

ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting (Monday, February 17, 2014)

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Members present

Mary Williams, Bryan Bauer, Jeff Nelsen, Orson Ward, Kathryn Greeneway, Eric Stroeder, Lloyd T Gundvaldson, Debbe Koenecke, Pamela Haukaas, Duane Alm, Lisa Engels, Leroy Hellwig, Steve Kubik, Denise Lutkemeier, Anita Peterson; ASBSD staff members Dr. Wade Pogany, Tyler Pickner, Dr. Randall Royter, Gerry Kaufman, Bill Lynch and Katie Mitchell-Boe

Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM

1. Call to Order - Pam Haukaas

Information: 1.1 Welcome New Board Members -

The meeting was called to order by Pam Haukaas and she asked that current ASBSD Board members and staff to introduce themselves and give a brief description.

- Duane Alm, Aberdeen board member for 13 years; ASBSD board member since 2003;
- Lloyd Gundvaldson, Colman-Egan board member for 15 years and 8 on Egan board; ASBSD board member for 3 years
- Deb Koenecke, Deuel board member and ASBSD board member since 2012;
- Neil Putnam, ex-officio member from Mitchell and a board member for 14 years;
- Lisa Engels, West Central board member for 6 years; ASBSD board member 5 years;
- Eric Stroeder, Mobridge-Pollock board member for 4 years and second year on ASBSD board;
- Bill Lynch, CFO, ASBSD staff member for 9 years;
- Tyler Pickner, Communications Director, ASBSD staff member ;
- Randy Royer, Director of Member Services, ASBSB staff member;
- Gerry Kaufman, Director of Policy and Legal Services ASBSD staff member;
- Steve Kubik, Winner board member for 9 years; ASBSD board member 3 years
- Kathy Greeneway, Yankton board member for 5 years; ASBSD board member 2 years;
- Denise Lutkemeier; Wilmot board member for 14 years; ASBSD board member 6 years;
- Anita Peterson, Haakon (Philip) board member; ASBSD board member 6 years;
- LeRoy Hellwig, Sisseton board member for 39 years; ASBSD board member 22 years;

Newly elected board members introduced themselves:

- Mary Williams, Wall board member for 6 years;
- Orson Ward, Lead-Deadwood board member for 6 years;
- Brian Bauer, Douglas board member;
- Jeff Nelson, Rapid City board member

Information: 1.2 Good News

- Duane Alm – Aberdeen received a 2 million grant for their Career and Technical Program
- Jeff Nelsen – Rapid City and Western Dakota Technical Institute received a 2 million dollar grant for their programs thus providing the opportunity for outreach to surrounding schools.

- Lloyd Gundvaldson – Superintendent search is going very well with a good field of candidates and candidates that are willing to relocate to a small school in South Dakota.
- Deb Koenecke – Her district is busy with the SD Innovative Labs, creating a Facebook Page for Policy and one of their students being recognized for saving a life.
- Mary Williams – Wall districts is in the process of superintendent interviews. She also asked if anyone had any experience with food management companies and wanted to visit with them.
- Lisa Engels – West Central District is dealing with minor boundary changes
- Eric Stroeder – Mobridge-Pollock received some additional Impact Aid monies and it's a go for the Wind-Farm
- Steve Kubik –
- Orson Ward – Lead-Deadwood robotics team won 1st place at the National Competition
- Kathy Greenway – Yankton received one of the Career & Technical Education grants from the Governors office for approx \$300,000 which was a collaboration between the school, city, county, surrounding schools, Mitchell Tech, Yankton Area Progressive Growth etc. The funds will be used to upgrade equipment in our current classrooms, as well as expanding in areas education in our Middle school that we did not have funding to support.
- Denise Lutkemeier – Two recent benefactors that had approached the Wilmot school. One is an ongoing scholarship encouraging 4 years of participation in athletics. We aren't sure of all the details, but we know that participation in athletics makes better students.
- Bryan Bauer – Douglas has completed their light project with removing all of the old lights and replaced with LEDS and progress on the new elementary school is moving forward.
- Anita Peterson – Haakon's Career and Technical Call won the Ag in Classroom Competition, their new bus barn is completed and on a personal note her grandson was wrestling in the state finals.
- LeRoy Hellwig – 60% of his district is Native American and currently they have a 95% attendance and are constantly working on improvement. Their district is also embracing Common Core.
- Pam Haukaas - Colome Consolidated formed a CTE consortium with Burke, Gregory and South Central after receiving one of the Governor's CTE grants. Four specialized mobile labs - trailers- will be constructed. The four subject areas are: Metal Fabrication, Engineering, Bio-Medical and Building Trades. The units will rotate between the four schools on an annual basis, providing the opportunity of every high school student during their four years to participate in all four CTE areas. Each participating district will provide an instructor who will travel with the assigned lab . Colome will be in charge of Metal Fabrication. As a note the Building Trades will construct a house each year providing the districts with a residential unit.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes November 21, 2013. Moved by Duane Alm, seconded by Anita Peterson to approve as presented. Motion carried.

