

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION (SDSSA)

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 14, 2023 - 8:30 a.m.

Arrowwood Cedar Shore Resort—Chamberlain/Oacoma, SD

1. Call to order - Mr. Joel Jorgenson, President.
2. Adoption of Agenda. (m)
3. Public Input
4. Approval of the [minutes](#) (enclosed) from the July 2023 Annual Meeting - Dr. Jennifer Lowery, Secretary. (m)
5. Approval of the [Financial Report](#) (enclosed) - Orion Thompson, Treasurer. (m)
6. Memorial/Moment of Silence for superintendents who passed away during the 2023 - 2024 school year:

Name	Birth	Death	Superintendent
Hank Kusters (91)		Oct 17, 2023	Superintendent Roscoe & SD State Supt of Education & ASBSD
Richard "Dick" Shaffan (78)	6.28.1945	Jan 1, 2024	Superintendent McIntosh
Dennis Jensen	10.10.1952	1.24.2024	Superintendent Montrose and Elk Point prior to Wayne, NE
Brian Nelson	11.12.1965	2.22.2024	Superintendent Rosholt
Michael Cullen	1.13.1954	2.13.2024	Superintendent/Administrator - Egan, Oldham-Ramona, Elkton, and Howard
Frank Seiler	1.10.1941	3.18.2024	Superintendent - McIntosh and Timber Lake
Dean Jones	5.12.1966	5.4.2024	Superintendent - Tea Area, Waverly, Canistota, Waubay
Robert "Bob" Mayer (77)	6.28.1946	5.25.2024	Superintendent - Lennox, Vermillion, Watertown

7. Nomination for President-Elect - the Executive Board has placed a nomination Dr. Wayne Kindle (Yankton School District). Additional nominations may be made from the floor. (m)
8. AASA National Conference on Education - New Orleans, LA (March 6-8, 2025); *Future Driven Leadership*
 - a. SD Logistics/Connections - please watch for an email from Dr. Guffin
9. Proposed Amendment to the SDSSA Constitution - [Proposed Amendment to Forrest Connor Loan Amount](#) (m)
10. Other Business
 - a. Forrest Connors loan is available—\$1500 (amount may change based on agenda item 9) interest-free with payback to SDSSA after three (3) years. Up to three (3) are available.
 - b. Recognition of SDSSA members for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of membership ([list included in the packet](#)).
5 Year: Skyler Fredrick, Amber Mikkelsen, Andrea Powell, Nicholas Weismantel, Timothy Weisz
10 Years: Derek Barrious, Amy Ferley, Kristi Hilzendege, Michael Kroll, Brett Mellem, Leonard Schroeder, Justin Zajic
15 Years: Jeffery Clark, Patrick Frederick, Jim Hulscher, Joseph Schwan, Paul Von Fischer
20 Years: Trent Osborne, Jeff Rieckman, Rick Weber
25 Years: Damon Alvey, Guy Johnson, Michael Ruth, Laura Schuster, Jason Selchert
11. Regional Meetings—the following business needs to be conducted:
 - a. Each region needs to select one (1) representative to the SASD Delegate Assembly (February 4, 2025 - Pierre).
 - i. Region #1:
 - ii. Region #2:
 - iii. Region #3:
 - iv. Region #4:

- v. Region #5:
 - vi. Region #6:
 - vii. Region #7:
- b. Executive Board openings:
- i. Region #1: Three (3) year term - Dave Hutchison (term expires June 2024 - election)
 - ii. Region #2: Three (3) year term - Pat Mikkonen (term expires June 2024 - election)
 - iii. Region #3: Three (3) year term - Quinton Cermack (term expired June 2026)
 - iv. Region #4: Three (3) year term - Blake Gardner (term expires June 2024 - election - Note: Finished Steve Willard's term)
 - v. Region #5: Three (3) year term - Trent Osborne (term expires June 2026)
 - vi. Region #6: Three (3) year term - Justin Downes (term expires June 2025)
 - vii. Region #7: Three (3) year term - Brian Sampson (term expires June 2024 - election)
12. Nominations for Delegate Assembly (February 4, 2025 - Pierre). SDSSA is entitled to thirteen (13) representatives. The distribution is as follows: President, President-elect, Past President, members of the SASD Legislative Committee (Kelly Glodt, Jeff Danielsen, Becky Guffin) and one (1) rep from each region and two (2) at-large. We also need three (3) alternates. (m)
- a. At-Large Delegate #1—
 - b. At-Large Delegate #2—
 - c. Alternate #1—
 - d. Alternate #2—
 - e. Alternate #3—
13. Recognition of First Year of Service
- a. Executive Board -
 - i. Becky Guffin, Quinton Cermack, Blake Gardner, Trent Osborne, and Brian Sampson.
14. SDSSA President: Dr. Becky Guffin (Aberdeen School District) - President
- a. Presented by Mr. Joel Jorgenson (Madison Central School District) - Past-President
15. Adjournment (m)

