

ASBSD Board of Directors Meetings
August 2, 2023
Sioux Falls Convention Center
Sioux Falls, SD

I. **Call to Order** – President Lisa Snedeker called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. Present were board members, Louann Krogman, Eric Stroeder, Garret Bischoff, Duane Alm, Pam Haukaas, Susan Humiston, Jamie Lindner, Shane Roth, Steve Kubik, Anita Peterson, Marc Murren and Rob Honomichl. Ellie Saxer, Tanya Gray and Amber Vogt. Absent was board member: Julie Schwader.

II. **Welcome and Pledge** – President Snedeker welcomed the board members and asked the board to please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lisa welcomed new board member, Amber Vogt, to the board and asked her to briefly introduce herself.

III. **Good News**- President Snedeker asked each board member to introduce themselves while sharing their good news as a way for Amber to get to know them.

Duane Alm – Aberdeen will begin school on August 22 and the four construction projects will be completed in time for school to start. Preliminary enrollment shows they are down 40 students, still in need of science and Spanish teachers.

Susan Humiston – Edgemont board had training with Jim Holbeck and they set 4 goals. Their track field is complete and with money they received from COVID they installed air conditioning in their armory. Edgemont honored a 40 year teacher.

Anita Peterson – Haakon still has 3 or 4 paraprofessional openings – interviews were happening as she sat in our meeting. Their math and English teachers were honored.

Amber Vogt - Lead-Deadwood lost 15 people to retirement and they are fortunate to have all the positions filled. Deadwood school is being restructured and they are providing housing for teachers.

Ellie Saxer – Brandon Valley’s new high school is ready and came under budget so they are planning a celebration for the opening of the new building. They are taking bids for a new elementary building, purchasing land for a new middle school and are still in need of bus drivers.

Steve Kubik – 2009 a preschool was opened in his district and has been going strong. They are ready for school to begin.

Pam Haukaas – Colome Consolidated will be going to a four day school week. Providing an after school program and are working on a pre-school program. Fully staffed except for bus drivers.

Jamie Lindner – Waverly-South Shore is fully staffed and work on playground has been completed.

Rob Hohomich – Madison Central sport complex is complete and very nice. They are still in need of science/chemistry teacher.

Marc Murren – Sioux Falls School Districts is ready for students and the district was able to provide teachers with a \$5,000 bonus using reserve funds.

Tanya Gray – Teachers wise Douglas is doing pretty good with employment. Fall activities meetings are happening and students arrive on the 21st. The plans for the B12 bombers is still a hot topic because they still have no directions as to when. They will need a new elementary and middle school to accommodate the influx of students. Really good new four of their five member board was attending convention.

Eric Stroeder – Mobridge still has lots of building projects going on and the latest is a new fire alarm system.

Shane Roth – DeSmet's construction of a new elementary building is well underway. The electric bus is ready to go. They were able to hire a band/vocal teacher and the program is now going really well.

Garrett Bischoff – Huron is looking into the future with new building construction plans as they will be at full capacity in 2026. Possible bond issue next spring, current projects are somewhat behind. High school track was being refurbished and problems beneath the surface were discovered.

Louann Krogman – White River had 2 Philippines teachers last year and this year they hired three more. Work on buildings continue and their district was recipient to a wonderful grant.

Lisa Snedeker – Woonsocket has hired 3 former students to teach in their district. The band position has been filled so the program can continue. They received 21st Grant Program monies to be used as a pilot program for opening a day care center from birth to preschool.

- IV. **Minutes** – Moved by Eric Stroeder, second by Anita Peterson to approve the minutes of the April 21-22, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.
- V. **Reorganization of Board** – Lisa Snedeker recognized the re-election of Julie Schwader, Steve Kubik and herself to the Board of Directors. She also recognized the election of Amber Vogt to the Western Region, enrollment 700-1,399 category. Amber was elected to the open position of Angie Ross, Hill City, who chose not to seek re-election. Congratulations to all.
- VI. **Election of Second Vice President** - Eric Stroeder, Chair of the Nominating Committee, recommended to the board Shane Roth to serve as the 2nd Vice President. The Executive Committee will include: Lisa Snedeker, Past President, Louann Krogman, President, Garrett Bischoff, 1st Vice President and Shane Roth, 2nd Vice President. Moved by Eric Stroeder, second by Marc Murren to approve the nominating committee recommendation. Motion carried.
- VII. **Passing of the Gavel** – President Snedeker thanked the board for her time as president and passed the Gavel to Louann Krogman and wished her well. Dr. Wermedal thanked Lisa for her time and with the help of ASBSD staff presented her with parting gifts.

