

## **ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting (Thursday, November 19, 2015)**

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### **Members present**

Duane Alm, Bryan Bauer, Tom Farrell, Kathy Greeneway, Pam Haukaas, Susan Humiston, Debbe Koenecke, Denise Lutkemeier, Rick Olson, Anita Peterson, Eric Stroeder, Todd Thaelke, and Melissa Whipple. Also present, Neil Putnam, Dr. Wade Pogany, Gerry Kaufman, Matt Flett, Tyler Pickner, and Katie Mitchell-Boe. Absent were board members Steve Kubik, Jeff Nelsen and Orson Ward

### **Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM**

#### **1. Call to Order - President Stroeder**

Information: 1.1 Good News –

President Stroeder opened the meeting with the introduction of newly appointed board member Rick Olson.

Rick Olson introduced himself as a 15 year veteran from the Howard School District. Mr. Olson will serve those schools in the Southeast Region with enrollment 265-699.

Kathy Greeneway – GOOOO Yankton Bucks, the Bucks defeated Pierre by 1 point to win the State 11 AA Football Championship. Yankton School District is in the middle of a comprehensive building study and they have formed a cooperative with Mitchell Tech so students attending technical classes receive credit from MTI.

Susan Humiston – Edgemont School had Top Twenty Training the first week of school, engaging teachers, other staff, students, and community members. Top 20's primary goal is to revolutionize education in America by helping students become more engaged in school and providing teacher with a new way of seeing themselves as relevant educators in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It provides students, teachers and parents with a common language, easily understood concepts and practical tools for dealing with everyday situations and problems.

Denise Lutkemeier – Wilmot's enrollment is down but the district is busy and the school year is going well.

Pam Haukaas – Colome Cowboys are now live on the internet. The students run the program and the audio is provided by community members. They have a 65/35% partnership with the internet provider so they have no liability for equipment. Also the house building project is a huge success as the house is already sold.

Deb Koenecke – Deuel applied and received grant money to replace all lights. They are in the process of replacing all bulbs with new LED. The cost savings will be recovered in a couple of years.

Melissa Whipple – Todd County's Dreamcatcher was provided to board members with Melissa pointing out a story on equine therapy coming to Todd County Elementary School. The plan is to bring horses to the Todd County Elementary campus, thus exposing more children to the healing spirit of the horse and to allow the schools therapists to assist the children during the day at school.

Duane Alm – Aberdeen’s new school building is ahead of schedule. The district has a total of 140 new students and he commented on how proud he was of the Central students showing support to the Harrisburg students following the shooting incident.

Anita Peterson – Anita reported that no news was good news in her school. They are continuing studying the conditions of their buildings and what would be the most cost effective and efficient way of dealing with the aging buildings. Anita also indicated that as we were meeting the Philip girl volleyball team was playing in the state championship.

Eric Stroeder – Eric reported the Mobridge-Pollock girl’s volleyball team was also playing in the state tournament. The school’s robotic team is currently in North Dakota competing and has had a very successful year.

Rick Olson – Howard is off to a good start with a new superintendent and high school principal. The new administration is improving relationships with staff and students. Morale at the school is improving. The district also has purchased LED lighting and a new furnace.

Bryan Bauer – The new elementary school is open and things are going well.

Tom Farrell – Madison Bulldogs won their division in football and all the schools in their community were transported to the new gymnasium where they welcomed home the team. The new bus barn is very nice and the district took possession on November 1. He also reported ASBSD has been employed to complete their superintendent search.

