

**SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. CST  
Arrowwood Cedar Shore, Oacoma, SD

AGENDA:

1. Call the meeting to order—Mr. Mark Naugle, President.

*President Naugle called the meeting to order at 9:00 am CST. A quorum was established with the following members present: Mark Naugle, president; Summer Schultz, president - elect; Tim Graf, past-president; Brian Jandahl, treasurer; Jennifer Lowery, secretary; Dave Hutchison, Region 1; Pat Mikkonen, Region 2; Chip Sundberg, Region 3; Jim Hulscher, Region 5; Justin Downes, Region 6; and Joel Jorgenson, Region 7.*

*Also present were AASA Governing Board Reps— Becky Guffin; Bob Sittig - AASA Governing Board,, and Rob Monson - SASD Executive Director*

*Excused - Steve Willard, Region 4; Donovan DeBoer, Federal Relations and SASD Executive Board Representative*

2. Approve the agenda. (m)

*A motion was made by Summer Schultz, second by Dave Hutchison to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

3. Approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting—Dr. Jennifer Lowery, Secretary (enclosed). (m)

*A motion was made by Summer Schultz, seconded by Joel Jorgenson to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2022 meeting as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

4. Approve the financial report—Mr. Brian Jandahl, Treasurer (enclosed). (m)

*Mr. Jandahl shared a review of the organization's financials. Budgeting is a difficult as the previous years were drastically impacted by COVID reducing travel and conferences.*

*A motion was made by Summer Schultz, seconded by Tim Graf to approve the financial report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

5. Discussion was held concerning surveying superintendents concerning years in current district and overall years as superintendent. It was determined that Director Monson would facilitate the survey.

*A motion was made by Joel Jorgenson, seconded by Justin Downes to move forward with the survey. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

6. Discussion concerning a "I Love Public Schools" campaign was had. The focus was on the need to tell the story of public schools. Work towards collaboration with ASBSD, SDSSA, SASD, SDEA, all parent groups, and educator's rising needs to move the work forward. Models from Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and AASA need to be reviewed. SDSSA representatives will bring the topic to SASD.

*no formal action*

7. The Board reviewed concerns about school psychologist pipeline and the limited seats at USD. Director Monson is working on a solution through communication with USD.

*no formal action*

8. The Board discussed the possibility of a Build Dakota Scholarship concept for Educators. Bob Sittig updated the group on the work with the critical needs scholarship. This is increasing from 15 to 16 scholarships with \$4000 to \$5000 as junior or senior - must teach for 5 years in SD. President Naugle would speak to Secretary Sanderson.

*no formal action*

9. Legislative Strategy including the use of a Legislative Report Card was met with mixed feelings.

*no formal action*

10. Director Monson provided an overview for SDSSA including but not limited to the following: 20 superintendent openings, I love public schools, Executive Order concerning CRT, not holding legal seminar, SASD/Maple, San Antonio Leadership Conference, Parent Group Visits, Summer Conference in Deadwood, Juvenile Justice work, and DC Advocacy.

*no formal action*

11. Dr. Schultz updated the Board on the Summer Conference.

*no formal action*

12. The Board reviewed the national conference.

*no formal action*

13. A governing board position is available. Jennifer Lowery will seek nomination and Director Monson will run the election.  
*no formal action*

14. Nominations from the executive board:

- a. Joel Jorgenson was nominated to be president-elect - *A motion was made by Summer Schultz, seconded by Tim Graf. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*
- b. Jennifer Lowery was nominated to be secretary - *A motion was made by Mark Naugle, seconded by Joel Jorgenson. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*
- c. Region Representatives were reminded to run region meetings to select the open seat board positions.
- d. Donovan DeBoer was appointed to serve his second term on the SASD Board - *A motion was made by Dave Hutchison and seconded by Mark Naugle. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

15. The following SDSSA members were selected as the 2022 Award Recipients:

- a. Don Kirkegaard - Distinguished Service
- b. Steve Willard - Outstanding School Superintendent
- c. Jennifer Lowery - Innovator of the Year
- d. Rod Weber - Community Member of the Year
- e. Justin Zajic - Rookie of the Year

16. Adjournment.

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

*Next Meeting: Sunday, July 17 at 6:00 pm CST at Arrowwood Cedar Shore.*

*Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer N Lowery*