1. Call to Order - President Peterson

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 AM by President Anita Peterson. Members present were:
Duane Alm, Bryan Bauer, Tom Farrell, Debbe Koenecke, Steve Kubik, Denise Lutkemeier, Eric Stroeder,
Melissa Whipple, Neil Putnam, Susan Humiston, Rick Olson, Todd Thoelke, Alan Van Ruler and Ron Riherd. Absent were members: Pam Haukaas, Kathy Greeneway and Orson Ward. Also present were: Dr. Wade Pogany, Tyler Pickner, Gerry Kaufman, Matt Flett and Katie Mitchell-Boe.

Information: 1.1 Good News -

President Peterson introduced Ron Riherd board member from Rapid City as this was his first meeting.
Ron shared he is newly elected board member of the Rapid City board. Ron also shared he is a retired teacher, married to his beautiful wife for 45 years, they have two daughters and five grandchildren. ASBSD board members introduced themselves and shared Good News tidbits at the same time.

Alan Van Ruler – Montrose board member shared project students did to raise cap and mittens for K-5 students in need. Students then shared surplus of winter clothing with Bishop Dudley’s House in Sioux Falls. Students gathered 1700 food supplies for community pantry. Winning class was awarded their effort with a pizza party.

Rick Olson – Howard board member shared district student received a NCR platinum award. Colony school recently had technology update.

Melissa Whipple – Todd County board member shared two exciting announcements 1st National PTA coming to Todd County; 2nd building, building, building – new school at O’Kreek and 18 new housing units for teachers.

Deb Koenecke – Deuel board member shared district continues to be busy with MCL program and she was very proud of the district’s second place finish at the State’s Gymnastic meet.

Ron Riherd – Ron shared Rapid City Supt. Lori Simon has brought new ideas, new academic standards and the district was in the process of a new strategic plan. Stevens’ gymnastics team also finished strong.

Eric Stroeder – Mobridge-Pollock board member shared his good news was everything was quiet and going well in his district. The district robotic team is doing very well.

Tom Farrell – Madison Central gymnastic team won the state championship and their coach is the daughter of newly appointed legislator. Middle school received a Net Score Grant.

Todd Thoelke – Sioux Falls board member shared their district superintendent is working on strategic plan with emphasis on attendance and graduation rates. Elementary population is growing rapidly and the superintendent has engaged the public in conversation on what options should they be looking at to handle the growth, new school, etc.

Anita Peterson – Haakon (Philip) board member of 24 years shared their district received a superior rating at the state one act play and their wrestling team won regionals. She was extremely proud as two
of her grandsons wrestle. New building proposal continues to move forward. Philip is looking for a new superintendent.

Duane Alm – Aberdeen board member and ASBSD Board member for 16 years shared their district was in full swing of School Board Recognition Week. Their superintendent recognized their board and their work. The Culinary Arts Department did a really fine job at State Competition and served the board at their meeting. The district is making great progress on the district wide goals.

Steve Kubik – Winner school board member shared their district has hired a new superintendent and they have several students in the dual credit program and will graduate with 22 college credits.

Denise Lutkemeier – Wilmot board member of 17 years shared how their district’s business teacher had a job fair and what a success it was. She also shared they are looking for math and guidance teachers.

Susan Humiston – Edgemont board member of 26 years shared her district is working on NCR – scheduling changes and they will be most thankful when the snow is gone.

Bryan Bauer – Douglas board member shared how appreciative he is of being an ASBSD board member and the great resource it is for board members.

Dr. Pogany shared his experience attending the promotion ceremony of Orson Ward to Colonel in the South Dakota National Guard. Orson’s new position will be Human Resource for approximately 9000 soldiers.

Neil Putnam – Mitchell board member thanked the board for their support during his illness. He presented Wade and Denise with small gifts of appreciation.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes December 2016

Moved by Denise Lukemeier, second by Susan Humiston to approve the December 6, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

3. Financial Items

Action: 3.1 Financial Reports through January 2017 - Matt Flett, CFO

Matt Flett reported as of January 31st the Association has received $1,229,528.78 or 61.13% of our revenue budget and have expensed $1,171,065.03 or 58.23% of our expenditure budget. At this time last year, the Association had total revenue of $1,256,561.96 or 65.33% of our revenue budget. While expenditures were at $1,158,629.19 or 57.97% of our expenditure budget. We have a strong balance sheet and strong financial position. The Association is in good financial shape. Moved by Melissa Whipple, second Tom Farrell the financial report was approved as presented. Motion carried.

