ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting (Thursday, November 16, 2017)

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1. Call to Order - President Thoelke called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Information: 1.1 Welcome/Introductions - Present were board members: Anita Peterson, Tom Farrell, Melissa Whipple, Deb Koencke, Susan Humiston, Pam Haukaas, Duane Alm, Bryan Bauer, Denise Lutkemeier, Ron Riherd and Kathy Greeneway. Absent were board members: Steve Kubik, Neil Putnam, Orson Ward, and Rick Olson. Also present were ASBSD staff members Dr. Wade Pogany, Tyler Pickner, Matt Flett, Gerry Kaufman and Katie Mitchell-Boe.

Information: 1.2 Good News

Pam Haukaas – Colome board has completed 2 segments of the GAVEL training (Board Governance and Finance). A new school is in the works.

Susan Humiston – Edgemont field and track project was highlighted in the Rapid City Journal on how the whole community worked together to complete their field.

Deb Koencke – District is doing a building study. Fifteen FFA students will be going to Pierre to participate and compete in the State FFA Leadership Contest.

Melissa Whipple – Students have a new building at Okreek elementary. She also shared how their community honored the MIA Soldier as he was returned home and laid to rest.

Anita Peterson – New school building is enclosed and the school year is going well. New superintendent is settling into the community.

Tom Farrell – Madison Central is the Class A Football Champions and their volleyball team is at the state tourney as number 4 seed. Students ACT had the ranking of #1 school in the state and they had an Academic Celebration.

Todd Thoelke – Strategic Plan to increase graduation rate has proven successful as Dr. Maher reported to the board they increased graduation rate by 5%. Washington Football won the state championship. District is having a complete facilities study done (elementary, middle school and high school buildings).

Duane Alm – Dr. Becky Guffin has been named to the State Board of Education. Student enrollment has finally leveled off after an 8 year growth. Ten students placed on the All State Academic Team.

Denise Lutkemeier – Two exciting things happened at her school this year with 30 new students enrolling and their first year of co-oping with Summit and Waubay to create a cross country team. Staff is gearing up to serve community meal on December 18th.

Good news reports were suspended so ASBSD Audit Report could be presented.

Scott Currier, Palmer, Currier & Hoffert, LLP presented the Audit. He complimented Matt Flett and Deanne Arbach for their professional and timely responses to their requests for information. He further stated the financials as presented through the audit reflected the Association was in good financial status and reflected reported ASBSD’s net assets total more than $3.5 million, The “Designated Support Health LOC” portion of Net Assets returned to zero as of the end of the year. The Association no longer has $2 million of Net Assets collateralized to support the line of credit. The health fund no longer requires the financial support from a line of credit because it is performing at an exceptionally high financial level on its own. The $2 million of collateralized funds has been moved to “Unrestricted Net Assets.”
Scott Currier reported the 990’s and 990T’s are completed and will be filed with the IRS. He concluded presentation with a thank you for the continued business.

Good News reporting continued.

Kathy Greeneway reported Governor Daugaard will be in Yankton with his Workforce Development plan. Yankton already has an intern program where their students not only get credit for the work but also are paid. Robotics program is a huge success with helping students to think outside the box and the fun in being creative. Yankton has many ESL students and their district is now catering to 10 languages.

Ron Riherd – Rapid City school district is up against the wall financially. Teachers at impasse and most of the facilities built were built in the 20’s and they will be doing a district wide assessment. Challenges coming from the study will include bonding and opt outs. Ron concluded with thanking Dr. Pogany for allowing Rapid City to host the regional meetings and the discussion on mental health issues was very beneficial for their board.

Bryan Bauer – Douglas school bus was in an accident and the good news was no one was hurt. School lunch program is being funded by the public so no student will ever owe for lunches.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes August 2017

Moved by Melissa Whipple, second by Kathy Greeneway to approve the August 16, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

3. Financial Items

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


Matt reported ASBSD’s net assets total more than $3.5 million, The “Designated Support Health LOC” portion of Net Assets returned to zero as of the end of the year. The Association no longer has $2 million of Net Assets collateralized to support the line of credit. The health fund no longer requires the financial support from a line of credit because it is performing at an exceptionally high financial level on its own. The $2 million of collateralized funds has been moved to “Unrestricted Net Assets”.

