

**ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Pierre, South Dakota**

I. Call to Order – President Stroeder – The meeting was called to order by President Eric Stroeder at 10:00 a.m. Present were members: Tom Farrell, Angie Ross, Steve Kubik, Lisa Snedeker, Duane Alm, Garret Bischoff, Tanya Gray, Pam Haukaas, Susan Humiston, Louann Krogman, Anita Peterson, Julie Schwader, Curt Pochardt, Shane Roth, Ellie Saxer. Absent were board members Denise Lutkemeier and Todd Thaelke. Also present was ASBSD staff: Dr. Wade Pogany, Holly Nagel, Tyler Pickner, Jessica Filler and Katie Mitchell-Boe.

II. Welcome and Introductions - Eric Stroeder welcomed the board.

III. Good News

Tanya Gray – Douglas continues with their building progress and community has been very supportive during COVID. School has only been cancelled one day and that was due to weather conditions not COVID.

Shane Roth - We recognized Susan Purinton for 40 years in her capacity as business manager for the District!!

We have weathered the COVID storm well, and currently have no cases. I also gave a shot out to Garrett, they interviewed and thankfully for me and the district did not steal our Superintendent.

Angie Ross – We have been in school with no COVID days! One act play made state, all sports taking place and having good years and that we are offering 6 college courses on campus and have 55 kids taking 54 college level courses in our district and at western Dakota tech.

Susan Humiston – In terms of COVID, we have been in session in the school building except for one week that had our middle school and high school doing online learning. We seem to be experiencing more COVID in our staff than among our students, and were unable to find enough subs that week.

At our last school board meeting, we approved hiring an architect to do a feasibility study concerning the future of our school buildings. We may consider trying to build a new school.

Tom Farrell – Madison Central School District did their first ever E-learning day Friday January 15 because of snow. We were able to prepare for it based upon the weather forecast. It worked as planned. Another wonderful part was that we had scheduled in service for the following Monday and that time was used to debrief and improve on the plan.

We have experienced our longest period of time without a COVID case.

Only one retirement this year.

Julie Schwader – Howard had student's qualify for the State FFA convention.

Pam Haukaas – COVID monies and how to use them is a challenge for their district. COVID numbers since Christmas have been and they currently only have one active case in district. Students are participating in sporting events and have been emphasizing “RESPECT” of rules either by their district or if they are visiting the opponents district rules.

Lisa Snedeker –

Curt Pochardt – Temp to climb above zero and availability of vaccine.

Louann Krogman – White River’s Good News is that 60% of our staff have had the first COVID vaccine shot and will get the second on Feb. 19.

Also, our school nurse was selected as School Nurse of the Year for South Dakota, so we congratulate Kendra Earll and thank her for all she does for our school and community.

Ellie Saxer - Good news for Brandon Valley:

- Building project has been running ahead to one time
- Last week our district & community completed our initiative "One District One Book"
 - The entire District was afforded the opportunity to read the book 'The Coffee Bean' (children's version and adult version)
 - The community helped to purchase many of the books
 - Premise of book is that when faced with a pot of boiling water, a carrot wilts and becomes soft, an egg becomes hard and unyielding, but a coffee bean changes & adapts and makes its environment even better
 - The entire community surrounding the schools participated by reading the book as well, donating, the coffee shops local donated free coffee to teachers and staff, and both the cities of Brandon and Valley Springs declared February 11th Coffee Bean day
 - every classroom had activities throughout the week to discuss the book and what it meant to be a 'coffee bean'
 - teachers could wear jeans and raise money to donate to community foundations
 - lessons learned have helped many reflect on reshaping attitude during pandemic - a better outlook to adapt
 - aligns with our strategic plan core platform of community outreach
 - Dr. Larson - superintendent, was truly the one who brought the idea to the district
 - The author of the book did virtual talks with our administrators and a community wide talk via local broadcast

Garret Bischoff – Huron has zero days off because of COVID, they have had no spread in schools and the measures in place are working. District has also noticed the decrease in number of absences due to other illnesses, i.e. strep throat, flu. They are discussing keeping some of the practices in place even after the all clear of COVID.

High school and middle school reconstruction projects are almost complete. Superintendent search process was a success and he strongly encouraged everyone if they needed assistance Dakota Ed Consulting was the way to go. They had 14 highly qualified applicants that was narrowed down to 4 and were successful in hiring Dr. Kraig Steinhoff from North Dakota.

Anita Peterson – Philip is doing well on the COVID front and has only 1 positive case with the individual having no symptoms. One Act team qualified for state. Teachers are busy working on accreditation.

Duane Alm – Aberdeen students have been onsite learning since the beginning of the year. They still have a few families that are distance learning.

