SD Beadle Club News 2013-14

MAY 5TH, 2014

Incoming President, Joel Jorgenson of Hamlin, receives the Hickory Stick from Pres. Lynn Vlasman during the induction ceremony. Also pictured is President Elect, Brian Heupel of Clark.

The annual meeting of the South Dakota Beadle Club began at 11:20 AM on July 16 with 31 members present. The meeting was conducted at the Ramkota in Pierre, SD in one of the conference rooms. President Lynn Vlasman welcomed those in attendance. Each received a copy of the Constitution as well as documents for the meeting.

Business Meeting:
Old Business:
President Lynn Vlasman called the annual business meeting to order. Motion to approve the agenda by Shayne McIntosh and seconded by Dean Christensen. Carried.

Treasurer Ken Pickering provided the annual financial report including deposits made to all accounts and expenditures for all accounts.. Dean Christensen gave an update on the SD Community Foundation. Motion by Barry Furze and seconded by Jim Heinert to approve the financial report. Carried.

Motion to approve the scholarship application from Chad Schiernbeck of $878.57 by Brian Heupel and seconded by Gary Leighton. Carried.

Extensive discussion was held on the status of the scholarship fund located in the South Dakota Community Foundation. Dean Christensen reported that on January, 2013 there was $21,546.63 in principal and on July 2, 2013 it was $23,768.68. There was $878.57 available for the scholarship. Discussion was held that there should be a short-term goal of $25,000 principal with the additional funds coming from member donations.

Three constitutional amendment proposals were presented by Ken Pickering. Motion to amend Article III, Sections 1 & 3 to replace "Vice-President" to that of President Elect" made by Gary Harms and seconded by Leon Tobin. Carried.
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Don't limit a child to your own learning, for he was born in another time.

- Rabindranath Tagore

Motion to amend Article II (Membership), Section 8 to delete language about presenting new members with a pin and Past Big Sticks may wear the traditional pin to Club membership materials made by Bill O'Dea and seconded by Jim Heinert. Carried. Motion to amend Article VI (Committees) and Article IV, Section 3 to add a selection committee and other committees as appointed by the President subject to approval by the Executive Committee made by Virginia Tobin and seconded by Joel Jorgenson. Carried.

Deceased members remembered for their service to public schools in South Dakota included Arnold Bauer, Merlyn Brosz, Doug Carpenter, Robert Cockle, Bill Crosswait, Bruce Crosswait, John Evans, Walter Johnson, Morris Magnuson, Dayle Meyer, Gerald McElroy, Leonard Timmerman, LW "Lefty" Turnwall, Robert Wagner, and Dalton Williams.

New Business:

Motion by Mark Froke and seconded by Jack Broome to induct the following members: Jerry Aberle, Clear Lake nominated by Dean Christensen; Terry Nebelsick Huron nominated by Lynn Vlasman & Gordon Fosness; Dave Peters, Spearfish nominated by James Heinert; Dennis Povondra, Tabor nominated by Larry Lickfelt; and Bob Sittig, Baltic nominated by Robert Arend. Carried. Each member was given a certificate and a copy of the General Beadle book.

School and Public Lands: Ryan Brunner the Deputy Commissioner gave an informative report on the activities of the office. The fund is currently $8,356, 237.76 with $223,000,000 in the Trust Fund and $5,000,000 in the Inflation Fund. Funds are doing well. Jarrod Johnson arrived and greeted the group, also.

Elections of Officers were held and all carried with the motion/seconds as follows:

President:	Joel Jorgenson (Tom Ludens/Shayne McIntosh)
President-Elect:	Brian Heupel (Dean Christensen/Shayne McIntosh
Secretary:	Linda Whitney (Barry Furze/Jim Heinert)
Treasurer:	Ken Pickering (Bob Sittig/Dean Christensen)
Nominating Committee:	Dean Christensen/Lynn Vlasman/Gary Leighton (Jim Heinert/Brian Heupel)
Scholarship Committee:	Barry Furze and he can choose 2 others

The "Hickory Stick" will be transferred at the meeting on August 8th at the Annual Meeting to be held during the ASBSD/SASD Joint Conference at the Sioux Falls Convention Center at 2:00pm in Room 1.