Matt further reported ASBSD is excited to note a subsequent event to the June 30, 2017 financial statements. In July 2017, the Association was able to completely satisfy the Associations $512,000 building loan obligation in full, thus returning that liability on the Statement of Net Assets to zero at the end of July 2017. Moved by Melissa Whipple, second by Bryan Bauer to accept financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Action: 3.2 ASBSD Audit – Moved by Susan Humiston, second by Deb Koenecke to accept Audit Report as previously presented. Motion carried.

Action: 3.3 ASBSD 990 and 990-T – Moved by Pam Haukaas, second by Anita Peterson to accept them as presented. Motion carried. Scott Currier had reported to the board they will be filed with the IRS upon acceptance.

Information: 3.4 Protective Trust Update

Matt Flett reported the Protective Trust has been very busy since the assessment. He reported as of September 11, 2017, the Health Pool has paid off all of its debt. Two schools have been added to the health fund with another district joining January 1, 2018. Ninety-five percent of the three pool audits are completed.
4. Executive Committee Reports

Information: 4.1 Summer Leadership Conference and Western Region Meeting

Dr. Pogany and the executive committee reported on their experiences at both the Summer Leadership in Chicago and Western Region in Kansas.

Information, Report: 4.2 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes

Dr. Pogany presented the minutes of the October 3, 2017 executive committee for the boards information.

5. Advocacy

Action, Information: 5.1 Legislation updates

Dr. Pogany shared the Region Meetings were well attended and the discussions at each sight was very beneficial. Possible legislation for the upcoming session include:

- Students receiving alternative instruction (Home-School) participating is extra and co-curricular activities.
- State funded preschool and preschool standards
- Federal funds being repurposed to expand school choice option
- School finance - Governor’s budget address will be December 5

Action: 5.2 Policy & Resolution Committee - Delegate Assembly Resolutions

Todd ThoeIke recognized the Policy and Resolutions Committee and thanked them for their service. Discussion followed concerning the Sioux Falls amendment to A7 – School Employee Compensation. The consensus of the board was allow Sioux Falls Delegate to move to amend allowing discussion from the floor of Delegate Assembly.

Action: 5.3 Delegate Assembly Priorities

Moved by Tom Farrell and second by Duane Alm the priority positions are:

1. C1 – School Funding
2. B1 – Students Receiving Alternative Instruction
3. G5 – Repurposing Federal Funding for School Choice Expansion
4. D1 – Sales Tax Revenue

6. ASBSD Policies

Action: 6.1 Review Constitution/By-Law change regarding board vacancies.

Moved by Ron Riherd, second by Deb Koenecke to accept as presented. Motion carried.

7. Director’s Report

Discussion: 7.1 Region Meetings Review Dr. Pogany advised the board the Region Meetings were well attended. The Rapid City Region Meeting had discussion relating to the mental health issues of students and the need for an advocacy statement.

Discussion: 7.2 Strategic Plan Update –

Dr. Pogany asked the board for their thoughts on where is the Association going and what will our mission be? Dr. Pogany asked if the board would like to generate goals and action plans for our next strategic plan or have him bring recommendations.
Information: 7.3 Program updates

Dr. Pogany shared with the board the NSBA Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, April 7-9, 2018,

Gerry Kaufman reported 19 schools have joined the on-line policy services.

8. Board Development

Dr. Pogany and Tom Farrell lead the board in an activity designed to have board members discuss their role and responsibilities on the ASBSD Board of Directors.

9. Other Business

Information: 9.1 Next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2018, Pierre, SD

10. Executive Session

Action: 10.1 If necessary

The board went into Executive Session to discuss board/personnel matters. No action was taken.

11. Adjournment

Action: 11.1 Motion to Adjourn or was the meeting declared adjourned

Moved by Tom Farrell, second by Melissa Whipple to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.