

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.
Red Rossa, Pierre, SD (Plains Room)

AGENDA:

1. Call the meeting to order—Mr. Terry Nebelsick, President.

President Nebelsick called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. A quorum was established with the following members present: Terry Nebelsick, president; Mark Naugle, president-elect; Tim Graf, past-president; Summer Schultz, treasurer; Jennifer Lowery, secretary; Linda Foos, Region 2; Tom Cameron, Region 3; Steve Willard, Region 4; Jim Hulscher, Region 5; Justin Downes, Region 6; and Brian Jandahl, Region 7.

Also present were AASA Governing Board Reps—Dan Leikvold and SASD Executive Board Reps—Joel Jorgenson; SASD Executive Director Rob Monson; SDSSA Member – Jeff Danielsen

Members absent Donovan DeBoer, Region 1; Bob Sittig, AASA Governing Board Representative

2. Approve the agenda with any corrections and/or additions. (m)

Prior to the approval of the agenda, the following professional courtesies were granted:

- *Dr. Schultz shared that Al Leber, retired superintendent, is running for the 2021 Legislature in District 17. Financial and moral support requested from interested members and former colleagues.*
- *Director Monson updated the Board on a need for collegial support for elementary principal, Ethan Dschaak. Mr. Dschaak is Piedmont Valley's Elementary principal. He is fighting his second bout with cancer. He and his wife have two middle school-aged children. (Piedmont Valley Elementary School Mr. Ethan Dschaak; 16159 Second Street, PO Box 90; Piedmont S.D. 57769). For additional information please reach out to Matt Ally or Rob Monson.*

A motion was made by Steve Willard second by Mark Naugle to approve the agenda as presented.

3. Approve the minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting—Dr. Jennifer Lowery, Secretary (enclosed). (m)

A motion was made by Brian Jandahl, seconded by Justin Downes to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

4. Approve the financial report—Dr. Summer Schultz, Treasurer (enclosed).
(m)

Conversation was held concerning the timing of requesting sponsorship of our Gold Sponsors. The Board requested that the timeframe of requesting the annual sponsorship move up in the year to assist with cash flow concerns.

A motion was made by Tom Cameron, seconded by Mark Naugel to approve the financial report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Set 2020-21 SASD Parent Group Dues for SDSSA—currently at \$125 and \$60 for the retiree. In 2019, our Board increased dues by \$25 for members. Dues currently produce approximately \$18,000 of our revenue. (m)

The Board requested the concept of a multiplier to be studied for SDSSA dues similar to SASD dues. This concept will be discussed during the April 2020 Board meeting.

President Nebelsick updated the new Board members of the general expenses of the SDSSA account. He specifically shared the structure of travel expenses which is outlined in the by-laws for the National Convention, Leadership Convention for the National Convention 2021, and Federal Relations meeting.

A motion was made by Brian Jandahl, seconded by Tim Graf to increase SDSSA dues by \$10 (\$135) for the 2020-2021 school year. The dues for the retirees did not change (\$60). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

6. Set 2020 SDSSA Summer Conference Registration Fee—currently, the early registration fee (before July 1) for members is \$175 (2019) and non-members is \$200 (2019); late registration fee (on or after July 1) is \$180 for members and \$205 for non-members. The approximate revenue is \$1750.
(m)

A motion was made by Mark Naugel, seconded by Summer Schultz to approve the following cost structure for the state conference: Early Registration Member (before July 1) \$185; Early Registration Non-Member (before July 1) \$210; Late Registration Member \$210; Late Registration Non-Member \$235. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

- a. Updates from President-elect Naugle (if needed)

President-elect Naugel shared Tuesday's sessions are focused on John Maxwell's Leadership model (Leading Yourself, Leading Your Team, Leading Your Board). In addition, ACE training is planned and working to get a commitment from AASA President. President-elect Naugel is working on additional sponsors for the leadership speakers.

b. Summer Conference Lodging update

Registrations are made through the Arrowwood Resort website. Dr. Schultz has sent out the appropriate conference code.

c. Summer Conference Vendors/Sponsors

7. Superintendent Legislative Day is set for Wednesday, February 5.

- a. Attend Committee Meetings at the Capitol—7:45-9:45 a.m.
 - i. House Education meets at 7:45 on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday (Rm 413).

A discussion was held on HB1104 which would be up for discussion on Wednesday morning. The Executive Board felt it was important to kill the bill.

- ii. Senate Education meets at 7:45 on Tuesday & Thursday (Rm 423).
- b. Beadle Club Meeting—Ramkota (Lake Sharpe Room)—10:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
- c. SASD Outstanding Administrators Luncheon at the Ramkota (Gallery D, E, F, and G)—12:00-1:30 p.m.
- d. SASD Outstanding Administrators will be recognized in House and Senate—2:00 p.m.
- e. Superintendents Legislative Reception at the Ramkota (Gallery D, E, F, and G)—6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - i. Superintendents need to make sure that they invite their legislators.

The Board discussed the importance of Superintendent's attendance at the Legislative social. The Board discussed the importance of Superintendents informing their legislators if they were not going to be in attendance. This communication will continue to be a focus in the future.

- ii. Ramkota will set up for 130 people.
 - iii. The meal will consist of sliced boneless pork loin in BBQ sauce, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, vegetables and dip, white and wheat buns, pickles, chips, coffee, and water.

Director Monson committed to providing copies of the SASD positions for the superintendents and their legislators at the Legislative Social.

