

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 30, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. CST
Pierre, SD

AGENDA:

1. Call the meeting to order—Mr. Joel Jorgenson, President.

President Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am CST. A quorum was established with the following members present: Joel Jorgenson, president; Becky Guffin, president-elect; Summer Schultz, past-president; Orion Thompson, treasurer; Jennifer Lowery, secretary; Dave Hutchison, Region 1; Pat Mikkonen, Region 2; Quinton Cermak, Region 3; Blake Gardner, Region 4; Trent Osborne, Region 5; Justin Downes, Region 6; and Brian Sampson, Region 7.

Also present: Donovan DeBoer - Federal Relation and SASD Executive Board Representative, Mark Naugle; AASA Governing Board Reps, and Rob Monson - SASD Executive Director.

Members absent: none

2. Approve the agenda. (m)

A motion was made by Pat Mikkonen, seconded by Justin Downes, to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. Public Input

None

4. Approve the minutes from the December 5, 2023 meeting—Dr. Jennifer Lowery, Secretary ([enclosed](#)). (m)

A motion was made by Trent Osborne, seconded by Summer Schultz, to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2023 meeting as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Approve the financial report—Mr. Orion Thompson Treasurer ([enclosed](#)). (m)

Mr. Thompson shared a review of the organization's financials. He highlighted the positive balance and positive impact the sponsorships have provided the organization.

A motion was made by Justin Downes, seconded by Quiton Cermak, to approve the financial report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

6. Set 2024-2025 SDSSA Membership Dues

SDSSA Executive Board reviewed the financial report and, based on the report, decided to make no changes to the annual membership dues. The membership dues for the 2024-2025 school year are \$165 for active members and \$60 for retirees.

A motion was made by Dave Hutchison, seconded by Brian Sampson for no increase to SDSSA membership dues. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

7. Set the 2024 SDSSA Summer Conference Fees

Dr. Guffin shared an overview of the summer conference with a focus on "Telling your story". Sponsors have covered all meals, socials, and speakers. The hotel registration link has been sent out most rooms have been reserved. The last registration for the summer conference was in 2022. The summer conference registration was \$200 for members and

\$235 for non-members. The SDSSA Executive Board reviewed the financials, and with the consideration of Dr. Guffin's report on positive sponsorships, the recommendation was not to increase the registration fee. The recommendation was not to increase vendor fees and to maintain consistency with the Joint convention.

A motion was made by Pat Mikkonen, seconded by Orion Thompson, to approve no rate increase for the 2024 Summer conference (\$200 for members; \$235 for non-members). All members present vote aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Justin Downes, seconded by Pat Mikkonen, to approve no rate increase for 2024 Summer Conference Vendors (\$550). All members present vote aye. Motion carried.

8. Legislative Overview

No formal action. Director Monson provided an overview of the legislative session and the current House and Senate bills. This was an overview prior to the delegate assembly. President Jorgenson thanked Director Monson for his work.

9. Superintendent Legislative Day

No formal action. President Jorgenson overviewed the plan for Wednesday. Board members were asked to be at the Legislative reception at 5:30 pm.

10. Old Business

a. Forrest Conner Loan Discussion

No formal action. Mr. Naugle brought the constitutional language forward for the Forrest Conner Loan. He shared it was time to review the amount of the loan compared to the cost of a three-credit graduate class. Mr. Naugle requested the discussion continue in April with a draft submitted to the secretary by June 1 for a constitutional amendment consideration in July.

b. AASA National Convention SD Updates

No formal action. Mr. Jorgenson will continue to share updates with individuals attending the National Conference.

c. Public Relations Campaign Update by Region

No formal action. Director Monson and Dr. Lowery provided an update on the progress of the campaign. Region 1 has reached the video goals by districts sending information to Mrs. VerMulm. Aberdeen has also submitted information. The "public school" social media day went well, and progress continues to be made. Dr. Lowery shared she would resend information for each region toward meeting positive promotion goals. Dr. Lowery also shared that she would be working on a t-shirt with the brand "I Love South Dakota Public Schools."

11. Board Reports

a. AASA Governing Board

No formal action. Dr. Guffin and Mr. Naugle are our representatives. Dr. Guffin shared they have a governing board meeting next week. There are no updates at this time.

b. SASD Update - Monson

Director Monson indicated the main focus right now is legislation. Upcoming professional development includes South Dakota Retirement System Supplemental Retirement resources and the Wild West Leadership Conference (June 12-14) is coming together as well.

12. Other Business

April election overview information was provided to the Board.

13. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Becky Guffin, seconded by Orion Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 am. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer N Lowery