Todd Thielke – Sioux Falls Washington Warriors won the State AA Football Championship. Supt. Brian Maher has been a very positive change in the district. Josh Vortermis, Roosevelt High School Senior was honored at All-State orchestra for being selected 1<sup>st</sup> chair base for four consecutive years.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2015 board meeting. Moved by Kathy Greenaway, seconded by Susan Humiston to accept as presented. Motion carried

## 3. Financial Items

Action: 3.1 Financial Reports through October 2015 - Matt Flett, CFO

Moved by Melissa Whipple, seconded by Duane Alm to approve as presented. Motion carried

Action: 3.2 ASBSD Audit

Scott Currier, Palmer, Currier and Hoffert presented the Audit. He commented that Bill Lynch, Deanne Arbach, and Matt Flett were professional and responded to their requests for information in a timely manner. He further stated the financials as presented through the audit reflected the Association was in good financial status. Moved by Todd Thielke, seconded by Pam Haukaas to accept the audit as presented. Motion carried. Moved by Tom Farrell, seconded by Kathy Greenaway to seek RFP for bids to audit ASBSD records for 2016 fiscal year. Motion carried. Discussion followed.

Moved by Tom Farrell, seconded by Kathy Greenaway to seek proposals for services to audit ASBSD. Motion carried. Discussion followed on switching auditors for the purpose of looking at association through a different set of eyes. Motion carried.

Action: 3.3 ASBSD 990 and 990-T

Moved by Melissa Whipple, seconded by Bryan Bauer to accept as presented. Motion carried

#### 4. Reports

Information: 4.1 Summer Leadership Conference and Western Region Meeting

Summer Institute was held in Chicago and is NSBA's newest program for board leadership training as well as all Region Meetings being incorporated into one event.

Western Region – Oklahoma was the site of this year's Western Region. Dr. Pogany and Eric Stroeder represented South Dakota at the meeting and reported the numbers were smaller but the comradery was warm and welcoming. Western Region is made up of 9 states (North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado) sharing many of the same difficulties and challenges. Discussion on whether the nine states should continue the rotation of regional meetings was decided with New Mexico inviting those attending to please join them September 2016 in Santa Fe, NM.

Information: 4.2 NSBA Report - Neil Putnam

Neil reported on what is happening on the national level. Neil reported: 1)Secretary of Education Duncan will be stepping down; 2)NSBA is working on producing a White Paper of hot topics; 3)KeyWorks of school boards is being revamped; 4)33 states have requirements for board certification and the desire is that board training can be utilized between state and national certification.

Information, Report: 4.3 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes – The Executive Committee has not met so therefore no action was taken.

Discussion: 4.4 Region Meetings Review

Region meetings –Dr. Pogany thanked everyone who were able to attend and participate in the meetings. The Region Meetings provide him with the opportunity have one on one discussion specifically regarding the Blue Ribbon Task Force, upcoming legislation and creates an opportunity for input and questions.

#### 5. Advocacy

Action: 5.1 Policy & Resolution Committee - Delegate Assembly Resolutions

B. School Boundaries Resolution – Dr. Pogany asked the board for their guidance on this issue. Gerry Kaufman has attended meetings/hearings and helped draft the proposed election initiative. The proposed resolution will no longer be an initiative issue but rather an even swap of land based on value. Gerry clarified that it is proposing land value swap of no less than 10% to avoid lengthy litigations. Dr. Pogany asked the board to support the resolution to propose legislation that would eliminate minor boundary changes being initiated by landowners and allow minor boundary changes only if initiated by a school board. Moved by Denise Lutkemeier, seconded by Pam Haukaas that ASBSD Board approve the resolution as presented and deliver to Delegate Assembly for its consideration and approval. Motion carried

Action: 5.2 Delegate Assembly Priorities – Moved by Bryan Bauer, seconded by Melissa Whipple ASBSD priority of resolutions is: 1. A6 – School Employee Compensation; 2. C1 – School Funding; 3. C6 – Capital Outlay Growth Limits; 4. D1 – Alternative Revenue Sources. Motion carried.

Action: 5.3 Legislation updates – Dr. Pogany shared with the board the Blue Ribbon Task Force recommendations. No legislation has been drafted with said recommendations and he advised the

board that until we see said legislation no formal action be taken. He also recommended that we keep our membership informed and has a presentation ready for presentation at Delegate Assembly.

