

ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting (Monday, February 15, 2016)

Members present

Duane Alm, Bryan Bauer, Tom Farrell, Pamela Haukaas, Susan Humiston, Debbie Koenecke; Steve Kubik; Denise Lutkemeier, Jeff Nelsen, Anita Peterson, Eric Stroeder, Todd Thaelke, Alan Van Ruler, Orson Ward and Melissa Whipple. Also present: Neil Putnam, Dr. Wade Pogany, Tyler Pickner, Matt Flett, Gerry Kaufman and Katie Mitchell Boe. Absent were board members: Kathy Greenaway and Rick Olson.

1. Call to Order - President Stroeder called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with the introduction of newly appointed board member Alan Van Ruler. Alan introduced himself as a board member from Montrose having served 7 years. He also shared he has two children, is the IT person for Good American Society and serves on the Corn Belt Ed Coop board.

Information: 1.1 Good News –

Neil Putnam congratulated the Mitchell gymnastic team on their third state title in a row and he had just returned from Washington, DC and would share the news from NSBA later.

Steve Kubik – Winner coach, Dan Aker, was named “Football Coach of the Year”, and they were able to provide their staff with a bonus.

Orson Ward – He’s baaack – Lead-Deadwood is very pleased with the data showing continuous improvement on student performance. On a personal note he shared his daughter continues to maintain a 4.0 GPA studying Persian linguist.

Jeff Nelsen – Rapid City Central and Stevens High School continue to win State One Act Play competitions. Associated General Contractors of South Dakota raffled raised \$2,600 which was donated to the Rapid City building class.

Denise Lutkemeier – Wilmot school district provides it teachers and board members an educational opportunity through book study, CEU’s are issued and it’s truly a win-win. On a personal note Denise shared that she was recognized for her dedication as a first responder (13 years) with the Wilmot Fire Department.

Pam Haukaas – Colome School District was able to provide their staff (certified - \$100, and non-certified - \$50) bonus. She also reported their backpack program is sending home approximately 46 every weekend to insure their students are being fed. Colome Live is moving forward with adult supervision following a “mike” incident.

Alan Van Ruler – Montrose has good news/bad news story. They have a third grader that is battling an inoperable brain tumor; however the entire student body is supporting the student and family with “Win for Wyatt”.

Eric Stroeder – The CTE culinary students showed off their talents by preparing and serving the Mobridge board at their meeting. Students did very well with their Smart Challenge and the car they built travelled 43 ½ feet. Mrs. Wells, high school science teacher, is a competitor for National Teacher of the Year.

Anita Peterson – Their school drama department received a superior at the State One-Act Play. The board has been studying the plumbing and electrical problems of their aging buildings, a new building might be the best alternative and public input will be scheduled.

Todd Thoeke – Sioux Falls District is working on a new strategic plan. The district superintendent/staff relations have improved significantly and the district is moving in a direction where everyone feels empowered.

Duane Alm – The Aberdeen community recognized their board during school board recognition week in various ways. Banks and the newspaper acknowledged and thanked the board members for their service. Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution in support of HB 1182. He also reported 16 staff members will be retiring this year.

Susan Humiston – The Delta Dental Bus served many of the students in her school recently.

Deb Koenecke – South Dakota Miss Snow Queen, Georgialee Quail, is from their district.

Melissa Whipple – Todd County is all about building new buildings. Conversations are ongoing with the Federal Government in the upkeep of several buildings. Todd County will be visiting the Rapid City Alternative School for insight.

Bryan Bauer – ASBSD advocacy is working well – cracker barrel with legislators was well attended. Douglas had invited legislators to an open house prior to session. Rep. Jackie Sly presented the Blue Ribbon Task Force findings.

Tom Farrell – ASBSD superintendent search is in the final stages. Board was able to give each district staff member's \$100 chamber dollars. The new bus garage is completed and a wonderful asset to the district.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes November 25, 2015

Moved by Denise Lutkemeier, seconded by Susan Humiston, to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2015 and January 4, 2016 meetings. Motion carried.

Action, Minutes: 2.2 Approval of January 4, 2015 Minutes – minutes were approved with the above action.

3. Financial Items

Action: 3.1 Financial Reports through January 2016 - Matt Flett, CFO – ASBSD financials and ASBSD Protective Trust report was presented.

