ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting (Friday, April 29, 2016)

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Members present

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

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Vice President Anita Peterson

Information: 1.1 Daktronics Tour – Leah Brink presented a brief overview of Daktronics' Mission, Goals, and Visions concluding her presentation with a tour of the facility.

Information: 1.2 Good News -

Alan Van Ruler – Montrose has successfully completed negotiations. He updated the board on the "Wyatt Warriors" story as the brave three grader lost his battle with cancer.

Rick Olson – Howard school board is GAVEL certified.

Bryan Bauer – Douglas is completed with negotiations for their certified staff.

Deb Koenecke – Deuel has successfully completed negotiations. School is going with all STE lighting.

Susan Humiston – Edgemont has good news/bad news the good news is the rail cars hauling coal through Edgemont will finally cease, the bad news when you lose jobs you lose families and students.

Todd Thoelke – Sioux Falls is implementing a summer school for at-risk students for 6 weeks, their board election is over and incumbents were re-elected. Jeff Holcomb, STI President, announced his retirement and the board will begin the search for his replacement.

Jeff Nelsen – Rapid City School District was very appreciative of the money from the ½ cent sales tax. The district will have a new superintendent and entire policy book will be completed by July 1. On a personal note he thanked the board for the time he has served with them and advised them that this would be his last meeting.

Duane Alm – The entire board completed the ASBSD survey, teachers were in the middle of a two year contract and they were able to renegotiate the contract.

Denise Lutkemeier – Negotiations are completed at Wilmot, sitting down with teachers for second round of topics which are then discussed at board meeting to discuss outcomes and how we can make their school a better place.

Kathy Greeneway – Yankton continues to work on facilities comprehensive study with final report due in May. New software company has been hired to update and make their webpage more user friendly and refreshed.

Orson Ward – The Lead-Deadwood focus for older kids for CTE of Robotics program is very successful, coding program, added profile curriculum and partnering with Sanford Underground Lab. Really young people fantastic partnership with local preschool program and they maintain preschool at local district.

Anita Peterson – One of their seniors was recognized on KELO for organizing the fun run at the State FCCLA and Haakon School District is blessed with tremendous teachers and students.

Dr. Pogany shared with the board the *Good News Bulletin*, he thanked the board and Tyler Pickner for the success of the publication and this is the third year and he is excited because it really reflects what good things schools are doing.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes February 15, 2016

Moved by Orson Ward, seconded by Kathy Greeneway to approve as presented. Motion carried.

3. Financial Items

Action: 3.1 Financial Reports through March 2016 - Matt Flett, CFO

Moved by Deb Koenecke, seconded by Todd Thoelke to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Action, Presentation: 3.2 2016-2017 Proposed Budget

Moved by Susan Humiston, seconded by Denise Lutkemeier to accept the proposed budget. The board approved the recommend use of FY 15 statistical digest data for calculating dues. The approved budget also accepted the recommend increase for non-public k-12 institutions (educational cooperatives, tribal schools, etc.) from \$750 to \$775. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed to April 30, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Eric Stroeder. Present were board members: Duane Alm, Bryan Bauer, Kathy Greeneway, Susan Humiston, Debbe Koenecke, Denise Lutkemeier, Jeff Nelsen, Rick Olson, Anita Peterson, Todd Thoelke, Alan Van Ruler and Orson Ward. Also present: Neil Putnam, Dr. Wade Pogany, Dr. Randall Royer, Gerry Kaufman, Tyler Pickner, Matt Flett and Katie Mitchell-Boe. Absent: Rick Olson, Tom Farrell, Pam Haukaas, Steve Kubik, and Melissa Whipple.

4. Reports

Information: 4.1 NSBA Report - Neil Putnam – Neil reported the NSBA board has become more diversified through gender, race and age. He also shared the new president is Miranda Beard from Mississippi.

Eric Stroeder, Todd Thoelke, Anita Peterson and Wade Pogany attended the National Conference in Boston. They reported the South Dakota delegation consisted of 27 people and the sessions were very informative and the question of what do we do for our student's was threaded throughout the conference.

Action, Report: 4.3 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes – Presented to the board for their information.

