7.1 Legislative Wrap-up - Dr. Pogany provided a summary of the 90th Legislative Session, and shared a few lessons learned from the session.

Information: 7.2 Blue Ribbon Task Force – Rep. Jackie Sly and Dr. Jim Parry presented information on the Task Force and its goals and objectives. ASBSD Board members as stakeholders shared their concerns with the funding formula, small pool of highly qualified teachers and why reserves are being built so they can continue to operate and build buildings as needed. Rep. Sly thanked the board for their input and advised them the Task Force will reevaluate the current funding formula, collect and analyze the data and hopefully have recommendations for reform ready for the 2016 Legislative Session.

Information 7.3 Transgender policy – Dr. Pogany shared with the board the open dialogue with the Activities Association regarding the transgender policy.

Action 7.4 Policy and Resolution Committee Appointments – Dr. Pogany advised the board the Policy and Resolution Committee traditionally comprised of the executive committee has added board members Tom Farrell and Orson Ward to serve as on the committee.

8. Director's Report -

Information: 8.1 Program updates - Dr. Pogany reported staff has begun work on updating events calendar and planning events accordingly.

Information: 6.2 Joint Convention 2015 report

Dr. Pogany reported on events and planning for Convention 2015. Tyler Pickner has the webpage updated and Dr. Yong Zhao, Education Author and professor, will be our keynote speaker. Dr. Pogany advised the board to continue to watch the website for updates as we will continue to add information on the Convention in the weeks leading up to the event.

9. Other Business – Next board meeting is in Sioux Falls on August 5th.

10. Executive Session – Denise Lutkemeier declared the meeting into executive session for the purpose of evaluating the executive director.

Information: 10.1 Executive Director evaluation

11. Adjournment

Action: 11.1 Denise Lutkemeier thanked the board for their hard work and declared the meeting adjourned.