

ASBSD Board of Directors Meetings
February 20, 2023
Ramkota River Center
Pierre, SD

- I. **Call to Order** – President Lisa Snedeker called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Present were board members, Louann Krogman, Eric Stroeder, Duane Alm, Pam Haukaas, Susan Humiston, Jamie Lindner, Shane Roth, Julie Schwader, Anita Peterson, Marc Murren and Rob Honomichl. Ellie Saxer and Tanya Gray joined the meeting via teleconference. Absent were board members: Angie Ross, Garret Bischoff and Steve Kubik.

- II. **Welcome and Pledge** – President Snedeker welcomed the board members and asked that the board please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **Good News-**
Duane Alm – Aberdeen Community is celebrating School Board Recognition week by thanking and congratulating their board on marquees and radio announcements. Duane shared board members need to get themselves out to be recognized for their work. Aberdeen Central had a high school senior to play with the Salvation Army Band during the Rose Parade.

Eric Stroeder - Mobridge again hosted the Regional Chorus competition and was a success. Summer work projects are on the schedule that include some concrete work and new bleachers. Their superintendent called him from the National Superintendent Conference and he thanked Eric for allowing him to attend as it was a great conference, one of the best he ever attended.

Julie Schwader – Howard had five retirees this year with 3 of the positions already filled. They will be looking for a new superintendent. Howard has several wrestlers participating in the State Tournament.

Jamie Lindner - One of our high school students won the National History competition and the student and her teacher will be going to Hawaii this summer. We continue to work on our school policies and are grateful for the assistance of ASBSD for the legal review.

Shane Roth – The new elementary building is back on schedule with the costs staying within budget, things are going well. The district has purchased a new electric bus. On a personal note he shared he is half way done with the education of his children with 4 done and 4 still in school.

Anita Peterson – Haakon boys' basketball team is doing okay but they receive lots of compliments on their band. Wrestling team has struggled with injuries, however, they all qualified for state. Long time in coming but they were successful in receiving bids for the stairs leading up to their school which includes handrails.

Susan Humiston – Edgemont is enjoying spring break. Jim Holbeck will be at their school on the 28th for Vision/Strategic Planning.

Pam Haukaas – Colome has a 7th grade baritone player that participated in Honor's Band. Next year the kindergarten class will be attending schools 4 days a week with a total of 1,008.08 hours of education. They too have some staff changes.

Rob Honomichi – Madison has approved for trap shooting for a team sport. Their school had a team compete at the State-One-Act Plays.

Marc Murren – Overall things are going well in Sioux Falls they have started an Ag program with chickens and quail, hoping to get some large animals. Unfortunately, the district has 3 parents working overtime on book censorship.

Louann Krogman – White River had one retirement and they have been able to hire a long term substitute for the position. The students will be receiving SD grown meat on a regular basis as the ranchers surrounding their school have been providing it. Their new superintendent has met with each teacher personally.

Lisa Snedeker – Woonsocket has a combined administrative team and the collaboration among the team is wonderful. Every district has gamers and they now have it as a team sport.

Tanya Gray – Douglas continues to work on funding for new facilities. They will have new administration and principals next year and they had students sing the National Anthem at the Rapid City Rush game.

Ellie Saxer - High school addition is on time and within budget, information website has been created as a centralized communication hub, approved 23-24 school calendar and amended 22-23 calendar for snow days. One Act Play received a superior rating and Senior Ryan Presler will appear on Jeopardy.

Wade Pogany – Wade gave kudos to Holly & Jessica for the new ASBSD cups in front of each director. He also shared they had hoped to honor Huron as Outstanding School Board on Wednesday but with the weather forecast we would have to wait and see.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Moved by Marc Murren, second by Jamie Lindner to approve the minutes of the November 17 and December 11, 2022 meetings as presented. Motion carried.

V. Financial Report – V.A. Chief Financial Officer Holly Nagel reported January 31st marks the seventh month of the fiscal year. As of January 31st, we have received \$1,487,008.59, or 68.76%, of our revenue budget and expended \$1,142,279.29 or 53.27% of our expenditure budget.

At the same time last year, the Association had total revenue of \$1,332,331.28 or 62.46% of our revenue budget while expenditures were \$1,110,955.18 or 52.73% of our expenditure budget.

The Gains/Losses on Investments is the primary reason for the difference in revenue received from FY 23 to FY 22.

The Unassigned Net Position (Fund Balance) of the Association at the end of January is \$3,128,034 compared to last year at this time of \$3,173,387.

ASBSD continues to have a strong balance sheet and financial position which allows for adjustments should a revenue source be significantly decreased.

Moved by Pam Haukaas, second by Susan Humiston to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

V.B. Protective Trust Update – Holly Nagel reported things are going well as we have 84 districts in the Health Pool, renewal rates will be set later next week.

The Property Liability Pool has 22 members and application requirements need more information and cyber security is still a high concern. The State (Bureau of Information & Technology-BIT) will provide free of charge security risk check.

The Workers Comp Pool has 74 districts and the pool continues to provide member schools with ideas on how to prevent accidents.

VI. Board Engagement Project – Dr. Pogany lead the board discussion regarding the Engagement Virtual Meetings. Discussion followed with the consensus being they liked the format and wanted to continue them as we did this year. Dr. Pogany thanked the facilitators on the great job they did and the feedback from participants was very positive. Dr. Pogany asked the board for two things:

1. Facilitators if you wish to continue please let Dr. Pogany know.
2. Topics – if you have ideas for discussion, not presentation, to please share with him.

VII. Legislative Update –

Dr. Pogany reported on legislative issues and advised the board ASBSD has been very busy killing bills. Discussion continues on reducing sales tax from 4.5% to 4.2%, increasing state aid to 8% and exempting the first 100,000 on property taxes. He reminded the board of ASBSD Billtracker and how Tyler promptly updates all actions.

VIII. Executive Director's Report – Dr. Pogany updated the board on ASBSD Board Elections. The following applicants are candidates for the open board seats:

- a. Central Region enrollment 700-1,399 – Steve Kubik, Hamill
- b. Northeast Region enrollment 265 and under – Jamie Lindner, Waverly
- c. Southeast Region enrollment 265 and under – Lisa Snedeker, Woonsocket
- d. Southeast Region enrollment 266-699 – Julie Schwader, Howard
- e. Western Region enrollment 700-1,399 – Amber Vogt, Lead

We will need to wait a couple of days before announcing the final election results because the deadline for filing is applications need to be postmarked by February 17th.

The next board meeting will be in Sioux Falls on April 21 and 22nd at 2320 South Louise.

Parting thoughts included asking the board to consider answers and solutions for the constant attack on public education. How do we protect our brand and could ASBSD create a plan to do better (school reports) as we continue to fight all the negativity. At the April meeting we will revisit our Strategic Plan and do we need to create a new plan. Please think about the direction we have taken and what do we need to do to remain the legitimate, credible resource that everyone goes to.

- IX. National School Board Association Annual Conference** – Dr. Pogany advised the board of the upcoming National Convention to be held April 1-3 in Orlando, Florida.

- X. Executive Session** - Motion by Anita Peterson, second Duane Alm to move into executive session at 2:42 p.m. Motion carried. The board came out of executive session at 3:05 p.m. Motion by Shane Roth, second by Julie Schwader to approve the contract for Doug Wermedal as ASBSD Executive Director with a start date of July 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimous.

- XI. Adjournment** - Motion by Jamie Lindner, second by Anita Peterson to adjourn. Motion carried.