

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. CST
Zoom Due to Weather

AGENDA:

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

President Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:00 am CST. A quorum was established with the following members present: Summer Schultz, president; Joel Jorgenson, president-elect; Tim Graf, past-president; Brian Jandahl, treasurer; Jennifer Lowery, secretary; Dave Hutchison, Region 1; Pat Mikkonen, Region 2; Orion Thompson, Region 3; Steve Willard, Region 4; George Seiler, Region 5; Justin Downes, Region 6; Michael Fischer, Region 7; and Rob Monson - SASD Executive Director.

Also present were AASA Governing Board Reps— Becky Guffin and Mark Naugle; Federal Relations and SASD Executive Board Representative - Donovan DeBoer.

Members absent - none

2. Approve the agenda. (m)

A motion was made by Joel Jorgenson, second by Justin Downes to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. Approve the minutes from the January 31, 2023 meeting—Dr. Jennifer Lowery, Secretary (enclosed). (m)

A motion was made by Tim Graf seconded by Orion Thompson to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2023 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. The balance is sufficient to meet financial obligations and upcoming needs.

A motion was made by Michael Fischer, seconded by Orion Thompson to approve the financial report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Old Business:
 - a. SASD Director Monson and J. Lowery provided an update on the partnership with ASBSD for a public relations contracted service.

Applications for a contracted services position are open through April 21. SASD and ASBSD are collaborating on the work and service. After a year of public relation work, the position and service, investment, and individual will be reviewed.

no action required

- b. The SDSSA board discussed the proposed social studies standards and their role as Public School leaders in the process including but not limited to public comment.

A motion was made by Jorgenson, seconded by Schultz to form a committee of SDSSA Executive Board Members to draft a public statement concerning the opposition to the proposed standards and proposed a solution (Committee: Graf, Naugle, Schultz, Mikken, Jorgenson, Lowery) . All present voted aye. Motion carried.

- c. Rob Monson shared an overview of the Legislative session and strategies to consider. Moving funding from 5% to 7% was a huge success. Being aware of vouchers will continue to be important as it will be a legislative issue. Actions to consider: sending thank you notes to legislators for 7% funding; consider a public schools week at the capital or organized effort; and focus on alternative pathways.

no action required

- d. Review and discuss superintendent summer conference:

Mr. Jorgenson updated the board on the summer conference program plan. Brian Jandahl updated the board on the vendors and finances. Conference registration is through the SASD portal, Jennifer Lowery will work to promote.

no action required

6. Standanding Reports

- a. SASD Report

Director Monson's report referenced the public relations work and legislative work that were previously covered in the agenda.

- b. AASA Governing Board Report

Dr. Guffin and Mr. Naugle are the AASA governing board members. We are part of Region 3 and participate in live zooms to touch base on current topics. These calls have included meeting the new president of

the organization. They also shared the resources within AASA concerning [Private School/Choice Explainer](#). This is a helpful resource on what is working and what is not working. The resource also includes a [private-school-choice option database](#) by state. There is also a Gender non-conforming policy database. Please see <https://www.future-ed.org/> for a wide range of data and policy by topic.

7. New Business

- a. Nominations for Board officer seats at the annual meeting
 - i. Joel Jorgenson nominated Becky Guffin for the Board's nomination for president-elect, second Seiler. All present vote aye. Motion carried (Note: Dr. Guffin was considering whether or not to accept the nomination.)
 - ii. Brian Jandahl indicated he would not be running for re-election of the treasurer position. Individuals interested in the nomination for the three year treasurer position included: Orion Thompson, George Seiler, and Chad Conaway. A closed election of the board members resulted in Orion Thompson serving as the Board's nomination for treasurer.
 - iii. The following positions are not up for election this calendar year: Past-President, Summer Schults, President, Joel Jorgenson, and Secretary, Jennifer Lowery term through July 2025 annual meeting.
- b. SDSSA update concerning Executive Board openings:
 - i. Regions 3; Region 5; Region 7
- c. Review of SASD Standing Committees
 - i. Executive Board Representatives are Jennifer Lowery through June 2024 and Donovan DeBoer through June 2025
 - ii. Legislative Committee annual appointments Dr. Goldt, Dr. Guffin, and Dr. Danielsen - motion Schultz, second Jorgenson all present aye. Motion carried.
 - iii. Professional Services Committee annual appointments Dr. Rod Weber, Dr. Willard, and Mr. Hutchison - motion Schultz, second Jorgenson all present aye. Motion carried.
 - iv. Delegate Assembly is President, President-elect, Past President, Legislative Committee, and individuals identified at the annual meeting in July.
- d. Annual Awards nominated from individuals throughout South Dakota (Boards, Administrators, and other Educators) and selected by the Executive Board: Distinguished Service Award - Bob Sittig; Outstanding Superintendent - Jennifer Lowery; Innovator of the Year - Joe Schwan; Community Leader of the Year - Blake Gardner; Rookie of the Year - Brett Mellem.

8. Other Business - none

9. Adjournment

*A motion was made by Hutchison, seconded by Schultz to adjourn the meeting.
All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer N Lowery