3. Financial Items

Action: 3.1 Financial Reports January 2014 - Bill Lynch, CFO, presented the financial reports noting the name of Account -10-108 has changed to include the word "RESTRICTED". These are the funds pledged to support the Health Fund Line of Credit (LOC); therefore, the use of these funds are RESTRICTED as we have a commitment to BankWest to maintain these funds. He also reported that on the other side of the

ledger we have to recognize this RESTRICTED amount as not being available as UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE. Therefore, we have a new Fund Balance account 10-704-006 "Designated Support Health LOC" to properly reflect the amount of RESTRICTED assets. Account 10-108 reflects an increase in funds due to interest earned on the investment of CDs that will be reflected in 10-704-006 at the end of the fiscal year. Bill also reported to the board overall the Association was financially in very good standing and we are under budget for this fiscal year. Moved by Anita Peterson, seconded by Lloyd Gundvaldson to accept as presented. Motion carried.

Action: 3.2 990 Report - Dr. Wade Pogany advised the board the 990 and 990T was for information only and no formal action need be taken.

Action: 3.3 SD FIT Appointment -

Dr. Pogany asked if any ASBSD board member had considered serving on the South Dakota FIT Board. Information on SD FIT and the number of meetings was shared.

4. Reports

Information, Report: 4.1 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes - Dr. Pogany shared that while the Executive Committee met in Washington, D.C. no official business or action was taken.

Action: 4.2 NSBA Leadership/FRN Conference/Advocacy Institute - Dr. Wade Pogany, Pam Haukaas, Denise Lutkemeier and Eric Stroeder reported on their attendance at the NSBA's Advocacy Institute. Pam reported on Dianne Durkin's philosophy of leadership. While Ms. Durkin's focus has been on the corporate workplace, her positive principles can be applied to schools. Denise Lutkemeier reported on speaker Herman Boone. Boone was a teacher in 1971, when racial tensions ran high as three schools were integrated to form T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, VA. As the head coach of the newly formed high school's football team, he was faced with the challenge of uniting black and white players from rival schools into a team. Boone's comparison of a football team and schools boards operation was interesting as players need to learn how to respect each other despite their skin color, just as board members need to respect each other despite our opinions, ambitions, school size, occupation status, political affiliations, etc. Eric Stroeder reported on Public Education and Equal Opportunity for America's Students. Dr. Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jrs., said during her speech "We are almost 60 years beyond the landmark Brown vs. Board Education decision where the US Supreme Court established that separate public schools for black and white students were not equal and therefor unconstitutional." Still, many years later America's educational system is still unequal.

5. Strategic Planning

Discussion: 5.1 Strategic Plan Update - eBoard Project - Gerry Kaufman; School Board U - Randy Royer; Buy Board - Bill Lynch

Updates were provided on ASBSD's new online policy website. ASBSD will continue to promote sound legal policies in districts, but also allows participating districts to collaborate with other districts. The program, which is hosted by e-Board Solution has 3 member districts that will serve as pilots.

