President’s Message
By Susan Kurtz

“School Business Officials Really Are The Ultimate Problem Solvers”

The South Dakota Association of School Business Officials (SD ASBO) according to the bylaws is “an educational organization dedicated to studying, determining and disseminating better methods of school business administration.” It is also a great support system and resource center for the School Business Officials of South Dakota.

The job of a school business official is very complex. We must deal with all the accounting and financial activities of the school district. We must also be aware of various state and federal laws which affect that school district. Some of those duties include: procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment; proper property and liability insurance coverage; maintenance of employee benefits programs; maintenance of the school food service system; awareness of the district’s technology framework; awareness of the contractual language resulting in financial obligations and debt covenant; legal issues; budgeting and forecasting methods; curriculum development, and student reporting systems.

The list can go on and on—as you can see. A school business official really is the ultimate problem solver. We wear so many hats and are involved in almost every aspect of student learning, that you can certainly see the need for an organization, such as this. If you are not a member of SD ASBO, I strongly recommend that you join our organization and take advantage of the opportunities for professional development and the support of your fellow members.

SD ASBO is also supported by the Association of School Business Officials International. ASBO International provides a multitude of resources for school business officials, through their publications and opportunities for professional development. Every year, ASBO International hosts an annual conference whereby members from across the United States and beyond, come together to tackle accounting and financial issues.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of South Dakota ASBO, I invite you to attend this week’s Spring Conference—it will be time, well spent. See you on Tuesday, in Pierre.

Pre-Conference Workshops Provide Valuable Information—You Won’t Want To Miss

- The SD ASBO Mentor Committee will provide a three hour informational workshop of Business Manager Basics, which will emphasize the procedures and techniques of sound school business management. The workshop will be held in Amphitheatre 1, on Tuesday afternoon, from 1-4:15 p.m.

- Lisa Carlson, Director of Planning and Regulation, with the Sanford Health Plan will present an Affordable Care Act Update, on Tuesday afternoon, in Amphitheatre II, from 1-2:30 p.m. She will discuss Affordable Care Act implementation procedures which need to be addressed before and immediately following July 1st and clarifications, in the Affordable Care Act.

- Toby Morris, Senior VP Dougherty & Co. will provide an overview of Taxable Increment Financing Districts (TIF), on Tuesday afternoon, from 2:45-4:15 p.m., in Amphitheatre II. He will demonstrate the math behind them, why developers and cities use TIF’s and their impact on school finance.
Attention New SD ASBO Members!
New members and first time conference attendees are invited to attend the informational orientation, in the Ramkota Inn Lobby, on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Vendor Reception
Join us for fun and fellowship, with your fellow school business officials and our conference vendors, at the SD ASBO Pre-Conference Reception, on Tuesday April 21st from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in the Vendor Hall, Rooms A-B-C-D-E, of the Ramkota Inn.

We appreciate the financial support and loyalty of our SD ASBO vendors, whose support helps to enhance the quality of our SD ASBO Conferences, each year.

Wake Up, Walk & Win
We have the perfect opportunity for you to get out and enjoy the beautiful Spring weather, while you are in Pierre, for the SD ASBO Conference!

We challenge you to join us on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, at 6:30 a.m., in the front lobby of the Ramkota Inn, to take a wake up walk along the waterfront. Enjoy the fresh morning air and register for a great prize, to be given away each morning!

Spring Conference Registration
The 49th Annual Spring Conference of the South Dakota Association of School Business Officials will be held on April 21-23rd, 2015 at the Ramkota Inn in Pierre, South Dakota.

Spring Conference registration will be held in the Vendor Exhibit Hall, on Wednesday morning, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Attendees are invited to browse through the Ramkota Exhibit Hall to view new products and equipment, displayed by our conference vendors. Enjoy the Continental Breakfast sponsored by our vendors.

Welcome New SD ASBO Members!
President Susan Kurtz will introduce the new school business officials in the 2014-2015 School Year, to the membership. They include:

Kelsey Ims, Brookings School District (Ass’t)
Mary Nelson, Clark School District
Gail Thompson, Henry School District
Kristi Curd, Lake Preston School District
Dawn Nipp, Langford School District
Nicole Forney, Oelrichs School District
Vicky Boom, Rosholt School District
Lori Kuschel, Sisseton School District
Kim Fischer, Stanley County School District
Staci Rumpza, Waubay School District

Help is only a phone call away!
SD ASBO is a network of School Business Officials across the state of South Dakota, who work together to provide solid financial management, to their South Dakota school districts. We stand ready to help you develop your skills as a new School Business Official, just pick up the phone and call!
Congratulations to our Retirees!

SD ASBO School Business Officials, who will retire at the end of the current school year will be honored by our membership, throughout this Spring Conference. We celebrate 9 School Business Officials and their many years of dedicated service, to our South Dakota School Districts. They include:


Spring Conference Preview
The first General Session will be presented by Alison Jares, from the SD. Department of Revenue. She will discuss exemptions from and requirements of South Dakota Sales Tax Laws. She will provide an overview of Property Tax Levies and how the Proposed Legislation regarding limitations to the Capital Outlay Fund, may have affected SD. School Districts.

There will be a vendor break in the Exhibit Hall, sponsored by our vendors. Take this opportunity to check out all the new products our vendors have to enhance school business management.

The Spring Conference will continue with a session by Rob Huffman and Danna Sanders from the SD. Department of Education-Grants Management Office, presenting information on the Special Education Maintenance of Effort Requirements and a preview of the news Grants Management Software, which will be used to submit the 2015-2016 Consolidated Application and grant reimbursement paperwork. The webinar to begin training on the new software will be held on Monday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Rodney Freeman, Attorney At Law, with Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt, Shelton & Bruns will provide an overview of Employment Agreements. He will discuss the differences between hiring schedules versus salary schedules for certified staff members, contractual language on certified staff employment contracts, and employment terms for classified staff members.

At noon, the membership is invited to attend the Spring Conference Luncheon. President Susan Kurtz will conduct the Business Meeting of the SD. Association of School Business Officials. Past President Angela Arlt will present the prospective officers and directors, selected by the nominating committee, for final membership approval. Scholarships for the ASBO International Conference, provided by Toby Morris of Dougherty & Co. and the SD. Association of School Business Officials will also be awarded, during the luncheon.

Following the luncheon, Rodney Freeman, Attorney at Law, with Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt, Shelton & Bruns will present a recap of the 2015 Legislative Session.

The membership can choose 2 of 4 breakout sessions, to attend, throughout the afternoon:

1) Amber Mulder, an attorney with the SD. Department of Labor will discuss labor issues affecting SD school districts.

2) Susan Woodmansey and Bobbi Leiferman, of the SD. Department of Education will present information on the Extraordinary Cost Fund Application, in preparation for the April 30th application deadline.

3) Mindy Kroll, with Time Management Systems, will explain the advantages of a computerized timekeeping software. The software an interface with Software Unlimited, track different types of leave, and give employees the ability to access leave balances.
4) Todd Meierhenry, of Meierhenry Sargent LLP, Shannon Grimmond, Tom Grimmond from Dougherty & Company LLC., and Jerry Spethman from D.A. Davidson & Co. will present the required debt disclosures which must be reported through the EMMA System.

A networking social, will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. the evening banquet will begin, with President Susan Kurtz serving as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Before the evening banquet meal, the 2015 Outstanding School Business Official will be announced. There will be the installation of SDASBO Officers & Directors and the presentation of membership time awards.

**SD ASBO 2014 Officer/Director Installations**

SD ASBO honored 2014 Outstanding School Business Official Anita Stugelmeyer, of the Lemmon School District. She is pictured here, with her Superintendent Rick Herbel (left) and her husband, Earl (right). Earl has become a friend to SD ASBO, attending many of our conferences over the years.

**Outstanding School Business Official 2014 Anita Stugelmeyer-Lemmon School District**

Anita Stugelmeyer, of the Lemmon School District was honored by the SD Association of School Business Officials as our 2014 Outstanding School Business Official. She has a wide range of service to her community, school district, SD ASBO Board of Directors, and the School Administrators of SD-Board of Directors. SD ASBO honors your willingness to serve your community, school district, and state.

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2015 Past President Angela Arlt with new 2015 President, Susan Kurtz, following the Officer Installation Ceremony, at the 2014 Spring ASBO Conference

Inducted in as new SD ASBO Directors/Officers are Kathy Holter, Marcia Sherman, Kathy Cleveland, Darla Meyer, Laura Root, and Lori Libra.
Time Awards Presented
If Only Time Didn’t Pass So Fast…

Receiving their 10 year SD ASBO Membership Certificates are Angela Arlt and Clara Waterbury (pictured). Vicki Haiar, Keith Watt, and Kim Olson were also awarded 10 year certificates.

Receiving their 15 year SD ASBO Membership Pins are Teresa Wessel, Trista Hedderman, and Susan Kurtz. Sally Pflaumer was unable to attend.

Receiving their 20 year SD ABSO Plaques are Brian Lueders, Rod Fischer, and Tami Koppang. Colleen Rueb was unable to attend.

Deb Indahl and Lisa Sanderson receive their 25 year Silver Pen/Pencil Set in honor of their service. Jay Weber was unable to attend.

Georgia Sandgren, Steve Culhane, and James Vogel were awarded engraved clocks commemorating their 30 years of service. Robin Wolff was unable to attend.

Eileen Kroupa and Marilyn Hodges were presented with the Terry Redlin Schoolhouse Print, in honor of their 35 years of educational service.

SD ASBO

It’s not just about the job…

It’s about the friendships

It’s about the relationships built over time

It’s about the memories—we share.
Conference Banquet Entertainment Promises Lots of Laughter!

The Spring Conference Banquet Evening will continue with Zac Tenneboe. He offers a fast paced performance which includes comedy, hypnosis, and mentalism, he is sure to provide non-stop laughter!

Breakfast Buffet
On Thursday Morning, April 23rd, 2015 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. the membership will enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet, in Rooms D-E-F-G.

Thursday Morning-General Sessions To Cover Important Topics

In General Session E, Linette Simpson, of Software Unlimited will provide an important training session on the Affordable Care Act Tracking Tools, which have been integrated into the Software Unlimited Software.

In General Session F, Matt Flett with Associated School Boards of South Dakota will present Risk Management Issues regarding Property and Liability Insurance.

In General Session G, Rod Fortin, of the SD. Department of Legislative Audit will update the membership on GASB#68-SDRS; debt issues, internal service funds, and SD. Annual Report Issues.

ASBO International Annual Meeting Planned Destination- Grapevine Texas
The ASBO International Annual Meeting and Expo will be held from October 23-26, 2015 At the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas. Visit asbointl.org/meetings/annual-meeting for more information.

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