Steve Kubik - At our February board meeting we approved the hiring of 2 math teachers and one high school English teacher. The district is still following strict district plan for COVID and are doing a lot of meetings via Zoom.

Our district is going to operate the pre-school program next school year as the lady that is currently doing it is going to retire. We decided to use some of the one time money our district just received to build an addition onto our elementary building to accommodate the pre-school program.

Our COVID numbers have been at a minimum and looking forward to hopefully being back totally in the classroom next school year.

Eric Stroeder – The district has been really quiet on COVID – they have only missed 1 day due to it. Unfortunately Mobridge has been dealing with the loss of a student due to an automobile accident, this has been happening every year for the last five years. Fine arts mixed choir performed for the board. Progress on the new track field continues.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Garret Bischoff, second by Duane Alm to approve the November 20, 2020 meeting. Eric Stroeder declared the motion approved.

V. Financial

V.A. Financial Report

Holly Nagel, Chief Financial Officer, reported as of January 31st, we have received \$1,475,484.11 or 70.19% of our revenue budget and have expended \$993,114.65 or 48.85% of our expenditure budget.

At the same time last year, the Association had total revenue of \$1,427,462.87 or 68.5% of the FY 20 revenue budget. While expenditures were \$1,208,553.48 or 59.2% of our expenditure budget.

The revenue report, expenditure report and balance sheet have been updated with adjustments to accrued revenue, expenses, and capital asset depreciation as year-to-date through January 31st.

The Unassigned Net Position of the Association at the end of January is \$3,130,983 compared to last year at this time of \$2,768,078. ASBSD continues to have a strong balance sheet and financial position. The Association continues to be able to financially support a worst-case scenario event should we need to absorb a large loss in a revenue source and would have a short, but workable time to restructure.

The Association continues to have zero long term liabilities. The cash purchase of the 3rd Floor Condominium for TDK&E completes full ownership of the building at 306 East Capitol Avenue.

This purchase gives ASBSD continued rental income for years to come. It has eliminated the mortgage receivable from TDK&E which was scheduled to be satisfied in 2025.

V.B. Protective Trust Update

Health – The health fund continues to be strong. We have 72 member districts. The COVID pandemic has had some financial effects on the pool.

All annual payment assessments have been made which closes the 4-year, \$11.2 million assessment.

Work Comp- The pool continues to do well with a net position of #13.1 million. The fund consists of 75 members. We expect to see an increase in district members as carriers are beginning to pull out of SD over the next year.

Property Liability – With 24 member districts, the net position has increased to \$1.1 million. The reduction in districts has reduced the high number of claims as well. ASBPT has contracted with Gallagher Bassett for loss control in both workers comp and property liability.

VI. Executive Committee minutes – The minutes of the ASBSD Executive Committee of December 23, 2020, was presented to the board for their information.

VII. Continuation of current officers – The Executive Committee discussed the idea of having the current slate of officers continue in their roles for another year. Due to COVID the ASBSD officers have not had opportunities to participate and learn their roles, The ByLaws allow for the Board of Directors to approve the full slate of officers at the annual meeting. Moved by Susan Humiston, second by Julie Schwader to move forward with the continuation of current executive committee and approve them as the slate of officers at our annual meeting. Motion carried.

VIII. Regional Virtual Meetings – Wade Pogany and Tom Farrell discussed the Region Meetings and Tom proposed an idea to the Board regarding a set of virtual meetings to connect ASBSD Board members with local school board members from across the state. Discussion followed with consensus to begin small and have topics to interest i.e. superintendent evaluations. The purpose would be twofold as it would help us achieve Goal #4 – to increase school board participation and make ASBSD directors more visible. Tom will bring a proposal to the April meeting.

IX. Legislative Update – Dr. Pogany briefed the board on the Legislative Session and the many bills pertaining to COVID. SB 194 was discussed at great length as the bill included a 2.4% increase for teacher salaries, \$11 million to be provided back to schools to help with shortfall of enrollments and COVID enhancements.

Other bills that ASBSD is still monitoring included:

Senate Bill 49 – Sets the School District General Fund levy, target teacher salary and overhead rate for FY 2022.

Senate Bill 177 – Makes significant changes to alternative instruction laws. ASBSD opposes.

House Bill 1046 – Limits liability for certain exposures to COVID-19. ASBSD supports.

House Bill 1217 – Changes process of participation in girls' sports.

X. National School Boards Association - Dr. Pogany shared the National School Boards Association will be having their conference on April 8-10 and the board is invited to hear the speakers and participate in the programs.

XI. Other Business – Dr. Pogany shared we are planning for an in-person meeting April 16-17 in Pierre. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

XII. Adjournment – Moved by Tom Farrell, seconded by Garret Bischoff to adjourn. Motion carried.