Dr. Randall Royer provided an overview and update of ASBSD's School Board U. He reported that we have the shell in place and now we are putting in the content. School Board U will provide course content, informational training website links, videos and document.

Bill Lynch reported on Buy Boards and that we are currently waiting for an Attorney General Opinion clarifying if Buy Boards procedures meet the criteria of South Dakota Bid Laws.

Discussion: 5.2 Next Steps for Large Projects Activity

Input was provided to Dr. Pogany as to what activities the board would like to see regarding eBoard, School Board U and Buy Board.

6. Board Development

Discussion, Information: 6.1 Good News Bulletin

The Good News Bulletin was briefly discussed and Dr. Pogany asked the board for input on what they thought about content, layout and overall appearance. Discussion following with compliments on layout and content. ASBSD will begin asking for submissions for the 2014 Good News Bulletin in April.

Discussion: 6.2 Mission and Vision activity

Dr. Pogany led the Board in a discussion of ASBSD's Vision and Mission Statements. ASBSD's vision is "Leadership to achieve excellence for South Dakota public education." The mission of ASBSD is "Partnering. Advocating. Leading." Board members discussed the meaning of each statement and what they represented.

Mission/Vision - Core Values;
Communication (with each other)
Action by ASBSD (leading is key)
"Public" education
Why boards are public education
Engaging
Public Awareness

Advocacy/teaching

What do we want to become? For who?

Vision is a reality check - Discussion revolved around how the statements measure excellence and communicate their purposes to member schools.

7. 2014 Advocacy

Action, Information: 7.1 Bills of Interest

Dr. Pogany reviewed legislation that ASBSD is tracking and shared with the board some possible legislation and asked for input and guidance.

Action, Information: 7.2 2014 Legislative Day

A brief overview of the ASBSD Legislative Day was presented. The board was advised of site, Lutheran Memorial Church, and the anticipated number of participants. Dr. Pogany advised following the luncheon, board members and administrators would head back to the Capitol where Outstanding Board Member, Bob Graff, Agar-Blunt-Onida school board member would be recognized. Dr. Pogany encouraged board members to meet up with their legislators in the halls of the Capitol and be sources of information about their schools.

Action, Information: 7.3 NSBA Advocacy Campaign

NSBA is launching a new campaign "Stand Up 4 Public Schools. A video was presented and discussion followed.

Action, Information: 7.4 LAN Training Update

Dr. Pogany shared with the Board the excellent participation and positive response of the LAN training.

8. Director's Report

Information: 8.1 Protective Trust Update

Dr. Pogany reported on the activities of the Trust. The Protective Trust Board will meet in March to set rates and conduct trust business. He was happy to report that the Property Liability and Worker's Comp pools were in very sound financial state. He advised the board the Health Pool continues to struggle and they are working on a plan to remedy the problem.

Information: 8.2 2014 Director Elections

Board members were reminded of the positions that were open on the board and the timelines for filing.

Discussion: 8.3 Minutes/Audit

Dr. Pogany shared with the board the process ASBSD uses in transparency to its members relating to publishing our minutes, agendas and audit reports. Discussion followed. The consensus of the board was although we are not a public entity, publishing of our board actions and agenda items in the Bulletin was a good practice.

9. ASBSD Policies

Discussion 9.1 School Board Award of Excellence - Dr. Pogany reviewed the application for and requirements of the ASBSD School Board Award of Excellence. The Association will re-open the application process this spring so the award may be presented at convention.

10. Executive Session

Information: 10.1 Executive Session Personnel - Evaluation of Executive Director

Moved by Orson Ward, seconded by Kathy Greenway to move into Executive Session for the Evaluation of the Executive Director. Motion carried.

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment

Action: 12.1 Motion to Adjourn - President Pam Haukaas declared there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.