Moved by Melissa Whipple, seconded by Jeff Nelsen, to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

Action, Presentation: 3.2 Audit RFP's

Moved by Bryan Bauer, seconded by Tom Farrell, to retain Palmer, Currier & Hoffert, LLP as the auditing firm for ASBSD audits. Motion carried

4. Reports

Information: 4.1 NSBA Report - Neil Putnam, NSBA Western Region Director, provided the ASBSD Board of Directors an update on his recent trip to Washington, DC where he participated on the NSBA Policy and Resolutions Committee. This committee is charged with reviewing proposed statements and provides legislative guidance to the federal advocacy team. He also met with Senator Rounds and with members of Sen. Thune's and Rep. Noem's staff. Putnam provided an update on child nutrition legislation that recently passed the Senate Agriculture Committee and is awaiting action on the Senate Floor. Rep. Noem has a bill in the House, but not action has been taken on her bill. Putnam also reported that NSBA is working with Congress and the Administration to insure the recent ESEA Reauthorization Law will be implemented according to the spirit of the law. He is also co-chair of the NSBA's Agenda for Action Committee, which is working on a white paper addressing the teacher shortage on a national level.

Action, Report: 4.2 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes - Dr. Pogany presented the minutes of the ASBSD Executive Committee Meeting teleconference call of January 13, 2016 for the boards information.

5. Board Development

Information: 5.1 Board of Regents data metrics system – Paul Turman, Board of Regents System Vice President for Academic Affairs and Pierre School Board President, presented the different dashboard statistics collected by BOR that school board members can review to help them evaluate their own districts. Their site is:

www.sdbor.edu/dashboard/SDBORHighSchoolTransitionReportDashboard.html

6. Advocacy

Information: 6.1 Legislative Update – Board members received an update on legislative session, which has been dominated by discussion about the half cent sales tax increase that would go to supporting a much needed increase in teacher salaries. Dr. Pogany thanked the board for their grassroots efforts and shared that additional work will be needed. He also briefly touched on the following bills: Senate Bill 131: establishes a target teacher salary and a target teacher ratio and to revise certain provisions regarding education funding; Senate Bill 133: revises provisions for school district shared services, the sharing of services of school district employees, the classroom innovation grant program and educator mentoring and certification reciprocity; Senate Bill 5: revises the procedure to initiate a school district boundary change; Senate Bill 63: requires schools to develop school safety plans; House Bill 1198: recognizes dyslexia as a learning disability, requires school districts to screen students exhibiting indicators and implements program guidelines; Senate Bill 159: uses tax credits from the insurance company premium and annuity tax to fund private school scholarships; House Bill 1008: restricts access to certain restrooms and locker rooms in public schools; House Bill 1147: prohibits school districts from using team names, mascots, or nicknames that are determined to be racially derogatory or discriminatory; House Bill 1214: regulates conflicts of interest; Senate Bill 4: allows certain agriculture land to be assessed as noncropland. Dr. Pogany shared that ASBSD has been monitoring approximately 90 bills this legislative session and his team meet every day to discuss strategies. Discussion followed.

Information: 6.2 Legislative Day Feb 16 – Dr. Pogany shared information on the event which will be held at the Lutheran Memorial Church (320 E Prospect Ave., *across street from the Capitol building*) beginning at 12 p.m. Agenda items include:

- **Pre-luncheon** – Meet and lobby with your legislators or sit in on committee mornings at the Capitol.
- **12 p.m.** – Luncheon at Lutheran Memorial Church.
- **1 p.m.** – Review of legislative issues and lessons on effective advocacy with ASBSD.
- **2 p.m.** – Walk to the Capitol Building where our award winners and board members in attendance will be honored.

Legislative Day also allows ASBSD to recognize the year's Outstanding School Board Member Tanya Olson of the Custer School District and the recipients of the School Board Award of Excellence from the Yankton School Board.

7. ASBSD Policies

Action, Information: 7.1 Policy Review – No policies were presented at this time.

8. Director's Report

Information: 8.1 Program updates – Dr. Pogany opened the discussion on the Teacher Placement Center's current practice of allowing out of state schools to advertise their job openings on the ASBSD Teacher Placement Website. Discussion followed – in light of there only 6 out of state schools and the revenue received from such listings consensus was to proceed with the current practice.

Discussion: 8.2 Protective Trust Update – Matt Flett reported the Health Fund has appointed Dr. Dan Leikvold as a new board member. A full membership meeting is scheduled March 23, at Fort Pierre and the trust is working through renewals.

Discussion: 8.3 Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Pogany reported the team continues to move forward on the strategic plan with Dr. Royer focusing on the Board Certification Program. He also reported there are currently 8 schools enrolled in the Policy Service and the ASBSD survey is ready to be launched.

Action: 8.4 SD FIT Appointment – Dr. Pogany reminded the board of the opening on the South Dakota FIT board and again asked members to consider serving. Please contact either President Stroeder or him if they are interested in serving.

9. Other Business

Information: 9.1 Next meeting is scheduled for April 29 and 30, 2016, Brookings

10. Executive Session

Action: 10.1 If necessary

11. Adjournment

Action: 11.1 Motion to Adjourn – On a motion by Melissa Whipple, seconded by Deb Koenecke, the meeting was adjourned.