

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m. CST

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

AGENDA:

1. Call the meeting to order—Dr. Becky Guffin, President.

President Guffin called the meeting to order at 9:59 am CST. A quorum was established with the following members present: Becky Guffin, president; Wayne Kindle, president-elect; Joel Jorgenson, past-president; Orion Thompson, treasurer; Jennifer Lowery, secretary; George Seiler, Region 2; Quinton Cermak, Region 3; Blake Gardner, Region 4; Trent Osborne, Region 5; and Kraig Steinhoff, Region 7.

Also present were Donovan DeBoer - Federal Relation and SASD Executive Board Representative, Joel Bailey, SASD Executive Board Representative, and Rob Monson - SASD Executive Director.

Members absent excused: Dave Hutchison, Region 1; Justin Downes, Region 6; and Mark Naugle, AASA Governing Board Rep.

2. President Guffin welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions occurred.

No Action Required

3. Approve the agenda. (m)

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

4. Public Input

None - No Action

5. Secretary Report - Dr. Jennifer Lowery, Secretary (enclosed). (m)

The SDSSA Secretary shared the enclosed minutes from the last executive board meeting (7.14.2024); the minutes from the Annual Meeting (7.17.2024); and the concept of the SDSSA Executive Board Hub. The hub's purpose is to provide board members with easy access to reports and documents housed in Shared Google Drive. A motion was made by Trent Osborne, seconded by Quinton Cermak, to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2024, Executive Board meeting as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer Report - Mr. Orion Thompson (enclosed). (m)

The SDSSA Treasurer shared his report, including the cash balance report, with the outlined transaction for August thru September 12, 2024; the proposed 2024-2025 SDSSA budget; recommendation for no additional charge for the December Legislative meeting nor the February 2025 Legislative Reception; and discussion concerning the possibility of purchasing SDSSA Executive Board ¾ zip.

A motion was made by Kraig Steinhoff to approve the financial report as presented, second, George Seiler. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wayne Kindle to approve no additional meal or attendance fees for the December 2024 Legislative meeting as well as the February 2025 Legislative Reception, second, Trent Osborne. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Orion Thompson will follow up with ¾ zip concepts and options.

7. Old Business

a. Forrest Connor Loan

Mr. Thompson indicated there was no update at this time.

8.

a. Update on 2025 Summer Conference

Dr. Kindle provided an overview of the focus on Leadership for the 2025 Summer SDSSA Conference. He shared his appreciation for superintendents organizing fish (DeBoer/Seiler) and golf (Thompson/Gardner) tournaments. The speakers include Billy Sutton, Mike Heuther, Gabe Danenbrink, Educators Rising, Terry Nebelsick, Dr. Graves, and legal updates. Jennifer Lowery updated the Board on the room reservation process which will focus our efforts in December. She shared the contracts for the 2025, 2026, and 2027 Summer Conference.

A motion was made by George Seiler, second by Wayne Kindle to add a \$10,000 line item in the SDSSA budget for summer conference speakers. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

b. Educator Rising Sponsorship Level

The executive board had an indepth conversation concerning the impact of Educator's Rising and the board's investment in Educator's Rising. The SDSSA Board is a top level Gold Sponsor at \$5000. The sponsorship was up for annual

consideration. Orion Thompson made a motion to approve the sponsorship. Donovan Deboer questioned the data of the impact of the program. Mr. Thompson withdrew his motion. Discussion continued between Board Members.

A motion was made by Kraig Steinhoff to continue the gold level sponsorship for Educators Rising. Second by Joel Jorgenson. (Aye - Seiler, Cermak, Gardner, Osborne, Steinhoff, Kindle, Guffin, Lowery, Jorgenson; Nay - Thompson)

c. Legislation 2025

IM28- Information

The executive board discussed the current information concerning IM-28. The board discussed who was opposed and current polling numbers. The board also acknowledged the negative impact a loss of revenue will have on programs in our public schools.

Motion by Jennifer Lowery, for SDSSA opposition of IM28 to confirm our concern with the loss of funding which provides services to our families through our schools unless there is a replacement revenue. Second by George Seiler. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Phones in Schools

Dr. Guffin and Mr. Bailey shared an overview of a meeting both attended concerning a legislative learning session on phones in schools. A short summary of the meeting was the acknowledgement that schools have been working with cell phones for years. The general legislative direction at this time appears to be a focus on policy.

9. Committee/Board updates

- a. Dr. Guffin shared an overview of the SDSSA Legislative Survey and Statewide December meeting. The survey is being created by a team and the results will be shared in December at the meeting.
- b. Mr. Thompson shared an overview of the organization of the SDSSA Legislative Reception for Legislators in February.
- c. Dr. Guffin provided an update from the SDSSA Governing Board of which Mr. Naugle and she serve. The regional governing board met 9.24.2024. The primary focus and concern is the lost of e-rate funding. Superintendents are encouraged to reach out to our Senator Rounds, Senator Thune, and Representative Johnson.
- d. Mr. Monson provided an update on the Public Relations work. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Bailey have joined the small committee to support the development of goals, action items, and measurement for this school year.
- e. Mr. Monson provided and updated from SASD. The primary focus is professional development opportunities. These opportunities can be found in his weekly newsletter.

10. Other Business

- a. Jennifer Lowery brought forward a request from Area II concerning superintendents and their families in extenuating circumstances. Orion Thompson provided an update on Dave Hutchison. Jennifer Lowery provided an update from Justin Downs. The board seek information if other members may need support as well. The board will promote a free-will donation for these two individuals and their families at our December all superintendent meeting.

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Orion Thompson, seconded by Joel Jorgenson to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer N Lowery