2023 – 2024 SASD Membership Awards

SASD recognizes the following active school administrators for their continued support

5 Years

Skyler Fredrick
Amber Mikkelsen
Andrea Powell
Nicholas Weismantel
Timothy Weisz

10 Years

Derek Barrious
Amy Ferley
Kristi Hilzendeger
Michael Kroll
Brett Mellem
Leonard Schroeder
Justin Zajic

15 Years

Jeffery Clark
Patrick Frederick
Jim Hulscher
Joseph Schwan
Paul Von Fischer

20 Years

Trent Osborne
Jeff Rieckman
Rick Weber

25 Years

Damon Alvey
Guy Johnson
Michael Ruth
Laura Schuster
Jason Selchert

SDSSA History of Presidents

1962-1963	Floyd Thompson	Madison
1963-1964	D.D. Miller	Watertown
1964-1965	P.A. Setnes	Sisseton
1965-1966	E.C. Coddington	Spearfish
1966-1967	H.E. Marquette	Milbank
1967-1968	L.N. Pier	Mobridge
1968-1969	Dayle Meyer	Webster
1969-1970	Lloyd Turnwall	Huron
1970-1971	Bruce Crosswait	Brookings
1971-1972	Glen Hogen	Lead
1972-1973	Maurice Haugland	Yankton
1973-1974	James Hanson	Lake Central
1974-1975	John Harris	Sioux Falls
1975-1976	Darwin Tessier	Pierre
1976-1977	Glenn Barnes	Todd County
1977-1978	James Flevaras	Bon Homme
1978-1979	Leo Uken	Woonsocket
1979-1980	John Koopman	Scotland
1980-1981	Q.C. Miles	Clark
1981-1982	George Smith	Milbank
1982-1983	Lewis Gomer	Faulton
1983-1984	Jay Ruckdaschel	Winner
1984-1985	Chris Anderson	Lyman
1985-1986	Don Meyer	Redfield

1986-1987	Robert Taylor	Huron
1987-1988	Ernest Edwards	Watertown
1988-1989	C.J. Carnes	Beresford
1989-1990	Don Akre	Selby
1990-1991	Donald Quimby	Gettysburg
1991-1992	Barry Furze	Meade
1992-1993	Robert Stuerman	Lead-Deadwood
1993-1994	John Sweet	Lake Central
1994-1995	Ken Poppe	Wall
1995-1996	Glenn Schneider	Tripp-Delmont
1996-1997	Mike Elsberry	Winner
1997-1998	Jon LaFave	Pollock
1998-1999	Tim Creal	New Underwood
1999-2000	James Heinert	Milbank
2000-2001	Orville Creighton	Brookings
2001-2002	John Pedersen	Pierre
2002-2003	Margo Heinert	Shannon County
2003-2004	Jack Broome	Burke
2004-2005	Joe Gertsema	Yankton
2005-2006	Tim Mitchell	Chamberlain
2006-2007	Robert Mayer	Watertown
2007-2008	Bill O'Dea	Belle Fourche
2008-2009	Al Leber	Dakota Valley
2009-2010	Mark Froke	Vermillion
2010-2011	Mark Greguson	Chester Area
2011-2012	Roger DeGroot	Brookings