## 6. ASBSD Policies

Action: 6.1 Certification of Delegates – Change to the ASBSD Constitution and By-Laws, Article 5, Section 4 and Article 6, Section 3 Nomination for region directors. The proposed changes are as follows:

- ~~Section 4. Certification Appointment of Delegates.~~ The ~~officials school board~~ of member schools shall ~~certify submit~~ to the Executive Director or President of the Corporation the names of their delegates and alternates at least 10 days prior to the Delegate Assembly.
- ~~Section 3.~~ Nominations for region directors shall be made by a caucus of delegates from each region at the annual meeting of the Delegate Assembly. Not more than two nominees shall be made for each expiring directorship within the director's enrollment category.

~~Notice of the time and place of the nominating caucus must be sent to each school board member in a directors region at least 45 days prior to the caucus. In addition a statement of candidacy must be included with mailing for prospective candidates for region director to complete and return at least 21 days prior to the nominating caucus. If no one files a statement of candidacy 21 days prior to the caucus, a vacancy will exist which shall be filled by the President as provided in Article VI, Section 1.~~

~~The ASBSD President shall appoint a school board member to chair the caucus. The chair shall not be a candidate for region director.~~

~~A person filing a statement of candidacy as required in this section, may be placed in nomination by any delegate from the director region in attendance at the nominating caucus. Candidates for region director shall speak to the caucus regarding their experience and background prior to voting.~~

~~Each delegate attending the nominating caucus may cast one vote. If more than two candidates are nominated, voting will be by secret ballot. The two candidates receiving the highest vote shall be nominated and their names placed on the election ballot.~~

~~If only one candidate is nominated at the caucus for a specific enrollment category, the caucus may recommend consent of the delegate assembly to suspend the election provision contained in Section 4 (below) and declare the candidate elected. Official action by the delegate assembly will determine the outcome of the recommendations.~~

Moved by Susan Humiston, seconded by Tom Farrell to inform our membership of proposed changes. Motion carried.

Action: 6.2 Policy change repealing Bulletin publication requirement for resolutions- BLAA – Resolutions – Moved by Denise Lutkemeier, seconded by Pam Haukaas to approve as presented. Motion carried. See Attachment 2

Action: 6.2 Policy change repealing Bulletin publication – BFDG – Board Minutes – Moved by Melissa Whipple, seconded by Duane Alm to approve as presented. Motion carried. See Attachment 3

Information: 6.4 Employee Leave & Absences ASBSD Policy GCBD – Dr. Pogany presented the board for their information the days ASBSD staff will observe.

7. Board Development – Gerry Kaufman presented a session on School Board Member Conflict of Interest. The presentation focused on Conflict of Interest Caused By/Results From – Office Incompatibility and/or Interest in a Contract Bias.

8. Director's Report

Information: 8.1 Program updates

8.2 Protective Trust Update – Dr. Pogany reported the quarterly report from the Protective Trust indicates administratively things are beginning to look positive, things that needed to be changed has been changed.

Discussion: 8.3 Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Pogany shared the quarterly report on the Strategic Plan to give the ASBSD Board a working progress report on each of the Strategic Goals. He asked the board if the information being provided was sufficient or if additional information was needed. He also reported the administrative team is working on a board member feedback survey.

Action: 8.4 SD FIT Appointment – Dr. Pogany advised the board of an opening on the South Dakota FIT board as a result of LeRoy Hellwig no longer serves on the Sisseton School Board. He asked interested board members to either contact Eric Stroeder or himself if they were interested.

9. Other Business

Information: 9.1 Next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2016, Pierre, SD.

10. Executive Session

Action: 10.1 If necessary – no executive session was necessary.

11. Adjournment

Action: 11.1 Motion to Adjourn – Moved by Deb Koenecke, seconded by Rick Olson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.