4. Reports

Information: 4.1 NSBA Report - Neil Putnam
Neil Putnam reported NSBA will be closely monitoring the new Secretary of Education as well as the appointment of the new Secretary of Agriculture. Monies appropriated for school nutrition is not even on the radar. He continued that NSBA will be monitoring the first 100 days of President Trump’s term for direction.

Action, Report: 4.2 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes - No report as the executive committee had not met since the last meeting.

5. Board Development

Information: 5.1 Input on ESSA accountability rules

Abby Javurek-Hurnig and Mary Staddick Smith from the Department of Education asked for input from the Board regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA. It was the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, established in 1965. Key areas – 1. Accountability; 2. Assessment and Standards; 3. School Improvement and Student Support; 4. Data/Reporting; were discussed, questions asked and feedback provided.

Input will be funneled to the ESSA Accountability Work Group, the Committee of Practitioners, the Board of Education and the Department of Education, to be considered as the state’s required plan is drafted. Once the plan is drafted (expected to be spring 2017), an official public comment period will be opened and additional feedback solicited.

6. Advocacy

Information: 6.1 Legislative Update – Board members received an update on legislative session, Dr. Pogany briefly touched on the following bills: House Bill 1110: revises certain provisions regarding school bus stop violations; House Bill 1170: amends the conflict of interest disclosure law; House Bill 1196: prohibits the unauthorized use of electronic listening or recording devices in classrooms; Senate Bill 92: changes the year a school district is required to bring general fund reserves down to a certain percentages from 2018 to 2020; Senate Bill 55: protects the teaching of certain scientific information – ASBSD opposes this bill; Senate Bill 85: permits exemption of certain students from academic assessment tests - ASBSD opposes this bill; Senate Bill 134: prohibits the use of public school resources in any political vote – ASBSD opposes the bill; Senate Bill 177: revises certain provisions for participation of home school students in certain interscholastic activities – ASBSD opposes this bill; Senate Bill 1109: prohibits the use of handheld electronic wireless devices by school bus drivers; House Bill 1133: requires a school district to adopt a policy to provide for students with specific learning disabilities, including dyslexia; Senate Bill 33: adjust the special education fund levy and disability level allocations; Senate Bill 35: adjusts the general education fund levy, average teacher salary target and overhead rate for additional salary and benefits costs. Dr. Pogany shared ASBSD legislative team meets daily for strategic planning. Discussion followed.

Information: 6.2 Legislative Day Feb 21 – Dr. Pogany shared information on the event which will be held at the Ramkota beginning at 12:00 p.m. Agenda items include:

- Pre-luncheon – Meet and lobby with your legislators or sit in on committee meetings at the Capitol
- 12:00 p.m. – Luncheon at Ramkota
- 1:00 p.m. – Review of legislative issues and lessons on effective advocacy with ASBSD
• 2:00 p.m. - Meet at the Capitol where our award winners and board members in attendance will be honored

7. ASBSD Policies – Policy BD – The Role of the ASBSD Board

Moved by Duane Alm, seconded by Tom Farrell to approve as presented. Motion carried. (See Attachment 1)

8. Director’s Report

Information: 8.1 Program updates

Protective Trust – Matt Flett reported the Health Fund Assessment was discussed at great length with our member schools and all but one had returned their Memorandum of Understanding. ASBSD’s pledge of $2 million for cash flow purposes will hopefully be no longer needed thus freeing the monies for ASBSD use. Matt also shared that with the open, honest discussion ASBSD’s reputation has seen a vast improvement.

Discussion: 8.3 Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Pogany discussed briefly the Strategic Plan. He asked the board to think about the following as these questions will be part of our focus at the April meeting.

1. Any questions regarding the Governance Models presented at the last meeting.
2. What can we do to increase further participation?
3. Do we want focus areas?
4. Board members discussed making a job description as to what their roles and responsibilities include.

Action: 8.4 SD FIT Appointment –

Moved by Tom Farrell, seconded by Todd Thoelke to approve the appointment of Anita Peterson to serve on the South Dakota FIT Board. Motion carried.

9. Other Business

Information: 9.1 Next meeting is scheduled for April 21-22, 2017 Rapid City

10. Executive Session

Action: 10.1 If necessary

11. Adjournment

Action: 11.1 Motion to Adjourn – Moved by Rick Olson, seconded by Tom Farrell to adjourn. Motion carried.