2012-2013	Jim Holbeck	Harrisburg
2013-2014	Bob Sittig	Baltic
2014-2015	Dan Leikvold	Lead-Deadwood
2015-2016	Kelly Glodt	Pierre
2016-2017	Lynn Vlasman	Lyman
2017-2018	Jeff Danielsen	Watertown
2018-2019	Tim Graf	Milbank
2019-2020	Terry Nebelsick	Huron
2020-2021	Mark Naugle	Custer
2021-2022	Mark Naugle	Custer
2022-2023	Summer Schultz	Dell Rapids
2023-2024	Joel Jorgenson	Madison Central

SDSSA

	Outstanding Superintendent Award	Distinguished Service Award	Rookie of the Year	Community Leader of the Year	Innovator of the Year
1982	George Smith (Milbank)				
1983	Jon Harris (Sioux Falls)				
1984	Arnold Wold (Meade)				
1985	Dennis Peterson (Mitchell)				
1986	Glen Barnes (Todd County)				
1987	Lou Graslie (Belle Fourche)				
1988	Darwin Tessier (Pierre)				
1989	Cort Carnes (Beresford)	Carl Oschner (Hot Springs)			
1990	Barry Furze (Meade)	Don Jorgenson (Deuel)			
1991	Don Akre (Selby)	Bob Taylor (Huron)			
1992	Ken Poppe (Wall)	John Harris (Sioux Falls)			
1993	Maurice Haugland (Rapid City)	Dale Wall (Wagner)			
1994	Don Quimby (Parkston)	Bruce Crosswait (Brookings)			
1995	John Sweet (Lake Central)	Cort Carnes (Beresford)			
1996	Larry Lickfelt (Bon Homme)	Lloyd Turnwall (Rapid City)			
1997	Darwin Peterson (Hanson)	James O. Hansen (Pierre)			
1998	Roger Fritz (Colman-Egan)	Glenn Barnes (Springfield)			
1999	Tim Creal (New Underwood)	John Fathke (Avon)			
2000	Joe Gertsema (Yankton)	Maurice Haugland (Rapid City)			
2001	John LaFave (Pollock)	Don Meyer (Aberdeen)			
2002	John Pedersen (Pierre)	Barry Furze (Meade)			
2003	Jack Broome (Burke)	George Smith (Milbank)			
2004	Mark Froke (Flandreau)	Vernal Anderson (Wagner)			
2005	Robert Arend (Garretson)	Darwin Peterson (Alexandria)			
2006	James Heinert (Meade)	Don Quimby (Parkston)			
2007	Larry Johnke (Irene-Wakonda)	Darwin Tessier (Pierre/Yankton)			
2008	Dave Peters (Spearfish)	Roger Fritz (Colman-Egan)			
2009	Don Kirkegaard (Britton-Hecla)	Jack Broome (Burke-Bonesteel-Fairfax)			
2010	Dean Christensen (Deuel)	Bill O'Dea (Belle Fourche)			
2011	Mark Greguson (Chester Area)	John Pedersen (Pierre)			

2012	Bob Sittig (Baltic)	James Heinert (Sturgis)			
2013	Al Leber (Dakota Valley)	Margo Heinert (Mission)			
2014	Tim Mitchell (Rapid City)	Robert Arend (Garretson)			
2015	Tim Graf (Milbank)	Mark Greguson (Chester Area)			
2016	Jim Holbeck (Harrisburg)	Robert Mayer (Lennox)			
2017	Dan Leikvold (Lead-Deadwood)	John Froke (Verm.) & John Bjorkman (Waverly)			
2018	Kelly Glodt (Pierre)	Lynn Vlasman (Lyman)			
2019	Joel Jorgenson (Madison)	Gary Leighton (Florence)			
2020	Terry Nebelsick (Huron)	Jim Holbeck (Harrisburg)	Blake Gardner (Hill City)		
2021	Becky Guffin (Aberdeen)	Dee Groot (Brookings) Joel Price (Stanley County)	Kimberly Kludt (Deubrook)	Brian Field (Beresford)	Steve Willard (Belle Fourche)
2022	Steve Willard (Belle Fourche)	John Kirkegaard (Meade School District)	Justin Zajic (Chamberlain)	Rod Weber (Woonsocket)	Jennifer Lowery (Tea Area)
2023	Jennifer Nebelsick Lowery (Tea Area)	Robert Sittig (Baltic)	Brett Mellem (Viborg Hurley)	Blake Gardner (Hill City)	Joseph Schwan (Groton)
2024	Mark Naugle (Custer)	James Bridge (Hanson)	Dani Walking Eagle (St. Francis)	Tim Graf (Harrisburg)	Erik Person (Lead Deadwood)

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July, 2024

SASD Standing Committees – History of Serving

1. Executive Committee – always two (2) and elected to 3 year terms but no more than 2 successive terms. Note – expires summer of last date
 - a. Dan Leikvold (2013-2015)
 - b. Joel Jorgenson (2014 - 2020)
 - c. Tim Graf (2015-2017)
 - d. Kevin Pickner (2017-2018)
 - e. Jennifer Lowery (2019 - 2024)
 - f. Donovan DeBoer (2020 – 2025)
 - g. Joel Bailey (2024 - 2027)

2. Legislative Committee – always three (3).
 - a. Joe Gertsema (1998-2013)
 - b. Jack Broome (2001-2007)
 - c. John Pedersen (2004-2007)
 - d. Mark Naugle (2007-2011)
 - e. Mark Greguson (2007-2013)
 - f. Margo Heinert (2011-2012)
 - g. Keith McVay (2012-2013)
 - h. Tim Mitchell (2013-2016 – SASD)
 - i. Kelly Glodt (2013-present)
 - j. Dan Leikvold (2013-2021)
 - k. Jeff Danielsen (2014-present)
 - l. Becky Guffin (2022 - present)

3. Professional Member Services – always three (3).
 - a. Tim Mitchell (2002-2013)
 - b. Julie Ertz (2002-2010)
 - c. Bill O’Dea (2004-2008)
 - d. Mark Froke (2008-2009)
 - e. Margo Heinert (2009-2012)
 - f. Rod Weber (2010-present)
 - g. Susan Smit (2012-2013)
 - h. Scott Lepke (2013-2014)
 - i. Dan Swartos (2013-2017)
 - j. Steve Willard (2014-present)
 - k. Shad Storley (2017-2021)
 - l. Dave Hutchison (2021 - present)
 - m. Joseph Schwan (2024 - present)

4. Delegate Assembly – select reps at the Summer Conference and includes the Legislative Committee, President, President-Elect, Past-President, one (1) rep from each region, and two (2) at-large reps.

5. Governing Board for AASA – usually two (2) based on membership to AASA and elected for three (3) terms.
 - a. Tim Creal (2004-2005 & 2005-2008)
 - b. Mark Froke (2004-2006)
 - c. Joe Gertsema (2006-2009) – served on the AASA Executive Board (2009-2012)
 - d. Tim Mitchell (2008-2011 & 2011-2012) – served on the AASA Executive Board (2012-2016)
 - e. Al Leber (2009-2012 & 2012-2016)
 - f. Roger DeGroot (2012-2014 & 2014-2015)
 - g. Robert Sittig (2015-2022) * filled Dan Leikvold’s final year
 - h. Dan Leikvold (2016-2021)
 - i. Becky Guffin (2021 - 2027)
 - j. Mark Naugle (2022 - 2025)

6. Federal and State Relations Coordinator – one (1) selected each April by the Executive Committee.
 - a. Joe Gertsema (1999-2001)
 - b. John Pedersen (2003-2007)
 - c. Jim Heinert (2008-2011)
 - d. Mark Greguson (2011-2013)
 - e. Mark Froke (2013-2017)
 - f. Don Kirkegaard (2017)
 - g. Brian Maher (2018-2020)
 - h. Donovan DeBoer (2020 - present)

Other note:

Dues:

In 98-99, dues increased from \$40 to \$50; in 03-04, dues increased from \$50 to \$75; in 08-09, dues increased from \$75 to \$100; in 19-20, dues increased from \$100 to \$125; in 20-21 dues increased by \$10 (\$135) retirees no change (\$60); in 22-23 dues increased to (\$150) no change to retirees (\$60); in 22-23 dues (\$165) and to retirees (\$60).

Summer Conference:

19-20 Early Registration Member (before July 1) \$185; Early Registration Non-Member (before July 1) \$210; Late Registration Member \$210; Late Registration Non-Member \$235; in 22-23 Registration (\$200) member no early bird discount and (\$235) non-member; in 23-24 no change (Vendor increase from \$500 to \$600).