On a motion by Brian Heupel with a second by Joel Jorgenson, the meeting was adjourned.

Beadle Club Meeting - August 8, 2013 (ASBSD/SASD Combined Conference)
Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the South Dakota Beadle Club began at around 2:00pm on August 8 in the Sioux Falls Convention Center Room 1 with 11 members present.

President Lynn Vlasman welcomed those in attendance. Each received a copy of the Constitution as well as documents for the meeting.

Business Meeting:
President Lynn Vlasman called another annual business meeting to order and added President's Comments.. Motion to approve the agenda by Larry Lickfelt and seconded by Dean Christensen. Carried.

The annual financial report including deposits made to all accounts and expenditures for all accounts was presented as well as the minutes from the first annual meeting minutes. Motion by Joel Jorgenson and seconded by John Fathke to approve the financial report and July 16th minutes. Carried.

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Dean Christensen gave an update on the SD Community Foundation along with an explanation about the process. Extensive discussion was held on the status of the scholarship fund located in the South Dakota Community Foundation. Dean Christensen reported that on January, 2013 there was $21,546.63 in principal and on July 2, 2013 it was $23,768.68. There was $878.57 available for the scholarship. Discussion was held that there should be a short-term goal of $25,000 principal with the additional funds coming from member donations. There was a motion made by Greg Boris and seconded by John Fathke to improve the scholarship process by going through the SD Community Foundation to deposit scholarship funds as well as distribute the scholarship. Carried.

New Business:

New members were mentioned that were inducted on July 16th: Jerry Aberle, Clear Lake nominated by Dean Christensen; Terry Nebelsick Huron nominated by Lynn Vlasman & Gordon Fosness; Dave Peters, Spearfish nominated by James Heinert; Dennis Povondra, Tabor nominated by Larry Lickfelt; and Bob Sittig, Baltic nominated by Robert Arend.

School and Public Lands: Jarrod Johnson gave an update on the School and Public Land funds with $160,000,000 in the Trust Fund in 2007 and it is now $223,000,00 in 2013 with 768,000 acres of land. He announced that Vern Larson will be the new commissioner appointed by the Governor as Jarrod has resigned effective August 14 with Vern Larson taking office on August 15.

Officers were recognized and inducted as follows:

President:	Joel Jorgenson
President-Elect:	Brian Heupel
Secretary:	Linda Whitney
Treasurer:	Ken Pickering
Nominating Committee:	Dean Christensen/Lynn Vlasman/Gary Leighton (Jim Heinert/Brian Heupel)

The "Hickory Stick" was transferred from Lynn Vlasman to Joel Jorgenson. Joel thanked Lynn for his service to the organization.

On a motion by Brian Heupel with a second by Terry Eckstaine, the meeting was adjourned.

Governor Daugaard Proposes 3% Increase To K-12 Funding

Governor Daugaard's State Budget Address on Dec. 3rd included a proposal to go beyond the 1.6% increase required by the state funding formula for the 2014-15 school year. Citing a windfall to the state based on unclaimed property and other revenue, the Governor proposed that the increase be raised to 3%.

Wade Pogany, Director of ASBSD, praised the Governor's proposal as a step to offset cuts made in past years and provide much needed funding to districts across SD. The increase will not move districts back to the level of funding they had prior to the cuts, but did demonstrate that the state was willing to consider going beyond the formula when additional revenue can be found.

When the legislative session concluded, the Legislature did finally go beyond the Governor's recommendation passing an increase of 3.36% which was signed by Governor Daugaard.

In passing the additional funding, the Legislature did put one additional requirement in place. Each school district will be asked to affirm through an affidavit that the additional funding will be used to raise teacher compensation. School Boards across the SD concerned about teacher shortages and the ability to compete with neighboring states for quality candidates seem appreciative of any help they can get to address these challenges.

