

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. CST

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

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

Members absent none.

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

No Action Required

3. Approve the agenda. (m)

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

4. Approve the minutes from the July 17, 2022 meeting—Dr. Jennifer Lowery, Secretary (enclosed). (m)

A motion was made by Quinton Cermak, seconded by Blake Gardner to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2023 meeting as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. The minutes from the July 2023 annual meeting were provided.

No Action Required

6. Approve the financial report—Mr. Orion Thompson Treasurer (enclosed). (m)

Mr. Thompson shared a review of the organization's financials. He highlighted the summer conference expense to revenue. He shared that the funds of the organization had been transferred from Elkton.

A motion was made by Trent Osborne, seconded by Brian Sampson to approve the financial report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

7. Public Input

None No Action Required

8. a. Discussion was held concerning the SDSSA Summer Conference 2023. Ideas were discussed concerning what went well and ideas for the future. The fiscal review concerned the golf course direct billing. The Region representatives will support the communication for the hotel link for the conference in the future. It was a tremendous conference and well received.

No action.

- b. Forrest Connor Loan overview.

Mark Naugle agreed to support the Forrest Connor loan communication and work moving forward.

- c. Public Education Campaign

A request was made for additional information to be shared at the December all-superintendent meeting.

9. a. Dr. Guffin shared an overview of the Summer 2024 conference. The focus is on communication. She is working with Apptegy for resources and connections.

No action -

- Review of Speaker/Presenter Costs

Dr. Guffin will build the conference and work with the team on the budget.

- SDSSA Summer Conference contracts

Dr. Lowery reviewed the contracts currently held for SDSSA Summer conference 2024, 2025, and 2026.

- b. Educator Rising Sponsorship Level

A motion was made by Justin Downes, seconded by Pat Mikkonento approve sponsoring Educators Rising at the \$5000 level. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

c. Legislative Overview 2024

Information was shared concerning a summer education work group led by legislators. The legislative leadership sent invitations and the environment was positive and collaborative as educators had the opportunity to work with the legislative leadership team.

d. Discussion concerning the December 2023 Legislative Survey.

Dr. Schultz and Dr. Danielsen will lead the organization of the annual survey.

e. Overview of Superintendent Legislative Day

Dr. Lowery provided an overview and update concerning the Wednesday, January 31, 2024 Legislative Day in Pierre including the legislative social. Region representatives were asked to support the communication and attendance of their region's superintendents at the Legislative day and social.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Schultz to approve contracting with the Ramkota companies for the 2026 Legislative Social. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

e. Governing Board Members, Dr. Guffin and Mr. Naugle, provided an update.
Governing board members provided an update focused on the concerning of passing a budget and a looming shutdown. Additionally, it will be important to follow the USDA rule change from 40% to 25% for all-school free lunches for students.

f. Executive Director Monson, SASD Update

Director Monson provided an overview of events and work being done through SASD. These included AI workshops across the state, instructional leadership training, parent leadership group, Professional Service Committee work, Superintendent 101 workshops, and Ladies in Leadership.

10. Other Business

a. Dr. Lowery requested that information concerning members who pass away be sent to her via email.

no action

b. Dr. Schultz provided an update on the SDSHAA Foundation Board.
Information concerning the Foundation and its focus will be on the Board's December agenda.

no action

11. An overview of the 23-24 Committees was reviewed and enclosed
no action

12. The SDSSA Constitution was acknowledged and [enclosed](#), with no updates from the Annual meeting.

no action

13. Adjournment.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Jennifer N Lowery