8. Old Business.

- a. Review the focus group discussion topics from the state-wide superintendent meeting.
 - i. Funding (General Fund, Capital Outlay, Special Education)
 - ii. Health (Juvenile Justice Issues, Social Emotional Learning, Mental Health, Vaping)
 - iii. Department of Education (Current Status and Goal Development, GOAC Review, Dual Enrollment, Dyslexia, Home School & Charter School)
 - iv. Additional Issues (Early Childhood Education, Positive position/action items on Public Schools in South Dakota, Strategies to build relationships with State Lawmakers and Agencies)

The Board discussed the increased engagement due to the smaller groups and structure. This structure has allowed us to learn about each others' stories. The group also discussed the increased efficiency of the panel at the front to summarize the comments.

- b. AASA National Conference on Education in San Diego, February 13-15, 2020
 - i. SD Hotels are the Marriott Marquis and the Hilton Gaslamp
 - ii. SD Supper with Montana at the Water Grill (615 J St, San Diego, CA, 92101) Thursday, February 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. —sponsored by G & R, Toby Morris of Dougherty & Company, and Hillyard

9. New Business.

- a. Governor Noem's State of the State Address, Budget Proposal, and Feedback from Superintendent Position paper.

The Superintendent's position paper was well-received. The paper was results-oriented. It also gave superintendents confidence they were providing a common and accurate message.

- b. State Plan Public Comment – ESSA

The plan was briefly discussed. Comments were due prior to January 24th. The Board discussed the importance to stay engaged in the process.

- c. AASA Governing Board Report—Dr. Leikvold (2022) and Mr. Sittig (2021).

Dr. Leikvold provided an update on behalf of our Governing Board. The focus topics included: Newly proposed regulations to the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program and IDEA Funding is Up, but Federal Share is Down.

- d. Discuss the election timeline in filling the AASA Federal Relations Coordinator term of Dr. Maher that is set to expire in June 2020. This is an annual renewal at the April Executive Board meeting selected by the Executive Committee. Dr. Maher's resignation will create a vacancy.

Director Monson will be advertising for the Federal Relations Coordinator prior to the April Board meeting.

- e. Discuss the election timeline in filling the SDSSA Executive Board term of Mr. Tom Cameron (Region 3) that is set to expire in June 2020 and Jim Hulscher (Region 5) that is set to expire in June 2020.
 - i. The Executive Committee member for each regional district shall be elected by a vote of the SDSSA members residing in that regional district.
 - ii. This election shall take place at a meeting of the regional districts to be held at the annual meeting.

10. Outstanding School Superintendent Award and additional award timeline discussed (enclosed).

- a. Timeline:
 - Every member of the South Dakota School Superintendents Association shall be eligible for nomination.
 - Rating the nominations shall be based on the same criteria as stated in the nomination form for the national award.
 - Nominations and applications may be submitted directly to the secretary of SDSSA or through a regional district committee of the SDSSA. All nominations shall be in writing and shall include the nominee's professional activities in the areas of criteria used for selection for the national award.
 - Nominations shall be in the hands of the secretary of SDSSA prior to March 1st of the year of the selection.
 - Executive board members who will be reviewing applications will receive copies of the completed applications prior to the April board meeting to review and rank. The attached rating scale will be used when reviewing applications. Applications will be kept confidential.
 - The winner will be chosen by the Executive Board. Executive Board members who are nominated must exempt themselves from the selection process and they may not vote on any recommendations in this regard.

- The Outstanding School Superintendent Award will be presented to the recipient during the annual summer conference each year.
 - The secretary of SDSSA shall forward the name of the award winner to the executive director of the School Administrators of South Dakota by July 1st.
 - The chosen superintendent is required to complete and submit the application for consideration for the National Award.
 - Applications will stay in the pool for three years. Candidates will be given an opportunity to update their application each year they are in the pool.
- b. Rubric:
- i. [https://www.aasa.org/uploadedFiles/Programs and Events/Awards and Scholarships/SOY/SOYFAQ\(2\).pdf](https://www.aasa.org/uploadedFiles/Programs%20and%20Events/Awards%20and%20Scholarships/SOY/SOYFAQ(2).pdf)

Jennifer Lowery was asked to continue to seek nominations with a variety of groups including SDEA.

11. SDSSA Summer Conference—July 19-22, 2020—Arrowwood Cedar Shore at Chamberlain/Oacoma.
- a. Reserved a block of 20 rooms for Executive Board on Sunday night, July 19 and a block of 99 rooms
 - b. Update on the program and agenda for the 2020 Summer Conference—President-elect Mr. Naugle.
 - c. Conference Vendors/Sponsors—Dr. Schultz.

Please see the notes from agenda item 6.

12. SASD Report—Executive Director Rob Monson.
- a. Education-related legislation/bills of importance.

Director Monson shared all the education-related bills in both the House and Senate.

- b. Delegate Assembly—Tuesday, February 4 at 1:00 p.m.—Red Rossa Conference Center—Highland Hills Ballroom.
- c. SASD Executive Board Meeting—Tuesday, February 4 at 4:30 p.m.—Red Rossa
- d. Outstanding Administrator Banquet—Wednesday, February 5 at 12:00 p.m.—Ramkota.
- e. Other topics/updates.

13. Other Business.

No other business was addressed.

14. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m. @ Arrowwood Cedar Shore. This meeting is before the SASD Executive Board Meeting. We will have lunch with the SASD Executive Board. SASD and SDSSA take turns paying for lunch. This is SDSSA's year to purchase lunch.

President Nebelsick reminded the SDSSA Executive Board that their next meeting is set for Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at Arrowwood Cedar Shore (9:00 am).

15. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Tim Graf, seconded by Jim Hulscher to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer N Lowery