While there are signs that the economy is slowly continuing to improve, there are still fears that the U.S. could drop back into recession. The 2014 Legislative session took positive steps to provide K-12 education with additional funding. The question will be whether legislators will be able to sustain that commitment to moving teacher pay to a level where it is competitive with our neighboring states or with other career fields here in SD.

The Legislature also attacked this issue on one more front by freezing tuition at the state universities for 2014-15. As the amount of college debt increases, it is logical to see talented young people make career choices based primarily on average compensation. Over the last several years, starting salaries for teachers have remained fairly level at around $ 30,000 per year. In many cases colleges students are graduating with that amount of debt or more. A freeze in tuition will help all college students, but the question again is whether our legislators and Governor will be able to commit to a long-term plan to keep moving SD toward being more competitive.

The 2014 legislative session showed that our elected officials not only recognize the problems that exist, but want to find solutions. Investing in education at all levels is the surest way to provide a skilled and educated citizenry, a prosperous economy, and a high quality of life. To that end, we hope the 2015 session will be another year of support for K-12 education.

Beadle Club - President's Message

It is hard to believe we are once again approaching the end of another school year. I hope that everyone has enjoyed a great year! As always, school funding was an item of much discussion during the legislative session. The Governor's budget included a 3% increase to the per Student Allocation which was above the 1.6% mandated by state law so it was appreciated and also a good starting point for discussion on additional funding. The legislative body followed up with an additional .35% in ongoing dollars to the PSA as well. It was clear they had received the message of placing dollars in the PSA and not in one time dollars. So when the dust finally cleared the PSA increased by 3.35% which again was appreciated even though it fell short of the $ 4,805 target set by SASD and ASBSD which was the funding amount from FY 2010. Again, we are thankful for the addition of new dollars to the PSA, but the reality of the situation as we enter FY 15 ($4,781) is that we are still below funding levels from FY10 ($4,805).

We all realize it is about competing with our surrounding neighbors when it comes to teacher salaries. The latest information I have seen shows the following: if SD school funding would increase by 5% each year for the next five years and surrounding states only increase at a rate of 3% each year, we would still have a gap between SD and the closes state (ND) of over $ 4,000 per average teacher salary. (Current gap between ND and SD is $ 7,700) Now take into consideration that we have never seen a 5% increase, much less for five years in a row. On the other hand, if we continue with a 3% funding increase per year, the gap between SD and the closest surrounding state (ND) will simply continue to grow to $ 9,000.

Another key item of this past legislative session was the survey information provided to the legislative body concerning the reality of a teacher shortage. I believe the information provided through the SASD survey created productive conversation among the legislators and a realization that we are on a fast downhill slide when it comes to the number of qualified teacher applicants. SASD will once again collect information from superintendents to follow up with additional information on the teacher applicant pool with survey results being provided to the legislative body.

Finally we need to keep up the efforts for additional funding for the students of South Dakota. In order to keep our organization moving forward and to strengthen our organization, I will challenge current members to please nominate new members to join the Beadle Club and to help promote the funding of public education for the students of South Dakota! Our Constitution allows for up to sixteen new members per year. I challenge Beadle Club members to meet the maximum number of sixteen new members this year. All of you know superintendents, principals, special education directors, and other educators that are leaders committed to public education. You were chosen because of your leadership and now it is time for you to identify others based on their leadership.

Have a great summer!

Beadle Club President
Joel Jorgenson
Supt. - Hamlin School District

Current Beadle Club Membership
(Contact lynn.vlasman@k12.sd.us to provide corrections or additions)