VIII. Conflict of Interest Policy – Dr. Wermedal advised the board per ASBSD Policy BOF – Conflict of Interest each year the board members shall sign an acknowledgement of a conflict of interest policy. Board members were asked to please read, sign and return the form to Katie Mitchell-Boe.

IX. Gift Policy – As part of its conflict of interest policy, ASBSD Board requires that directors, officers and employees decline to accept certain gifts, consideration or remuneration from individuals or companies that seek to do business with ASBSD. Dr. Wermedal asked the board to please review ASBSD Policy GBI and return signed form to Katie Mitchell-Boe.

X. Financial Report

X.A. Financial Report through June 2023 – Holly Nagel, CFO, reported June 30th marks the end of the 2023 fiscal year. We ended the fiscal year with revenue of \$2,424,652.89, which is 112.11%, or \$262,000.89 over our revenue budget. This is a revenue decrease of \$529,352.28 from FY23.

FY23 expenditures were \$2,085,906.57, which is 97.28%, or \$58,403.24, less than expenditure budget. This is an increase in spending of \$144,450.92 from FY22.

The Unassigned Net Position of the Association at the end of Fiscal Year 2023 is \$3,128,034, which is 145 percent of the FY 2023 expenditure budget of \$2,144,310. The Unassigned Position decreased by \$55,177 from \$3,183,211 at the end of FY 2022 to \$3,128,034 at the end of FY 2023.

The difference between revenue and expenditures will not directly tie out to Unassigned Net Position. The year-end financials are unaudited and may have a few Net Position categories that change due to auditor adjustments.

ASBSD's balance sheet and financial position remains strong. The strong financial position allows adequate time to restructure should a revenue source be lost. Moved by Garret Bischoff, second by Ellie Saxer to approve as presented. Motion carried.

X.B. Protective Trust Update – Holly Nagel, CFA, briefly updated the board on Protective Trust activities. She reported the Health Pool had 77 members and all three pools are being audited.

XI. Policy and Resolutions Committee Report – Garret Bischoff, Chair of the Policy and Resolutions presented each Resolution and Standing Position for board consideration. Moved by Tanya Gray, second by Susan Humiston to accept the Proposed Policy and Resolutions as amended. See Attachments 1 and 2

XII. NSBA Report – Eric Stroeder reported Verjean McCotter-Jacobs, NSBA Executive Director and CEO since July 1 is ready to accept the challenges of leading the organization and public schools through these trying times. Summer Leadership is coming up in the next couple of weeks and the Executive Director and officers will be attending in Salt Lake City, UT. Western Region will be held in Omaha and the order of business will be to reconcile the By-laws to include the merger of the Central and

Western Regions. He was excited to report the North Dakota School Boards Association has rejoined NSBA.

- XIII. Board Engagement Project** – President Krogman asked for feedback from the Regional Board Engagement Webinars. She is looking for a board member to take the lead role in this project and facilitators for the fall meetings.

Objectives of the board engagement project:

1. To engage the ASBSD Board with local school boards and facilitate discussions around topics relevant to boards;
2. To build relationships between the ASBSD Board and the local boards they represent;
3. To promote the mission and activities of ASBSD

Discussion followed.

- XIV. Wednesday with Wermedal** – Dr. Wermedal advised the board we will continue our Wednesday meetings this fall with Wednesdays with Wermedal. Here are the proposed dates:

- Wednesday, September 27 in person – Brandon Valley
- Wednesday, October 4 in person - Aberdeen
- Wednesday, October 11 in person – Lead-Deadwood
- Wednesday, October 18 via Zoom
- Wednesday, October 25 in person – White River
- Wednesday, November 1 in person - Mitchell
- Wednesday, November 8 via Zoom

The Zoom/in person are just holders right now as it will depend on who can host on those days. Discussion followed with them providing.

Timber Lake was also proposed as a meeting site and Tyler Pickner will follow up with the district to confirm a date.

- XV. Legislative Updates** – Dr. Wermedal updated the board on the Education Summit and some of the highlight of the meeting were:

Focus on education, not politics or culture wars;
Confidence – parents can and should have confidence in their public schools and teachers as they are being run by capable and caring individuals;

Specific legislation will probably come regarding the following topics:

Accrediting pre-schools;
Ban on pornography/drag shows in schools;
City and School Elections;

- XVI. ALL Awards Update** – Tyler Pickner reported we had 90 of the 149 school receive an ALL Award this year with 39 being Gold winners. McLaughlin was the leader with a total of 2110 points followed by Meade with 1355.

- XVII. Convention Update** – Tyler Pickner reported we had over 519 registered for convention with 95 exhibitors.

- XVIII. Adjournment** – Moved by Ellie Saxer, second by Jamie Lindner motion the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.