**MINUTES**  
**SASD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**   
**Redrossa Conference Center and Zoom**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

President DeBoer called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon

**Executive Board Members Present:** Joel Bailey, Laura Welch, Linda Steele, Kim Aman, Samantha Weaver, Amanda Olinger, Jared Olson, Kathy Holter, Lana Main, Shannon Smith, Dr. Joe Graves, Dr. David DeJong

**Executive Board Members Absent:** Monica Waltman, Todd Foster, Kevin Nelson

**Staff Present:** Rob Monson, Executive Director and Kara Brandlee, Administrative Assistant

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

**Motion: Agenda: Steele** moved, seconded by  **Main** to approve the agenda [**carried unanimously]**

**Motion: Minutes: Holter** moved, seconded by **Steele** that the August 7, 2024, SASD Executive Board meeting minutes be adopted. **[carried unanimously]**

**Financial Report:** Executive Director Monson reported that the September financials have not been put together yet. His report will be on the August financials. Rob reported that as of August 31st SASD has received 94.6% of what was budgeted for individual SASD dues. He also reported that he had budgeted just $500.00 for the retiree dues and SASD has received $1,900.00 to date. Membership is the majority of SASD’s income but Joint Convention income is also a large part and SASD should receive its share of revenue by the end of the year. SASD has just begun its membership drive for Associate members, so those are just beginning to come in.

**Motion: Financial Report: Bailey** moved, seconded by  **Olson** to accept the August 2024 financial reports. **[carried unanimously]**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SASD Policy Handbook:** Executive Director Monson asked the Board if they had any changes or questions on the Policy Handbook in its current form. Rob recommended a revision on page 7, under Section VI, “Retiree Member on the Executive Board,” #3. He recommended amending the text to read: “The Retiree must be a current retired member of SASD,” and to remove “and a current member of AARP (as long as they are sponsoring).”  
  
**Motion: Policy Handbook: Olson** moved**,** seconded by **Holter** to accept the SASD Policy Handbook with the retiree member change. **[carried unanimously]**

**Five Year Strategic Plan:** Executive Director reported that this is a standing item on our agenda. At each meeting Rob goes through a new section of the strategic plan. At this meeting he reviewed section #2.

**Professional Development Opportunities:** Executive Director Monson asked if any Board members had any ideas or suggestions on any professional development activities that SASD can bring forward to our members.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Donation Educators Rising:** Executive Director Monson provided a report on SASD’s donations to Educators Rising over the past few years: $5,000 in both 2023 and 2022, $500 in 2021, and $1,000 in 2020. Rob noted that this marks the seventh year of the Educators Rising program, emphasizing its success in fostering the growth of South Dakota students into the field of education, with new chapters forming annually across the state.

Following a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**Motion: Donation Educators Rising: Bailey** moved, seconded by  **Olinger** that SASD will make a $5,000.00 donation in November to Educators Rising. **[carried unanimously].**

**COMMUNICATIONS  
  
President’s Report:** President DeBoer contributed to the discussion on Educators Rising by sharing that he had recently spoken with Travis Lape, the State Director, about the importance of gathering tracking data. He emphasized the value of obtaining specific metrics, such as the number of students who participated in Educators Rising and are now enrolled in higher education programs related to education, as well as those who have entered the teaching profession. DeBoer highlighted that this data would provide meaningful insight into the program’s long-term impact and its effectiveness in guiding students toward careers in education.

**Parent Group Reports:** Members gave brief updates on their respective parent groups.

**DOE:** Dr. Graves, Secretary of Education, reported that DOE recently received a $54 Million grant for Literacy in South Dakota. School districts will be able to apply for grants sometime in late winter. Dr. Graves stated that this will be a 5-year grant, and that more information will be forthcoming.

**Higher Ed:** Dr. DeJong reported that DSU is partnering with DOE on the literacy grant and that they also recently partnered with SASD on the AI one day workshops that were held recently.

**SASD Update:** Executive Director Monson reported on the following:

* The recent Artificial Intelligence Workshops and AI deepfakes. Monson reported that we need to begin to work with the legislature to get some legislation in place to get ahead of these issues. He said that the AI workshops were very beneficial and appreciated the partnership with DSU and Compass to provide this training.
* The Preschool Committee will be meeting tomorrow in Tea.
* Next week the Superintendent 101 training will take place in Rapid City and Mitchell.
* The second part of Legal Issues with Sam Kerr will come out next week.
* JoAnne VerMulm is on contract for a second year working on the public relations campaign.
* Executive Director Monson stated that he is available to attend any regional parent group meetings, if you would like to invite him.

**ADJOURN  
  
Motion: Adjourn: Smith** moved, seconded by **Steele**  to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 pm. **[carried unanimously]**