

South Dakota Beadle Club

- Established in 1933 -

Unofficial Minutes of August 7, 2025
ASBSD/ SASD Joint Convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Dr. Tammy Meyer, President.
2. Motion by Dr. Warzecha and second by S. Benson to approve the agenda. All Aye.
3. Motion by G. Seiler and second by P. Schoenbaum to approve minutes from February 4, 2025 meeting. All Aye.
4. Motion by C. Lee and second by O. Tompson to accept the Treasurer's report from Dr. DeBoer. All Aye.
 - A. Financial Report included renewing certificates every six month for the best rate.
5. Membership Report by Dr. Meyer
 - A. Current membership lists 280 members. Nominations for new membership are due at least 5 days prior to the next meeting. Nomination forms are available online.
 - B. All individuals in SD (men and women) engaged in the teaching profession or other allied education endeavors who have served for at least five years are eligible for membership.
 - C. To be eligible for membership, a person must vigorously support education and have given meritorious service to the cause of public education over a period of at least ten years in SD. Such service must have been recent and evidenced by actual accomplishments in improving conditions of public education in the state.
6. Scholarship Report by Dr. Meyer
 - A. Update the application to list that the scholarship funds will go directly to the university, as the funds will need to be drawn from the SD Community Fund this year.
 - B. Scholarship applications should be updated to reflect this information, as individuals in their last semester of enrollment prior to degree award will not be eligible. Two scholarships are presented each year for \$800 each.
 - C. A panel of five current Beadle Club members representing a variety of school districts reviewed applications. There were 41 applications this year. The two recipients this year: Tiffany French (Custer School District) and Amy Ferley (Oelrichs School District)
7. Report from School and Public Lands Senior Policy Advisor and Energy Director, Joshua Klumb.

Joshua Kumb, Senior Policy and Asset Advisor with the South Dakota School and Public Lands Commission, provided an overview of the Commission's work and its impact on public education funding. Mr. Kumb has served in his current role for one year and is responsible for managing state trust lands designated at statehood, specifically Sections 16 and 36. The Commission oversees approximately 3.5 million acres of surface land and 5.5 million acres of mineral rights. He shared that the Commission has recently expanded into wind energy projects, which are generating significant new revenue. In the most recent distribution, approximately \$15.7 million was dispersed

to schools across the state—an especially valuable resource during tight budget periods. Mr. Kumb emphasized that it is an honor to serve in this role, with a focus on responsibly managing trust lands and increasing the permanent fund to maximize long-term benefits for students. He noted that the Commission operates with an annual budget of approximately \$800,000.

Dr. Meyer shared that the Beadle Club would be willing to assist with advocacy efforts in support of the public school trust fund, if needed.

8. Induction of new Beadle Club Members:

- A. Matt Alley, Salem, SD (nominated by Jeff Danielsen)
- B. Andrew Johnson, Arlington, SD (nominated by Chris Lee)
- C. Rob Lewis, Redfield, SD (nominated by George Seiler)
- D. Janel Guse, Madison, SD (nominated by Samantha Walder)

9. Remembrance of Beadle Club members who have passed away in the last year:

- A. **Loren Scott** (January 1, 1933 – January 16, 2025) served South Dakota education for 40 years as a teacher, counselor, principal, and superintendent. He retired from the Howard School District following a career marked by dedication to students and educational leadership.
- B. **Darwin Tessier** (July 18, 1935 – March 15, 2025) began his career teaching and coaching at Lake Norden High School. He later served as superintendent in Erwin, Highmore, Winner, and Pierre, where he led numerous major building and improvement projects over a 20-year tenure. He retired in 1993 and was named South Dakota Superintendent of the Year in 1988–1989. After relocating to Yankton in 1994, Darwin continued serving education as an academic instructor at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, South Dakota.
- C. **Carleton Holt** (June 1, 1947 – April 15, 2025) began his professional career as a band director at Jefferson High School in Jefferson, South Dakota, earning the position prior to graduating from college. He later served as band director in the Battle Creek Community School District in Battle Creek, Iowa. Carl transitioned into administration as Assistant Superintendent in Webster City, Iowa, before becoming Superintendent at Brandon Valley School District and later Dakota Valley School District, where he was hired at the district's inception. In 1999, he relocated to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where he served as a Professor of Education at the University of Arkansas.

10. Special Projects Reports:

- A. The Beadle Club plaque continues to be displayed at the Delzell Building at the University of South Dakota.
- B. Dr. Brist shared information regarding the Beadle Club History Book, *The Man and the Mission*, which documents the first 50 years of the organization, the significance of the Hickory Stick, and the importance of carrying forward Beadle's mission while establishing a lasting future legacy. It was also suggested that Mr. Greenfield be interviewed to provide additional historical perspective and insight into future planning.

11. Open Discussion

- A. The group discussed an idea proposed by G. Seiler to establish an annual membership fee. It was noted that current funds are held with the South Dakota Community Foundation, with an approximate balance of \$30,000. Donations to this fund are tax-deductible.
- B. The possibility of communicating this opportunity to the membership was discussed. No action taken.

12. Current Officers:

- A. President, Dr. Tammy Meyer, Superintendent, Sisseton
- B. Past President, Dr. Kim Kludt, Superintendent, Chester
- C. Secretary, Dr. Samantha Walder, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Tea Area
- D. Treasurer, Dr. Donovan DeBoer, Superintendent, Dell Rapids

13. Next Meeting: SDSSA Legislative Day in Pierre, South Dakota. February 2026 – Date TBD

14. Motion by S. Benson and second by D. DeBoer to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm. All Aye.