SDSSA Important Dates for 2024-25

Executive Board Meeting Dates

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ Zoom 9:00 am Mt/10:00 am CST
Tuesday, December 3, 2024 @ Arrowwood Cedar Shore @ 5:00 p.m. MT/6:00 p.m. CST
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 @ Pierre Ramkota @ 9:00 a.m. MT/10:00 a.m. CST
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ Arrowwood Cedar Shore @ 8:00 a.m. MT/9:00 a.m. CST (before SASD Executive Board meeting)
Sunday, July 20, 2025 @ Arrowwood Cedar Shore @ 5:00 p.m. MT/6:00 p.m. CST

ASBSD/SASD Joint Convention

Thursday & Friday, August 8-9, 2024
Sioux Falls Convention Center

State-wide Superintendent Legislative Issues Meeting & State Conference

Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Arrowwood Cedar Shore 9:00 a.m. MT/10:00 a.m. CST

Superintendent Legislative Day in Pierre

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Pierre Ramkota

AASA National Conference on Education

March 6-8, 2025
New Orleans, LA

SDSSA Summer Conference

July 21-23, 2025
Arrowwood Cedar Shore

APPENDIX C

SDSSA Regions for Executive Committee Representation

REGION 1

Alcester-Hudson
Brandon Valley
Centerville
Dell Rapids
Freeman
Gayville-Volin
Lennox
Sioux Falls
Tea Area
Viborg-Hurley

Baltic
Canistota
Chester Area
Dell Rapids St. Mary
Freeman Academy
Harrisburg
Marion
Sioux Falls Christian
Tri-Valley
West Central

Beresford
Canton
Dakota Valley
Elk Point-Jefferson
Garretson
Irene-Wakonda
Parker
Sioux Falls O'Gorman
Vermillion

REGION 2

Andes Central
Bon Homme
Dakota Christian
Kimball
Mitchell
Mt. Vernon
Platte-Geddes
Tripp-Delmont
Yankton

Armour
Bridgewater-Emery
Ethan
McCook Central
Mitchell Christian
Parkston
Scotland
Wagner

Avon
Corsica
Hanson
Menno
Montrose
Plankinton
Stickney
White Lake

REGION 3

Agar-Blunt-Onida
Colome
Gettysburg
Jones County
Marty
Pierre Indian
Stanley County
White River

Burke
Crow Creek
Gregory
Lower Brule
Miller Area
South Central
Sunshine Bible
Winner

Chamberlain
Faulkton Area
Highmore-Harrod
Lyman
Pierre
St. Francis
Todd County

REGION 4

Belle Fourche
Crazy Horse
Dupree
Elk Mountain
Harding County
Kadoka
Little Wound
New Underwood
Oglala Lakota
Rapid City Christian
Takini

Bennett County
Custer
Eagle Butte
Faith
Hill City
Lead-Deadwood
Mahpiya Luta
Newell
Pine Ridge
St. Thomas More
Tiospaye Topa

Bison
Douglas
Edgemont
Haakon
Hot Springs
Lemmon
Meade
Oelrichs
Rapid City
Spearfish
Wall

REGION 5

Aberdeen
Edmunds Central
Groton Area
Ipswich
McLaughlin
Redfield
Smee

Bowdle
Eureka
Herried
Leola
Mobridge-Pollock
Roncalli
Timber Lake

Doland
Frederick Area
Hoven
McIntosh
Northwestern Area
Selby Area
Warner

REGION 6

Big Stone City
Clark
Hamlin
Milbank
Summit
Waubay
Willow Lake

Britton-Hecla
Deuel
Henry
Rosholt
Tiospa Zina
Waverly-South Shore
Wilmot

Castlewood
Florence
Langford Area
Sisseton
Watertown
Webster

REGION 7

Arlington
DeSmet
Estelline
Hitchcock-Tulare
Iroquois
Madison Central
Sanborn Central
Wolsey-Wessington

Brookings
Deubrock
Flandreau
Howard
James Valley
Oldham-Ramona
Sioux Valley
Woonsocket

Colman-Egan
Elkton-Lake Benton
Flandreau Indian
Huron
Lake Preston
Rutland
Wessington Springs