

ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting (Tuesday, December 6, 2016)

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1. Call to Order - President Peterson

Information: 1.1 Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by President Anita Peterson, present were members: Rick Olson, Kathy Greenaway, Duane Alm, Tom Farrell, Orson Ward, Denise Lutkemeier, Alan Van Ruler, Bryan Bauer, Todd Thielke, Susan Humiston, Eric Stroeder, Neil Putnam and Amy Policky. Absent were board members: Deb Koenecke, Melissa Whipple and Steve Kubik. Also present were: Dr. Wade Pogany, Gerry Kaufman, Tyler Pickner, Matt Flett, Randy Royer and Katie Mitchell-Boe.

Information: 1.2 Good News –

Anita Peterson introduced Amy Policky, Rapid City Board Member. Amy introduced herself as a mother of 5 children and was attending the meeting as the Rapid City representative. Rapid City Superintendent, Lori Simon, has been an employee of the district 100 days and they are currently working on a strategic plan. School year is going smoothly and Stevens High School received its second academic achievement.

Orson Ward – Health education classes have been shadowing community doctors and the class has given the students an opportunity to have many hands on activities with Regional Hospital and Clinic.

Kathy Greenaway – Yankton School District is honored to have the 2017 SD Teacher of the Year – Beth Kaltsulas and the 2017 PE Teacher of the Year – Nikki Heinz. Grand opening of the Boys and Girls Club was held. Memberships have increased significantly for only \$25 annual fee. The facility is next to the Yankton Middle School. Yankton School Board is in consideration and discussion to offer Preschool at no cost to children attending. Preschool would be supported out of the General Budget in hopes to increase participation for early education and to provide opportunity for increased enrollment.

Duane Alm – New school has helped balanced class sizes and 15 students and 5 staff members have appeared at board meetings for recognition. Five of the eleven district buildings have reported on student progress.

Bryan Bauer – Douglas student ACT's are coming back to points higher.

Alan Van Ruler – Students 8-11th grade travelled to New York City. School board meet at the Hutterite Colony and it is very enlightening. While the education of their students is embraced, technology is a big no-no. Board has the challenge of balancing the use of technology in the classroom setting and what is accepted by the colony.

Rick Olson - The Colony school in his district embraces technology. The district received a million dollar donation for scholarships.

Denise Lutkemeier – Wilmot has a student representative on the board; Native American students have helped increase student population in district.

Tom Farrell – Madison Central is six months in with their new superintendent, Joel Jorgenson, and a really satisfied with his performance and changes implemented in district. CTE grant allowed the district to build auto shop. Strategic plan is being reviewed and finally district finished football season with second place.

Susan Humiston –Math customization learning is being implemented.

Eric Stroeder – Mobridge-Pollock school year is going well, volleyball and robotic team students are again representing the district very well.

Todd Thaelke – Sioux Falls Lincoln student scored a perfect score on the ACT. Anne Sullivan Elementary was recognized for the quality education and academic progress of their students.

Anita Peterson – Band and chorus are preparing for their trip from Washington to New York. Friendly food collection competition between Philip and Wall resulted in a very large donation to the food pantry. Also, district was successful in passing an approximate \$9 million bond for their new school.

2. Approval of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.1 Approval of Minutes August 2016

Moved by Denise Lutkemeier, seconded by Tom Farrell to approve the August 6, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Financial Items

Action: 3.1 Financial Reports through October 2016 - Matt Flett, CFO

ASBSD is financially sound, \$1.8 million dollar hopefully will not be used to balance the line of credit. Health fund is doing so much better that we will not have to use it. Budget is on track for this fiscal year.

Moved by Rick Olson, seconded by Duane Alm to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Action: 3.2 ASBSD Audit

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 \$200,000 more in revenue than expense. Moved by Tom Farrell, seconded by Orson Ward to accept the audit as presented. Motion carried.

Action: 3.3 ASBSD 990 and 990-T

Scott Currier presented the 990's and concluded presentation with a thank you for the continued business. Moved by Todd Thaelke, seconded by Denise Lutkemeier to accept as presented. Motion carried.

4. Reports

Information: 4.1 Summer Leadership Conference and Western Region Meeting

Anita reported that Tom, Todd, Eric and Wade attended the Summer Leadership in Chicago. South Dakota hosted the dinner with a Historic Crime Theme tour and concluded with dinner at Harry Careys. Todd reported that the Western Region meeting is a great opportunity for networking with states in our region. Tom reported on how the leadership of each state association looking into the future with rose colored glasses and trying to plan accordingly.

Dr. Pogany shared the Western Region has a proposed resolution for the National Delegate Assembly to return the election and business meeting back from the Leadership Meeting in Chicago to the Western Region Meeting.

Information: 4.2 NSBA Report - Neil Putnam

Neil Putnam reported that he had just returned from a National School Board meeting in the home state of NSBA President, Miranda Beard. Laurel, Mississippi. Her home district has approximately 3000 students and the meeting was held at a magnet school.

NSBA will not be raising membership dues, Advocacy Institute is fast approaching in January and the national convention is being held in Denver.

