

ASBSD Board of Directors Meetings
November 21, 2024
Drifters Convention Center
Fort Pierre, SD

- I. **Call to Order** – President Garret Bischoff called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Present were board members, Louann Krogman, Eric Stroeder, Garret Bischoff, Duane Alm, Pam Haukaas, Susan Humiston, Shane Roth, Julie Schwader, Anita Peterson, Marc Murren, Jamie Lindner, Lisa Snedeker, Tanya Gray, Dan Cronin, Jamie Clapham and Amber Vogt. Absent was board member: Steve Kubik, Mark Winegar and Ellie Saxer.
- II. **Welcome and Pledge** – President Bischoff welcomed the board members and asked board members to introduce themselves. Executive Director Heath Larson welcomed newly hired Director of Policy and Legal Services, Naomi Cromwell and Madisen Vetter, Marketing and Policy Specialist to ASBSD and board.
- III. **Good News-** President Bischoff asked each board member to briefly report some good news.

Shane Roth – DeSmet's Cyber Security class is going great and the school year is progressing well.

Lisa Snedeker – Woonsocket recently held a "Blowup" event for students and their families and it was very well attended.

Anita Peterson – Haakon's Boys Cross Country Team won the Class B State Championship and on a personal note her oldest son was being recognized by the University of Sioux Falls for his outstanding contribution on their track team at the same time.

Susan Humiston – Edgemont district is having a "baby boom" with 4 teachers expecting babies this spring. The volleyball team had a great season and on a personal note her youngest daughter is also having a baby in March.

Amber Vogt – Lead-Deadwood also had a family night which was well attended. Varsity football team won its 1st home game in six years.

Marc Murren – Sioux Falls is very busy with the hiring of a new superintendent, opening a new middle school building and buying land for a new elementary school.

Eric Stroeder – Mobridge-Pollock has been working on promoting good things that are happening in their schools. Created an advisory board of parents to work together on planning and advising what the board can do to make their district better.

Jamie Lindner – Waverly-South Shore has had success with its RTI program and seen improvement in our reading scores. If the funding remains we will add Math to our RTI for the next school year.

We've implemented our first year for our esports program.

Pam Haukaas – In following the State Fair showcasing art they too have Art Fairs. They had a Family Fall Festival and students with perfect attendance were given extra tickets to play games.

Tanya Gray – The new track and football complex is complete and absolutely wonderful. The district is still working on the master facility plan for future needs. Board did a goal setting and evaluation meeting.

Jamie Chapham – Rapid City has been busy with placing two students on their school board and starting the process of a superintendent search. The district received a three million dollar grant for mental health, opened a new middle school building and last but not least Central won its first homecoming football game in three years.

Dan Cronin – Pierre had success of trying to win its straight 8th football title and unfortunately they came up a little short this year. Tests scores are coming up and superintendent and legislative team are meeting with legislators.

Duane Alm – Aberdeen Lincoln Elementary was named a Blue Ribbon School. The Veteran's Day Assembly was very well attended and public commented on how well behaved the students were. Aberdeen area has 5 new legislators and they have been asked what their thoughts are on: Governors Budget; support for state aid and support for public education.

Julie Schwader – Howard's Cross Country Team had two students named to the All-State team. Ag mix team project of trouble shooting a lawn mower problem and then fixing it earned them a Gold. This year has been a good year for Howard with a new superintendent, principal, High School Football Team winning State and their football coach named Coach of the Year.

Louann Krogman – Building projects continue with new addition on elementary building and the new principal has changed the environment of said building. Superintendent reported on the enrollment has remained consistent with 24 students open enrolling and 50 students moving into district.

Garret Bischoff - Sorry Dan but Huron was cheering for Watertown. Enrollment is up by 100 students and they voted on additions for classrooms for orchestra and CTE.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Moved by Tanya Gray, second by Amber Vogt to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2024 and September 2, 2024 meeting. Motion carried

V. Financial Report

XI.A. Financial Report through October 2024 – Holly Nagel, CFO, reported October 31st marks the end of the first four months of the fiscal year. As of October 31st, we have received \$1,065,986.96 or 45.32%, of our revenue budget and expended \$637,371 or 27.43% of our expenditure budget.

At the same time last year, the Association had total revenue of \$760,963, or 33.78% of our revenue budget while expenditures were \$822,360 or 36% of our expenditure budget.

The Gains/Losses on Investments are the primary reason for the difference in revenue received from FY25 to FY24.

The Unassigned Net Position (Fund Balance) of the Association at the end of October is \$4,195,414 compared to last year at this time of \$3,735,227.

The difference between revenue and expenditures will not directly tie out to Unassigned Net Position. There are a few net Position categories that are adjusted at year-end to recognize pre-paid expenses and capital assets.

ASBSD continues to have a strong balance sheet and financial position which allows for adjustments should a revenue source be significantly decreased. Moved by Jamie Chapham, second by Anita Peterson to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

XI.B. ASBSD Financial Review – Scott Currier from Palmer, Currier & Hoffert, LLP presented via zoom the ASBSD Financial Review. Moved by Marc Murren, second by Lisa Snedeker to accept as presented. Motion carried. Moved by Susan Humiston, second by Amber Vogt to approve the 990 and 990T as presented. Motion carried.

XI.C Protective Trust Update – Holly Nagel, CFO, briefly updated the board on Protective Trust activities.

VI. Advocacy

VI.A. Delegate Assembly Priorities – Heath Larson discussed Delegate Assembly and advocacy priorities. Moved by Shane Roth, second by Jamie Lindner to accept the following as our priorities:

- C6. Increasing State Aid
- C8. Protecting School District Valuations
- D1. Property Tax Reduction or Repeal
- SP: Non-Public Schools or Alternative Education Funding or Establishment of New Non-Public School Systems
- SP: Local Governance Motion carried.

VI.A. Delegate Assembly Platform Amendments - No amendments have been presented at this time.

VII. Board of Director Election 2025

Heath Larson advised the board what positions on the ASBSD board will be up for election in 2025. Positions open are: Southeast Region 700-1,399 and Western Region enrollment 265 and under.

VIII. Board Engagement Webinar Activity

Garret Bischoff led the board discussion regarding timelines and topics. Following are timelines and topics were approved:

- March 23 – Shane Roth/Garret Bischoff facilitating – Legislative Issues and Budgeting
- April 2 – Louann Krogman/Tanya Gray facilitating – Negotiations

- April 13 – Amber Vogt/Jamie Chapham – Mental and Physical Health of Staff and Students
- April 30 – Lisa Snedeker/Jamie Lindner facilitating – Celebrating our Schools

ASBSD Board members decided April 11-12 as the dates for their next meeting with the site to be determined at a later date.

- IX. Executive Director Report** – Heath Larson reported on his first hundred days as executive director sharing his advocacy work, hiring of two new staff members and attending Western Region and CUBE. Heath then asked the Executive Team members for their thoughts on Western Region and CUBE. General consensus on CUBE attended by Heath, Shane and Garret was the meeting really provided you with a big picture on diversity and the passion for K-12 education. Western Region continues to provide board members with thought provoking session and great opportunity to network with other state associations.
- X. NSBA Report** – Eric Stroeder briefly spoke on the upcoming meetings NSBA is planning. On a personal note he was re-elected for his position on the NSBA's board.
- XI. Other Business/Adjournment** – Moved by Shane Roth, second by Anita Peterson the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried.