

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Arrowwood Cedar Shore Resort, Chamberlain, SD (River Run/Wetlands Room)

AGENDA: *We will order off the menu and have a working supper.*

1. Call the meeting to order. (m)

SDSSA President Dr. Jeff Danielsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established with the following members present: Jeff Danielsen, President; Tim Graf, President-elect; Kelly Glodt, Past-past President; Brian Field, Secretary; Summer Schultz, Treasurer; Donovan DeBoer, Region 1; Jason Bailey, Region 2; Scott Lepke, Region 5; Terry Nebelsick, Region 7; Dan Leikvold, AASA Governing Board; Robert Sittig, AASA Governing Board; Kevin Pickner, SASD Executive Board; Joel Jorgenson, SASD Executive Board; and Rob Monson, SASD Executive Director.

Absent: Tom Cameron, Region 3; Mark Naugle, Region 4; and Monte Nipp, Region 6.

2. Approve the agenda. (m)

A motion was made by Kelly Glodt, seconded by Tim Graf to approve the agenda. All present voted aye, motion carried.

3. Approve the minutes from the September 13, 2017 meeting (enclosed). (m)

A motion was made by Jason Bailey, seconded by Scott Lepke to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2017 meeting. All present voted aye, motion carried.

4. Approve the financial report (enclosed). (m)

A motion was made by Terry Nebelsick, seconded by Donovan DeBoer to approve the financial report. All present voted aye, motion carried.

5. Review and discuss the Governors' Budget Address.

Dr. Danielsen highlighted the Governors' Budget Address that was held this afternoon. The Governor recommended no inflationary increase for K-12 education—0%. Increase in student enrollment and ELL funding will be there for 18-19. Due the budget shortfall, the Governor elected to not follow existing statute which requires a 1.7% CPI-W increase for K-12 education.

There are concerns about accountability and attrition. It was discussed that the state needs to ease up on accountability numbers, such as the general fund balance

cap and reconsider bringing back two-year averaging to help schools with declining enrollment. Rob Monson stated that the average teacher salary must increase by a penny. It was discussed if the state is not going to follow existing statute by giving schools a 1.7% increase, they should waive the accountability rules as well.

Local property tax levies were lowered so now the state will have to pay more in state aid to schools.

It was discussed that the state is setting up schools to use capital outlay flexibility or fund balance dollars unless they have growing enrollment.

6. Review and discuss the state superintendent survey results—Dr. Danielsen & Dr. Schultz.

Dr. Danielsen and Dr. Schultz summarized the state superintendent legislative survey results and discussed the results with the Executive Board.

One hundred (100) superintendents responded to the streamlined 25 question survey. The survey results were emailed to all of the state superintendents and will be posted on the SDSSA webpage.

Eighty percent (80%) was the original threshold for the superintendents' organization to lobby for or against a legislative issue.

pp. 7-8: 81% of the schools are using general fund reserves and 68% are using capital outlay flexibility to meet their general fund budget needs.

p. 13: wide support of early childhood.

p. 18: transgender—local control 72%.

pp. 20-23: 0% positive of juvenile justice reform.

7. Review and discuss the agenda, format, and focus/discussion groups for the December 6 state-wide superintendent meeting (Wheeler/Howe/Glass Conference Rooms).

Dr. Danielsen discussed the agenda, format, and focus/discussion groups for the state-wide superintendent meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

The following were identified as the five core topics for smaller focus group and large group discussions:

- Governor's Recommendation of a 0 % Increase for K-12 Education.

- Accountability—needs to be softened. If schools are expected to be accountable, shouldn't the state be accountable for following the existing statute? If not, the state at a minimum should soften the accountability rules for K-12 schools.
- General Fund Reserve Caps.
- Capital Outlay Flexibility.
- 2-Year Averaging—needs to come back to help schools with declining enrollment.
- Without a K-12 funding increase, when the “rebase” of average teacher salary is done next year, will we be even further behind neighboring states?
- Home School Students & their Participation in Co-curricular Activities—local control.
- Juvenile Justice & the Lack of Resources in our Schools & Communities—lack of consequences and follow-through. Students on probation have the new system figured out—they can violate and nothing really happens to them. The legislators need to hear from law enforcement, state's attorneys, court services officers, and schools—their new reforms/system is not working. All they seem to care about is that our state's incarceration rate is way down! Are the reforms really helping students, families, schools, and communities?
- Extraordinary Cost Fund for SPED—there will most likely be more requests than dollars available.
- 3-Tier Graduation Pathways—possible return to the Standard, Advanced, and Distinguished pathways to a diploma—this will go to the State Board of Education for discussion.

8. Old Business.

- a. Discuss homeschooling concerns and home schooled students' participation in co-curricular activities and a meeting that was held with members from the home school coalition prior to the 2018 SD Legislative Session.

Dr. Schultz and Mr. Graf led a discussion on the homeschooling concerns and home schooled students' participation in co-curricular activities, as well as a meeting held with the home school coalition.

- b. Discuss juvenile justice concerns/reforms/lack of resources for our schools and communities and mental health screenings for students.

Mr. Graf, Dr. Glodt, and Dr. Leikvold led a discussion on juvenile justice concerns, reforms, and lack of resources, as well as mental health screenings for students.

Besides schools, we need to engage law enforcement, state's attorneys, and judges to speak and tell their reasons of why it is not working.

Pre-school, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, and ECF funds are all interrelated.

- c. Extraordinary Cost Funds for 17-18 school year.

Dr. Danielsen led a discussion on the lack of extraordinary costs funds that will most likely not be available to meet all of the requests for the 17-18 school year.

This is tied to Juvenile Justice too as funds have not increased in the ECF. We have to work with these kids and out-of-district placements. We are concerned that the money will not be there.

- d. Early education/intervention—should legislation be pursued to expand opportunities in our state?—SASD Pre-school Levels of Excellence.

Dr. Leikvold and Mr. Monson led a discussion on early education and intervention, as well as pre-school levels of excellence.

- e. Discuss a request for funding to support the Superintendent's Retreat that TIE will be resurrecting this spring in Keystone—Dr. Danielsen discussed this previously with the board—TIE is going ahead, so Dr. D. would like SDSSA to give consideration for \$5,000 this year (spring 2018) and \$5,000 next year (spring 2019).

Dr. Danielsen discussed a request from TIE for support of the upcoming superintendent retreats in the spring of 2018 and 2019. Leadership training, PD, fellowship, and comradery for superintendents would be the purpose of the retreat.

A motion was made by Jason Bailey, seconded by Scott Lepke to approve \$5000 for the spring, 2018 TIE Superintendent Leadership Retreat. All present voted aye, motion carried.

9. New Business.

- a. Discuss the use of the SDSSA Superintendent Email list serve for surveys.
 - i. Is this a service that we should provide for SDSSA membership or should surveys be conducted by way of our Regional/Area Groups/Meetings?
 - ii. What quality control factors should be required for all surveys? Type of content, number of questions, use of survey monkey, etc.
 - iii. Who should approve the survey content/topic?
 - iv. Who should approve the use of the SDSSA email list serve?

Dr. Danielsen and Dr. Schultz discussed the use of the SDSSA Superintendent email list serve for survey requests, as well as who should approve of the requests, survey

topic, and quality control factors. The Board discussed setting up a list serve with the state emails for superintendents.

- b. Discuss a possible return to the 3-tier Graduation Pathways—standard, advanced, and distinguished.

Dr. Danielsen discussed a possible return to the 3-tier graduation pathways based on a discussion had with members of the large schools group.

State Board of Education in Meeting: 1) Standard (flexibility—Electives, CTE, Apprenticeships); 2) Advanced (Current Graduation Requirements); and 3) Distinguished (SD Opportunity Scholarship).

Standard—dropout prevention and workforce development.

Advanced—current graduation requirements.

Distinguished—dual credit has helped provide the curriculum—push them to excel—all schools have the ability to do it now.

- c. Discuss the process/procedure on proposals during the Legislative Session and how to determine what action should be taken.

Dr. Danielsen discussed the process/procedure on proposals during the legislative session and how to determine what action should be taken. He intends to survey the superintendents if further guidance is needed. Dr. Dan Leikvold is the standing chair for SASD Legislative Committee.

- d. Superintendent Legislative Day—Wednesday, January 31—Buffet with the State Legislators will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Pierre Ramkota in Galleries D, E, F, & G.

Dr. Danielsen reminded the Board that the superintendent legislative day will be held at the Pierre Ramkota on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Galleries D, E, F, and G. Superintendents were reminded to be in attendance and invite their legislators.

- e. AASA National Conference on Education in Nashville on February 15-17, 2018.
 - i. South Dakota Hotel is the Omni.
 - ii. SD Supper is at Martin’s BBQ in Downtown Nashville at 410 4th Avenue South on Thursday, February 15—sponsored by Hillyard and G & R Controls.
<https://www.martinsbbqjoint.com/>
 - iii. Renaissance Learning Supper—TBD.

Dr. Danielsen highlighted plans for the 2018 AASA National Conference on Education in Nashville on February 15-17, 2018.

- f. SDSSA Summer Conference—signed contract with Arrowwood Cedar Shore for the next three years. Reserved block of 20 rooms for Executive Board on Sunday night and block of 100+ rooms and cabins on Monday and Tuesday night. Dr. Schultz is taking superintendent room reservations.
 - i. July 15-18, 2018.
 - ii. July 14-17, 2019.
 - iii. July 19-22, 2020.

Mr. Field informed the Board that a contract has been signed with Arrowwood Cedar Shore for the next three years—2018, 2019, and 2020.

- g. Discussion/update on the 2018 Summer Conference—Mr. Tim Graf, President-elect.
 - i. Agenda, format, and speakers (potential sponsors).
 - ii. One level of sponsorship for \$500—vendor booth at conference, business logo on program, and logo on SDSSA webpage.
 - iii. First-time summer conference attendees—half-price.

Mr. Graf highlighted his plans for the upcoming 2018 SDSSA Summer Conference and distributed a handout of the schedule—4 keynote speakers—Jim Worford, Ted Lai, Chad Sheehan, and Todd Whitaker. It will be a great conference.

10. AASA Governing Board Update—Dr. Leikvold (2019) and Mr. Sittig (2018).

Mr. Sittig provided the following update from the AASA Governing Board. Concerns have been expressed about the effects of the tax reform bill. Dr. Summer Schultz send out an email from Mr. Jim Holbeck summarizing the impact on school bond refinancing and private school vouchers.

Concerns were expressed about insurance companies and their tax credits to provide private school scholarships.

11. AASA Federal/State Relations Coordinator—need someone to replace Mr. Don Kirkegaard (2018-2020)—*last spring, along with Mr. Kirkegaard, Mr. Scott Lepke (McLaughlin) and Mr. Kevin Pickner (Agar-Blunt-Onida) expressed interest in this position.*

The Board discussed filling the upcoming vacancy for SDSSA’s AASA Federal/State Relations Coordinator position (2018-2020). The open position will be advertised to all members of SDSSA. The Executive Board will then make the appointment at an upcoming meeting.

12. SASD Report—Mr. Monson.

- a. SASD Legislative Committee Meeting in Pierre on December 5.

The SASD Legislative Committee Meeting was postponed due to weather. Mr. Monson also discussed the following items.

- b. 2018 SASD Legislative priorities.
- c. Delegate Assembly—Tuesday, January 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the Red Rossa Conference Center.
- d. SASD Outstanding Administrator Luncheon—Wednesday, January 31 at 12:00 p.m. at the Pierre Ramkota.
- e. Sexual Harassment Training.

Dr. Leikvold talked about having sexual harassment training for school administrators based on the events transpiring in our country, government, and media. This would be provided as a professional service to our membership. Schools need to make sure that we appropriately training our staff. Educators must sign off on sexual harassment training.

Safe Schools on ASBSD and EMC Insurance Company offer trainings.

- f. Other.

Mr. Monson highlighted the following additional items in his SASD report.

Ten percent (10%) of students in United States are in private schools. They are taking from 90% to give to 10%. Our current state legislature makeup includes a number of strong advocates for private schools and home school education.

The Leadership Academy is going quite well.

There will be a Title IX Webinar with Scott Swier—leaders need to be trained right. The training will be in the Sioux Falls area and it will be a day and half of training—April 23-24, 2018 (Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday).

Mr. Monson reported that the SASD Pre-school Levels of Excellence are taking some hold.

Mr. Wade Pogany from ASBSD is welcome to attend our state-wide superintendent meeting.

13. Other Business.

There were no additional items for other business.

14. 17-18 SDSSA Executive Board Meeting Dates.

- i. Tuesday, January 30, 2018 @ Pierre Red Rossa @ 10:00 a.m.

- ii. Tuesday, April 3, 2018 @ Arrowwood Cedar Shore @ 9:00 a.m. (before SASD Executive Board meeting).
- iii. Sunday, July 15, 2018 @ Arrowwood Cedar Shore @ 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Danielsen highlighted the dates, times, and sites for the next three Board meetings.

- 15. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. @ Red Rossa in Pierre. Rolls will be provided in the morning and lunch will be ordered off the menu. NOTE: Delegate Assembly starts at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Danielsen reminded the Board of the next meeting set for Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Rossa in Pierre.

16. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Jason Bailey, seconded by Kelly Glodt to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye, motion carried. Dr. Danielsen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.