

**SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Sunday, July 16, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. CST  
Arrowwood Cedar Shore

AGENDA:

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

*President Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm CST. A quorum was established with the following members present: Summer Schultz, president; Joel Jorgenson, president-elect; Tim Graf, past-president;; Jennifer Lowery, secretary; Dave Hutchison, Region 1; Pat Mikkonen, Region 2; Orion Thompson, Region 3; Justin Downes, Region 6; 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 - Donavan DeBoer. Region 4 future representative - Blake Gardner*

*Members absent - Brian Jandahl, treasurer; Steve Willard, Region 4; George Seiler, Region 5; and Michael Fischer, Region 7;*

2. Approve the agenda. (m)

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

3. Approve the minutes from the April 4, 2023 meeting—Dr. Jennifer Lowery, Secretary (enclosed). (m)

*A motion was made by Tim Graf seconded by Joel Jorgenson to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2023 meeting as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

4. Approve the financial report—Mr. Brian Jandahl, Treasurer (enclosed). (m)

*Mr. Thompson on behalf of 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 Dave Hutchison, seconded by Pat Mikkonen to approve the financial report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

5. Old Business:

- a. SASD Director Monson provided an update on the professional development opportunities and support provided by SASD. These

opportunities include but are not limited to Wild West Leadership Conference, New Superintendent Training, Joint Convention, Principal Leadership and Mentoring, Supt 101, Instructional Leadship, SASD Presidents' retreat, Ladies & Leadership, and Legislative work.  
*no action required*

6. Discussion Items

- a. The SDSSA board discussed the conference location 2026.

*A motion was made by Downes, seconded by Mikkonen to contract SDSSA Summer Conference 2026 with Arrowwood Cedar Shore. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

- b. Discussion about refund language to model Joint Convention moved to January 2024 meeting.

*no action required*

- c. Rob Monson shared an overview of the progress on the public relations work with SASD and ASBSD. The two organizations have joined together and offered agreements to Katy Urban and JoAnne VerMulum to support and drive forward the positive public relations work.

*no action required*

- d. Other Topics

*none*

*no action required*

7. New Business

- a. Meeting Dates for the 2023-2024 school year

President Schultz provided an overview of the meetings for the upcoming school year.

*no action required*

- b. SDSSA Appoint Juvenile Justice Oversight Council

President Schultz appointed two SDSSA members to serve on the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council. President Schultz appointed Kelly Goldt, Pierre and Tammy Meyer, Sisseton.

- c. SASD Assistant, Kara Brandlee supports the SDSSA organization as our webdeveloper and coordinates registration/payment for our events.

*A motion was made by Schultz, seconded by Jorgenson to pay Kara Brandless \$1200 for her services. All present voted aye. Motion carried.*

- d. Donovan DeBoer, Federal Relations representative provided an overview the SDSSA team's meeting in Washington DC with our state's representative and two senators. The meeting with each individual focused on Child Nutrition, IDEA funding, Mental Health (staff and students), Preschool connection to workforce, and certification. The importance of following the supreme court ruling on four cases was also brought forward as important to follow and understand the impact. Dr. Guffin shared the reduction in reimbursement for breakfast (-\$.15) and lunch (-\$.40).

*no action*

- e. Dr. Guffin and Mr. Naugle serve as our AASA Governing Board elected representatives. Dr. Guffin provided an updated from the AASA Governing Board. The report highlighted the work of AASA's focus on the following: Collaboration with the Carnegie Foundation focused on getting rid of the Carnegie Unit; The impact AI has and will continue to have. AI will be a built in part of google classroom this school year; Mathew McConehey is spearheading a Green Lights Grand Initiative to support schools in receiving grant funding for school safety; Title IX has new regulations coming out this fall and training will need to occur; and Cyber Security is a major issue for schools and should be a top training priority.

*no action*

- f. The annual superintendent survey will be developed, facilitated, and analyzed by Schultz, Danielson, and Monson.

*no action*

#### 8. Public Input

*no action*

#### 9. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn the meeting Orion Thompson, seconded by Summer Schultz, all presented vote aye. motion carried*

*Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer N Lowery*