Jerry Aberle
Arnold Anderson
Mary Austad
Shirley M. Barnes
Ronald Bennett
Merry Bleeker
Marilys A. Boschee
Arthur R. Buntin
Douglas Carpenter
Lorin Catchpole
Lester Clarke
Keith Coats
Patricia Croston
Earl Dean
Fracis T. Determan
Janice Ebersdorfer
Ernest Edwards
Michael Elsberry
William H. Engberg
Duane Everrett
Glenna Fouberg
Gregg Fuerstenau
Lawrence Furney
Joseph Gertsema
Marilyn Goldhammer
Robert Graham
George Gulson
Clarence Hall
James O. Hansen
Gary Harms
James Heinert
Delmer Hofer
Pamela Homan
Christie Johnson
Mary Ellen Johnson
Loren Kasten
Donald Kirkegaard
Dennis Kraft
John LaFave
Larry Lickfelt
Roger Lonbaken
William F. Lynch
Ronald Mattice
Dale McElhany
Malcom McKillop
H Wendell McNeely
Don Meyer
Iro Mogen
Lawrence Namminga
Earl Nebelsick
Douglas Nelson
William O'Dea
Jim Osborn
Darwin Peterson
Wade Pogany
Dennis Povandra
MJ Rabenbert
Richard Rockafellow
John Salzsiedler
Gene Schneider
Loren Scott
Wayne Semmler
Louis Skubic
Jim P. Smith
Robert Sorge
Michael Steinhoff
Robert Stuerman
John Sweet
Darwin Tessler
Leonard Timmerman
Wesley Tschertter
Ernie VanGerpen
Sylvan Vigness
Charles VonEschen
Linda K. Whitney
Roger Wiltz
Donald Zingler

Donald Akre
Chris Anderson
Harold Bailey Jr.
Thomas Beattie
Sherwood Berg
Greg A. Boris
Earl Boxa
Burt Cameron
Gene Carr
Dennis Champ
Fred H. Claudon
Sheldon Cotton
Jan Dangel
Delwyn Dearborn
Gordon Dietrich
Terry Eckstaine
Virgil Eisenbeisz
Daniel Elwood
Jeri L. Engelking
Jack Ewing
Roger Fritz
Leroy Fugitt
Barry Furze
Dennis Gibbs
Lewis Gomer
Mark Greguson
William Haigh
Dale Hall
Roger Hansen
Maurice Haugland
Leroy Hellwig
Michael Hoffman
Lawrence Jaske
Curt Johnson
Don Jorgenson
Michael P. Kelly
Larry Klapperich
James Kretchman
Dale Larson
Charles Linkly
Richard Lubinus
Dean Mann
Charles Maxon
Gerald McElroy
James McLaird
Robert Meerdink
QC Miles
Sherman Monroe
Mark Naugle
Terry Nebelsick
Larry Nelson
Emmett Oleson
John Pedersen
David Peterson
Robert Pollman
Dallas Preheim
Victor Rames
Jay Ruckdaschel
James Satterlee
Glenn Schneider
Marvin Selnes
Arthur Shaver
Marlin Smart
George Smith
Gary Spawn
Rick Sterling
Terry M Sullivan
Leon Swier
Wayne Thompson
Leon Tobin
Lynn Vlasman
Janet Varejcka
Phil Vik
George Webbenhurst
Bruce Willer
Marly Wilson
Randall Zitterkopf

Duane Alm
Vernal Anderson
Glen Barnes
Ronald Becker
David Bergan
Wyland Borth
Jack R. Broome
Cort Carnes
Robert E. Caselli
Dean P. Christensen
Janet Claymore-Ross
Orville Creighton
Richard Day
Harvey DeJong
Lloyd Dobratz
Carl Edeburn
Virgil Ellerbruch
Gene Enck
Wayne Evans
John Fathke
Mark Froke
Gordon Fuhr
David Gellerman
Ken Gifford
Mary A. Gomer
Gary Grey
Rodney Hall
Virgil Hansen
Thomas Harmon
Max Hawk
Kenneth Henseler
James Holbeck
Larry Johnke
Dean Johnson
Joel Jorgenson
Colleen Keffelor
Clarence Kooistra
Ruth Krogh
Gary Leighton
Dean Lindstrom
Thomas Ludens
Thomas Marso
Jerry Mayer
Shane McIntosh
Edward McLaughlin
Gary Merkwan
John E. Miller
D Dean Myers
Daniel Neiles
Donald Nelson
Frank Oschner
Curtis Olson
Dave Peters
Kenneth Pickering
Ken Poppe
Donald Quimby
Leon Raney
Margaret Ruckdaschel
Dale Schneider
Bob Schroeder
Dick Sethney
Robert Sittig
Miles Smart
Myron Sonne
Gerald Stapert
Michael Stroup
Robert Swanhorst
Robert Taylor
Sam Tidball
Virginia Tobin
Richard VanBeek
Connie Vermeulen
Curt Voight
John H. Wellhouse
Clarence Williams
John J. Wollman