Secretary of Ed nominee is an interesting individual from Michigan - NSBA is very active with the transition team as the nominee is pro charter schools.

Information, Report: 4.3 Executive Committee Meetings Minutes – There were no executive committee minutes presented.

Discussion: 4.4 Region Meetings Review

Dr. Pogany reported the 10 region meetings were well attended with over 200 participants. Hot topics discussed included: talk of the possible repeal of the ½ cent sales tax; private school scholarships and the issue of transparency; conflict of interest and the use of bathroom, locker room and other facilities.

5. Advocacy

Action: 5.1 Delegate Assembly Priorities

Moved by Bryan Bauer, seconded by Todd Thoenke ASBSD priority of resolutions is: 1. B6 – Private School Scholarship Program; 2. C2 – School Funding; 3. C8 – School Funding – Two Year Enrollment Averaging. Motion carried

Action: 5.2 Policy & Resolution Committee - Delegate Assembly Resolutions

Sioux Falls School District submitted proposed changes to the ASBSD Standing Positions and Resolutions. Discussion followed as to how the board should proceed. Changes highlighted in red were accepted by the board included:

B8 – Use of Bathroom, Locker Room and Other Facilities – Resolution – ASBSD supports the judgment and integrity of local school board members and school districts to ~~develop a policy which~~ act in the best ~~fits~~ interest of their students, school and community, ~~that shows~~ respect for all students, staff and other individuals including using bathrooms, locker rooms and other facilities. Moved by Tom Farrell, seconded by Duane Alm that ASBSD Board adopt the resolution as amended and deliver to Delegate Assembly for its consideration and approval. Motion carried.

B11 – Conflict of Interest – Resolution – ASBSD supports amending the newly enacted Conflict of Interest laws (SDCL 3-23-6 through 9, inclusive) to clarify and simplify: to whom the reporting requirements apply, the circumstances in which reporting is required, and the reporting requirement and process. Moved by Susan Humiston, seconded by Pam Haukaas that ASBSD Board adopt the resolution as amended and deliver to Delegate Assembly for its consideration and approval. Motion carried.

Discussion continued on additional proposed changes and it was the consensus of the ASBSD Board to have the Sioux Falls District delegate present the additional changes at Delegate Assembly.

Action, Information: 5.3 Legislation updates – Dr. Pogany presented a draft bill for an act entitled, An Act to make the Partners in Education Tax Credit Program transparent. Moved by Duane Alm, seconded by Pam Haukaas to support the proposed act as presented. Motion carried. Attachment 3.

6. ASBSD Policies

Action: 6.1 Policy review of ASBSD board representation and alignment – The ASBSD staff was directed to review the ASBSD governance structure and bring forth recommendations to the board. Dr. Pogany presented three different versions. Version 1 – ASBSD governance structure remains the same, but districts are shifted into enrollment categories based on their 2015-16 enrollment count; Version 2 – ASBSD governance structure readjusted into four categories based on (as close to possible) equal board member representation. Districts are listed from highest to lowest enrollment, which have been taken from the 2015-16 state enrollment count, and split into four groups; Version 3 – ASBSD governance structure updated to include 225 and Under, 266-400, 401-1,200, 1,201-1,999. District enrollments taken from the 2015-16 enrollment counts. Moved by Orson Ward, seconded by Todd Thoeke to accept the recommendation of Version 1 – ASBSD governance structure remaining the same, shifting enrollment categories based on their 2015-16 enrollment. Motion carried.

Dr. Pogany reminded the board of the upcoming 2017 elections and the positions open are: Western Region – Under 265; Central Region – Enrollment 1,400-9,999; Southeast Region – Enrollment Under 265 and Enrollment 700-1,399.

7. Director's Report

Discussion: 7.1 Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Pogany reported on the final Survey data based on 194 responses (approximately 23% of membership) and was pleased on how familiar the participants were with: 46% participants perception of ASBSD's influence in the development of public education policy in South Dakota; 66.3% accessibility to the ASBSD staff; and 52% participants were very comfortable in contacting an ASBSD staff member about school board related matters.

Information: 7.2 Program updates

Dr. Randy Royer reported briefly on Board Development and School Board U.

Matt Flett reported briefly on the Protective Trust and the assessment of the health pool. He also shared that Memorandums of Understanding were coming in and things were really improving for the pool.

Gerry Kaufman briefly reported on the Policy Service and asked how many districts have a policy committee?

Tyler Pickner reported business as usual and he asked that board members please submit their good news items. Dr. Pogany shared ASBSD distributed copies of the Good News Bulletin to David Owens, South Dakota Chamber Association, and it was real received by their membership.

8. Board Development

Gerry Kaufman led the board development by providing the board with an opportunity to ask a variety of legal questions.

SD FIT Appointment – Dr. Pogany advised the board of an opening on the South Dakota FIT board. He reported Duane Alm and Orson Ward currently serve. He asked interested board members to please contact him if they were interested in serving.

9. Other Business

Information: 9.1 Next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2017, Pierre

10. Executive Session

Action: 10.1 If necessary – no action needed

11. Adjournment

Action: 11.1 Motion to Adjourn – Moved by Todd Thaelke, seconded by Tom Farrell, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.