

**SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION (SDSSA)**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
 Wednesday, July 17, 2024 — 8:30 am CST  
 Arrowwood Cedar Shore Resort – Chamberlain/Oacoma, SD

1. Call to order - Mr. Joel Jorgenson, President.

*SDSSA President Joel Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 8:34 am CST.*

2. Adoption of Agenda. (m)

*Matt Alley (McCook Central) moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Peter Books (Castlewood). All present voted aye. The motion carried.*

3. Public Input

*No public input*

4. Approval of the minutes of the July 2023 Annual Meeting—Jennifer Lowery, Secretary. (m)

*Jeff Kusters (Frederick Area) moved to approve the minutes from the July 2023 annual meeting, seconded by George Seiler (Bon Homme). All present voted aye. The motion carried.*

5. Approval of the Financial Report (enclosed) - Orion Thompson, Treasurer. (m)

*Shad Storley (Langford Area) moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Dustin Degen (Beresford). All present voted aye. The motion carried.*

6. Memorial/Moment of Silence for superintendents who passed away during the 23-24 school year:

*President Jorgenson led a moment of silence in memory of the superintendents who passed away during the 23-24 school year.*

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

7. Nominations for president-elect

*The SDSSA Executive Board brought forward a nomination for Dr. Wayne Kindle (Yankton). No nominations from the floor were received.*

*Motion, Matt Alley (McCook Central), 2nd Orion Thompson (Belle Fourche), cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. Wayne Kindle (Yankton). All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

8. Updated the Membership at the 2025 National Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 6 - 8, 2025

*No Action*

9. Proposed Amendment to the SDSSA Constitution

*Mr. Mark Naugle (Custer) proposed to the membership that the SDSSA Constitution's guidelines concerning the Forrest Connors loan amount and process be changed. Mr. Naugle followed the outlined process to make adjustments to the constitution.*

*Motion, Eric Bass (Baltic), 2nd Wayne Wormstadt (Meade School District), to approve the proposed amendments to the SDSSA Constitution. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

10. Other Business

- a. Forrest Connors loan is available—\$1500 interest-free with payback to SDSSA after three (3) years. The loan amount increased based on action item 9. 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).

*President Jorgenson recognized SDSSA members who have been members of the School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD) for 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, and 35 years, respectively.*

*5 Year: Skyler Fredrick, Amber Mikkelsen, Andrea Powell, Nicholas Weismantel, Timothy Weisz*

*10 Years: Derek Barrious, Amy Ferley, Kristi Hilzendeger, Michael Kroll, Brett Mellem, Leonnard 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. Region Meetings were held.

*Regions elected their Delegate Assembly representative and region representative if needed.*

*Region #1: Dustin Degan (Beresford)*

*Region #2: Joel Bailey (Platte)*

*Region #3: Justin Zajic (Chamberlain)*

*Region #4: Amy Ferley (Edgemont)*

*Region #5: Rob Lewis (Northwestern)*

*Region #6: Tammy Meyer (Sisseston)*

*Region #7: Dana Felderman (Lake Preston)*

*Region #1: Three (3) year term - Dave Hutchison (re-elected term expires June 2027)*

*Region #2: Three (3) year term - George Seiler (elected term expires June 2027)*

*Region #3: Three (3) year term - Quinton Cermack (term expired June 2026)*

*Region #4: Three (3) year term - Blake Gardner (re-elected term expires June 2027)*

*Region #5: Three (3) year term - Trent Osborne (term expires June 2026)*

*Region #6: Three (3) year term - Justin Downes (term expires June 2025)*

*Region #7: Three (3) year term - Kraig Steinhoff (elected term expires June 2027)*

12. Nominations for delegate assembly at-large and alternate(m)

*SDSSA at-large delegate assembly representatives are Peter Books (Castlewood) and Paul Von Fischer (Estelline) as their delegate assembly at-large representatives. Phillip Schoenebaum (Elk Point-Jefferson), Mark Naugle (Custer), and Michael Kroll (Warner) are alternates.*

*Motion, Justin Zajic (Chamberlain), 2nd Summer Schultz (Brookings). All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

13. Presentation of Awards—

*Becky Guffin, Quinton Cermack, Blake Gardner, Trent Osborne, and Brian Sampson were acknowledged for their first year of service on the SDSSA Executive Board.*

*Mr. Jorgenson passed the gavel to Dr. Guffin.*

14. SDSSA President Remarks:

SDSSA President Dr. Becky Guffin thanked Mr. Joel Jorgenson for his services and praised his mentorship, positivity during challenges, and friendship.

15. Adjournment.

A motion was made by George Seiler (Bon Homme) to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott Lepke (Waubay). All present voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.