Robert Andera
Robert Arend-
Robert Bell
John J. Biegler-
Floyd Boschee-
Virgil Brugger
James Croston-
Deene Dayton
Joel Druley
Cleo Edeburn
Howard Elrod
Gordon Fosness
Lionel Froseth-
Daniel Goodwin
Dan Guericke
Jay Heath
Brian Heupel
Carlton Holt
Berle Johnson
George Kane
Robert Kiner
Henry Kosters
Gerald Labbe
Arlo Levisen
Chris Lund
Robert Mayer
David Merrill
Tim Mitchell
Thomas Oster
Linda Reetz

Nomination for Membership in the South Dakota Beadle Club 2014
(Nomination Deadline: June 13th, 2014 – Please Type or Print)

Name of Nominee:

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(First) **(M.I.)** **(Last)**

Address:

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(Street or P.O. Box) **(City)** **(State)** **(Zip Code)** **(Phone)**

Name/Address of Local Newspaper: _____ **Yrs. in SD Education** _____

Nomination Statement: This nomination is limited to 125 words. "Provide 1 – 2 examples of recent significant contribution and/or meritorious service the nominee has given to improving education in SD. This statement will be used by the nominator to introduce the nominee in the Induction Ceremony. (Nominator is asked to provide basic biographical information, i.e. birthplace, spouse name, number of children, current employment, et. This information will not count in the 125 word limit.)

* Use the back of this page, if necessary, but please limit your statement to 125 words. Additional information such as educational history, employment record, and honors may be attached to this form.

As a member of the Beadle Club, I nominate and submit this candidate for membership in the Beadle Club.

_____ _____ _____

(Nominating Member's Name Printed) (Nominating Member Signature) (Date)

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(Nominating Member's Address) (Nominating Member's Phone #)

SD Beadle Club nominations are to be made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Each active club member shall have the annual privilege of nominating one individual to be considered for membership.
- All individuals in SD (men and women) engaged in the teaching profession or other allied education endeavors who have served for at least ten years are eligible for membership.
- To be eligible for membership, a person must be one who vigorously supports education and has given meritorious service to the cause of public education over a period of at least ten years in SD. Such service to have been recent and evidenced by actual accomplishments in the improvement of conditions of public education in the state. (Article II, Section 6 B, SD Beadle Club Constitution).
- No more than sixteen (16) individuals shall be elected in any one year.
- Lifetime dues: $ 50.00 active or $ 40.00 retired.

Send Nominations to: Dean Christensen, Deuel School District, PO Box 770, Clear Lake, SD, 57226
Beadle Club dues are to be submitted with the application.
(If necessary, please attach an additional sheet of information to add more information)

The Beadle Club Newsletter
PO Box 430
Tripp, SD 57376

SAVE THE DATES

Beadle Club Meeting
SDSSA Summer Conf.
July 22nd, 2014
Pierre Ramkota
11:20 - 12:00
12:00 Retired Supt. Luncheon

Beadle Club Meeting
ASBSD/SASD Conf.
August 7th, 2014
Sioux Falls Conf. Center
2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

Beadle Club Scholarship Fund

The Beadle Club is looking to build the principal in the scholarship fund to better support those wishing to enter the field of public school administration. Your help in supporting the Beadle Club mission of building leadership in public education would be greatly appreciated. Donations to the scholarship fund can be sent to:

Beadle Club Scholarship Fund
Attn. Dean Christensen
PO Box 770
Clear Lake, SD 57226