

ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting (Monday, February 16, 2015)

Members Present

Denise Lutkemeier, Duane Alm, Bryan Bauer, Eric Stroeder, Kathy Greeneway, Todd Thielke, Orson Ward, Anita Peterson, Melissa Whipple, Deb Koenecke, LeRoy Hellwig, Neil Putnam, Pam Haukaas and Steve Kubik. Jeff Nelsen joined the meeting in progress. Also present was ASBSD staff, Dr. Wade Pogany, William Lynch, Gerry Kaufman, Tyler Pickner and Katie Mitchell-Boe. Absent board members Tom Farrell and Dorothy Hajek.

1. Call to Order - President Lutkemeier called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. with the board reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Information: 1.1 Good News –

Dr. Wade Pogany shared the good news of Denise Lutkemeier's "50th" Birthday and asked the board to join him in singing Happy Birthday and dessert in celebration.

Eric Stroeder – Eric reported their building project is completed. The wind farm construction is well under way and an estimated return of \$100,000 for the school.

Duane Alm – Aberdeen school district continues to grow with numbers being projected between 300-500 students in the next five years. Their tech academy is opening this fall and will offer 37 different courses.

Bryan Bauer – School board is going through their policies, updating and modifying them. They are also looking at their strategic plan. New elementary school is on schedule and new administration is working out well.

Todd Thielke – Sioux Falls school district continues moving forward with their superintendent search with a field of 3 to be interviewed the end of March. The school participated in the initiation of the Denny Sanford Center with a high school basketball classic. He is seeking reelection on his local board and April 14 is election day.

Steve Kubik – Winner school district enrollment has leveled off with a slight increase.

Kathy Greeneway – Yankton school district has signed a joint venture with the Boys 'N Girls Club. They are very excited because the land is adjacent to the middle school and right next to their park. Another successful venture was with the Yankton Police Department and the hiring of a school resource officer. The Yankton Middle School PTA hosted a mother/daughter night. Kathy shared that her board is GAVEL certified and challenged her fellow ASBSD board members to complete the process.

Orson Ward – A Lead-Deadwood science teacher has received a grant to study the restoration/environmental impact of restoring of the gold mines back to their original form. On a personal note he shared with the board his daughter's acceptance into the United State Air Force. She will be graduating from high school early and is fluent in several languages.

Pam Haukaas – Pam stated she is looking for good news because her district is in the process of hiring a new superintendent and principal. Pam also announced her term on her local board is up this year and she is seeking reelection.

Anita Peterson – Haakon school district is having a good year however their board is going to be discussing building options.

Melissa Whipple – Todd County is in the process of a superintendent search. The new attendance center is open and she provided a copy of their school's newspaper *Dreamcatcher*.

Deb Koenecke – The school districts' gymnastic teamed finished 3rd at State. One of her students signed with a Division I school.

LeRoy Hellwig – Sisseton school has been dealing with "outside influences" relating to their school mascot. Their fine arts center presented their last musical program from China.

Denise Lutkemeier – The Wilmot School District is half-way through their strategic planning process.
Jeff Nelsen – One of Rapid City high school gymnastic team won state and their career project is moving forward.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes November 2014. Moved by Todd Thaelke, seconded by Anita Peterson to approve as presented. Motion carried.

3. Financial Items

Action: 3.1 Financial Reports through January 2015 - Bill Lynch, CFO. Moved by Bryan Bauer, seconded by Deb Koenecke to approve as presented. Motion carried.

4. Reports

Information: 4.1 NSBA Report - Neil Putnam reported on the key legislative priorities that NSBA looks forward to partnering with the 114th Congress. Key legislative priorities include: 1) full reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 2) championing key programs Title I and IDEA; 3) support new legislation, HR 3663 (The Reducing Federal Mandates on School Lunch Act; 4) local school board governance and flexibility; and 4) special Education and IDEA to name a few. Neil advised the board NSBA has provided talking points on their website.

Information: 4.2 NSBA Advocacy Institute update – Denise advised the board the Advocacy Institute was attended by Eric Stroeder, Anita Peterson, Gerald Kaufman and herself. 2015 Advocacy Institute provided an understanding of why effective advocacy requires strong collaboration across policy, media, and judicial spectrums. The South Dakota delegation had the opportunity to visit with newly elected Senator Mike Rounds and Congresswoman Kristi Noem.

Information, Report: 4.3 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes – Dr. Pogany shared with the board the executive committee's meeting with the Superintendent's Association in a joint meeting to discuss legislative issues. Dr. Pogany briefed the superintendents on major ASBSD resolutions and standing positions. Both organization agree to continue to communicate and work close with each other on legislative issues.

5. 2015 Advocacy

Information: 5.1 Legislative Update – Dr. Pogany shared bills of interest and talking points for the board. Bills of interest included: Senate Bill 53; HB 1207; SB 183; HB 1092; SB 144; SB 132; SJR 2; HB 100; SB 89; HB 1223; HB 1153; HB 1184; and SB 164. After lengthy discussion a majority vote of the board voted to support a potential change to capital outlay SB 1207.

6. ASBSD Policies

Discussion: 6.1 ASBSD Sample Policy Review – Gerry Kaufman, Director of Policy and Legal Services presented an example of school district policy relating to prohibition against discrimination, harassment and retaliation of transgender and gender nonconforming students. Lengthy discussion followed and consensus of the board was ASBSD will provide member schools a draft policy relating to this controversial subject.

7. Committee Reports

Information: 7.1 Branding Committee report – Dr. Pogany presented the board the new logo in its final format and advised the board launch date is still set for convention.

8. Board Development

Discussion: 8.1 Strategic Planning activity – ASBSD board reviewed the components of ASBSD’s Mission statement.

9. Director's Report

Information: 9.1 Program updates – Dr. Pogany briefly reported on ASBSD program activities and thanked Orson Ward and Dan Leikvold on their assistance in developing the Superintendent/Board President program for School Board U.

Information 9.2 Protective Trust Update – Dr. Pogany advised the board the Protective Trust Board will meet in a couple of weeks to continue work on strengthening the health fund.

10. Other Business

Information: 10.1 Evaluation – Denise Lutkemeier handed out the evaluation instrument for the executive director and asked the board to please complete them and return to her by April 1.

Information: 10.2 Next meeting is scheduled for April 24-25 2015, Keystone at the K Bar S Lodge.

11. Executive Session

Action: 11.1 If necessary

12. Adjournment

Action: 12.1 Motion to Adjourn – Moved by LeRoy Hellwig, seconded by Deb Koenecke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.