

**SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION (SDSSA)**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 — 7:54 am MT/8:54 am CST  
Arrowwood Cedar Shore Resort – Chamberlain/Oacoma, SD

1. Call to order—Dr. Summer Schultz, President.

*SDSSA President Summer Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:54 am MT/8:54 am CST.*

2. Adoption of Agenda. (m)

*A motion was made by Justin Downes (Milbank) to adopt the agenda, seconded by Donavan Deboer (Dell Rapids). All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

3. Public Input

*No public input*

4. Approval of the [minutes](#) of the July 20, 2022 Annual Meeting—Jennifer Lowery, Secretary. (m)

*A motion was made by George Seiler (Bon Homme) to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2022 annual meeting, seconded by Tim Hawkins (Ethan). All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

5. Approval of the Financial Report ([enclosed](#))—Brian Jandahl, Treasurer. (m)

*A motion was made by Eric Bass (Baltic) to approve the financial report, seconded by Dustin Degen (Beresford). All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

6. Memorial/Moment of Silence for superintendents who passed away during the 22-23 school year:

*A moment of silence was led by President Schultz as a memorial to the superintendents who passed away during the 22-23 school year.*

- [Dr. Dean Cook](#) (67) 7.31.1955-9.7.2022 Artesian-Letcher
- [Roland Stekl](#) (95) 6.9.1927 - 10.25.2022 Cresbard, Wessington Springs, Redfield, Keckikan (Alaska), Harrold
- [Gerald Andrews](#) (88) 7.19.1934 - 2.25.2023 Lake Preston
- [Chris Anderson](#) (77) 7.7.1944 - 6.3.2022 Lyman & Bennett County
- [Leon Tobin](#) (87) 4.18.1935 - 3.31.2023 Warner
- [Dr. James Hansen](#) (94) 9.21.1928 - 7.5.2023 Wessington, Gregory, Madison (Lake Central), Secretary of Education

7. Nominations for president-elect

*The SDSSA Executive Board brought forward a nomination for Dr. Becky Guffin (Aberdeen School District). No nominations from the floor were received.*

*Motion, Joel Jorgenson (Madison Central), 2nd Tim Graf (Harrisburg), cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. Becky Guffin (Aberdeen). All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

8. Nominations for Treasurer

*The SDSSA Executive Board brought forward a nomination for Mr. Orion Thompson (Agar Blunt Onida). No nominations from the floor were received.*

*Motion, Mark Naugle (Custer), 2nd Matt Alley (McCook Central), cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Orion Thompson (Agar Blunt Onida). All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

9. Updated the Membership at the 2024 National Conference, San Diego, CA February 15 - 17, 2024

*No Action*

10. Other Business

- a. Forrest Connors loan is available—\$1500 interest-free with payback to SDSSA after three (3) years. There are up to three (3) available.

*President Schultz reminded the membership that Forrest Connors loans are available to superintendents working on advanced degrees. There are no loans out at this time.*

- a. Recognition of SDSSA members for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of membership (list included in the packet).

*President Schultz recognized SDSSA members for 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, and 35 years of membership in the School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD).*

*5 years: Brian Brosnahan and Vicki Isler*

*10 years: Quinton Cermak, Scott Hemmer, Eric Knight, Jeff Kusters, and Dan Martin*

*15 years: Donavan DeBoer, Stacy Halverson, Joe Hauge, Jarod Larson, Tom Rice, Abi VanRegenmorter, and Lance Witte*

*20 years: Keith Fodness, Tim Frederick, and Chris Noid*

*25 years: Jim Block, Tim Graf, and Joel Jorgenson*

*30 years: Wayne Kindle, Deera Lucas, Bob Sittig*

11. Region Meetings were held.

*Regions elected their Delegate Assembly representative and region representative if needed. Region 1 elected their delegate assembly representative, Tonia Warzecha (Dakota Valley). Region 2 elected their delegate assembly representative Joel Bailey (Platte Geddes). Region 3 elected their delegate assembly representative Orion Thompson (Agar Blunt Onida) and SDSSA Executive Board representative, Quinton Cermak (Highmore Herald). Region 4 elected their delegate assembly representative Amy Ferley (Edgemont) and SDSSA Executive Board representative, Blake Gardner (Hill City). Region 5 elected their delegate assembly representative Joe Schwan (Groton) and SDSSA Executive Board representative, Trent Osborne (Ipswich). Region 6 elected their delegate assembly representative Tammy Meyer (Sisseton). Region 7 elected their delegate assembly representative Kim Kludt (Deubrook) and SDSSA Executive Board representative, Brian Sampson (Arlington).*

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

*SDSSA at-large delegate assembly representatives are Peter Books (Castlewood) and Nicole Swigart (Rapid City) as their delegate assembly at-large representatives. John Meyer (Waverly South Shore), Damon Alvey (Vermillion), and Micheal Fischer (Centerville) are alternates.*

*Motion, Joel Jorgenson (Madison Central), 2nd Orion Thompson (Agar Blunt Onida). All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

13. Presentation of Awards—

*Orion Thompson, George Seiler, and Michael Fischer were acknowledge for their first year of service on the SDSSA Executive Board.*

*Dr. Schultz presented Mr. Jorgenson with the traveling president plaque and passed the gavel.*

14. SDSSA 2023-2024 President Remarks:

*SDSSA President Mr. Joel Jorgenson thanked Dr. Schultz for her services and provided comments to the membership as he began serving as the 2023-2024 SDSSA President.*

15. Adjournment.

*A motion was made by Shawnda Carmichael (Lemon) to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Orion Thompson (Agar Blunt Onida). All present voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.*