5. Board Development

Discussion: 5.1 Strategic Planning The board discussed the progress of the strategic plan and provided input into further actions to engage local school boards. Questions posed to the board: 1) what specific actions can ASBSD take to attract local board members to participate in ASBSD activities, and how can we better engage them in the advocacy and training processes? 2) what can the Board of Director do to encourage local boards in your region to become more engaged in ASBSD activities? Discussion followed and Orson Ward proposed changing the what to how can we as board member proceed. ASBSD board brainstormed

the following ideas: continue to email current members in region they represent; create regional office position so each region has a personal contact; overview of what ASBSD does; ASBSD be a line item on all board agendas where director would share a tidbit relating to ASBSD. Discussion followed and will continue to follow at next meeting.

5.2 Board Recognition Proposal – Dr. Pogany and Dr. Royer presented the draft proposal for a new recognition program. The ASBSD Board Recognition Program is designed to recognize individual school board members, as well as whole boards, for their dedicated and ethical service to the students of South Dakota. The recognition program will work by members participating in ASBSD activities, training opportunities and demonstrating leadership at the local, state and national level board members accumulate points to achieve awards. For each level of award, Gold, Silver, and Bronze, point totals are counted in three separate categories.

We describe them as ALL; Act, Learn, Lead – ACT: Activities in this category demonstrate participation at various board functions; Learn: Activities in this category center around training opportunities board member individually or as a whole board participated and completed; Lead: Activities in this category focus on leadership events or activities where board members take on a leadership role or participate in leadership training.

Discussion followed and by consensus ASBSD staff was directed to move forward with proposal.

6. Advocacy

Action, Information: 6.1 Legislative Update - Dr. Pogany updated the Board on the 91st Legislative Session. Board will provide input to the Policy and Resolutions Committee on various legislative topics.

He asked the board to consider the following questions:

- 1. Transgender: There is no doubt a similar bill to HB 1008 will come back again next year. You may have read about the North Carolina bill that went even further than 1008. What should ASBSD's position be on transgender legislation moving forward?
- 2. Mascots: You will remember HB1147 prohibited schools from using mascots that were considered to be inappropriate or discriminatory. The bill died in the House, but I anticipate it again in some form. I've talked to Sen. Heinert about getting together to discuss it further this summer. What should ASBSD's position be on controversial mascots?
- 3. Tax credits/vouchers: As you know the Governor signed SB159 which gave insurance companies tax credits if they donate funds for private school scholarships. We have a lot to discuss with this bill. What position or actions should we take moving forward? Does the board want to fight it and organize a signature campaign to get the law referred? Would we want to repeal the bill next session? Would we want to make sure any insurance companies contributing were disclosed (the bill allows a company to donate without being disclosed)? Do we do nothing?
- 4. New State Aid formula: We are beginning to understand the implications of SB131. Some we anticipated, others we did not. What direction should ASBSD take in refining the new formula?

Discussion followed.

Information: 6.2 Policies and Resolutions Committee Appointments – President Stroeder announced the appointment of the following to the Policy and Resolutions Committee: Anita Peterson, Todd Thoelke, Denise Lutkemeier, Tom Farrell and himself.

7. ASBSD Policies

Action, Information: 7.1 ASBSD Awards – Dr. Pogany lead the board in discussion for potential nominees for ASBSD awards: School Bell; Community Service; Outstanding School Board member, School Board Award of Excellence and SASD/ASBSD advocacy award. Members were reminded due date for applications is June 17, 2016.

8. Director's Report

Information: 8.1 Program updates – Dr. Pogany discussed the Region meeting sites and asked if board members if they were interested in hosting one of the 9 region meetings to please let Dr. Pogany know soon.

Information 8.2 Protective Trust Update – Dr. Pogany and Matt Flett provided the Board with updates on the progress of the Protective Trust funds.

Discussion: 8.3 Joint Convention 2016 Report - Dr. Pogany provided updates on the 2016 Joint Convention. He shared the Keynote speaker - David Berliner - wrote 50 Myths and Lies That Threaten America's Public Schools will open the conference. The conference will conclude on Friday with a panel discussion featuring administrators from Harrisburg to tell their story about the lessons learned in their active shooter crisis.

Action: 8.4 SD FIT Appointment – Dr. Pogany reminded the board of an opening on the SD FIT board and asked any board member interested in serving to contact him

9. Other Business

Information: 9.1 Next meeting is scheduled for August 3, Sioux Falls

10. Executive Session

Discussion: 10.1 Executive Director Evaluation – The board went into Executive Session for the evaluation of the Executive Director.

11. Adjournment

Action: 11.1 Motion to Adjourn – Completion of the evaluation the board returned to regular meeting and there being no further business declared the meeting adjourned. Motion carried.