

SASD EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Dr. H.C. Rustad served as the first SASD Executive Secretary (Director) from July, 1971 through July, 1973 on a half-time basis. Dr. Keith Thomson served the following year under the same arrangement. Morris Magnuson served as full time Executive from July 1, 1974 until July, 1978; Charollene M. Coates served as Executive Director from August 1978 to February, 1984. Dr. Joyce Levin Served as Executive Director from July, 1984 to June, 1988. Gary M. Drake served as Executive Director from August 1, 1988 to June 1992. Christie L. Johnson served as Executive Director from July 1, 1992 –June 30, 2007. John Pedersen served as Executive Director from July 1, 2008-June 30, 2012. Rob Monson served from July 1, 2012-December 31, 2026; Kevin Nelson interim executive director January 1, 2027-June 30, 2027

SASD PRESIDENTS

The presidency of SASD has been held by the following people who have represented the 6 administrator organizations on a rotating basis:

Dr. Orville Pederson - SDASCD (70-71)
Dr. Bruce Crosswait - SDSSA (71-72)
Jack Titus - SDASBO (72-73)
Dr. Lincoln Henry - SDASCD (73-74)
Russ Wilkens - SDAESP (74-75)
Dr. John Harris - (SDSSA (75-76)
Ronald Hanson - SDASBO (76-77)
Elaine Lambert - SDASCD (77-78)
John Gauer - SDAESP (78-79)
Dr. Dennis Kraft - SDAESP (79-80)
Art Hoehl - SDASBO (80-81)
Dr. Phil Vik - SDASCD (81-82)
David Bergan - SDASSP (82-83)
Ray Willard - SDAESP (83-84)
Dr. Dennis Peterson - SDSSA (84-85)
Virginia Tobin – SDASCD (85-86)
Eldon Dahl – SDASBO (86-87)
Jan Varejcka – SDASSP (87-88)
John Eckert – SDAESP (88-89)
Cort Carnes – SDSSA (89-90)
Bill Lynch – SDASBO (90-91)
Lynn Davidson – SDASCD (91-92)
Bruce Jordan – SDASSP (92-93)
Kay Burke – SDAESP (93-94)
Dr. John Sweet, SDSSA (94-95)
Barb Littel – SDASBO (95-96)
Josephine Hartmann – SDASCD (96-97)
Terry Nebelsick – SDASSP (97-98)
Rich Brubakken – SDAESP (98-99)
David Jewett – SDCASE (1999-2000)
Jim Heinert – SDSSA (2000-01)
Rick Hohn – SDASBO (2001-02)
Dan Elwood – SDASCD (2002-03)
Rich Reimer – SDASSP (2003-04)
Kevin Nelson – SDAESP (2004-05)
Dr. Mike Keeley – SDCASE (2005-06)

Tim Mitchell – SDSSA (2006-07)
Anita Stugelmeyer – SDASBO (2007-08)
Dr. Micy Highstreet – SDASCD (2008-09)
Jerry Rasmussen – SDASSP (2009-10)
Tim Kusters – SDAESP (2010-11)
Sarah Richarz – SDCASE (2011-2012)
Jim Holbeck – SDSSA (2012-2013)
Susan Proefrock – SDASBO (2013-2014)
Tanya Rasmussen – SDASCD (2014-2015)
Jerry Rasmussen – SDASSP (2015-2016)
Nick Gottlob – SDAESP (2016-2017)
Joan Frevik – SDCASE (2017-2018)
Joel Jorgenson – SDSSA (2018-2019)
Trista Hedderman – SDASBO (2019-2020)
Sherri Becker – SDASCD (2020-2021)
Brad Seamer – SDASSP (2021-2022)
Nick Gottlob – SDAESP (2022-2023)
Laura Welch – SDCASE (2023-2024)
Donavan DeBoer – SDSSA (2024-2025)
Kathy Holter – SDASBO (2025-2026)
Lana Main – SDASCD (2026-2027)

SASD OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATORS

1985-86

Glenn Barnes – SDSSA, Todd County
Dr. Lynn Davidson – SDASCD, Mitchell
Bette Johnson – SDASBO, Shannon County School Dist
Jack Lauer – SDASSP, Brandon Valley
Mahylen Niles – SDAESP, Chamberlain

1986-87

Louis “Lou” Graslie – SDSSA, Belle Fourche
Dr. Maizie Solem – SDASCD, Sioux Falls
Daryl Borchard – SDASBO, Northwestern School Dist
Merlin Doyle – SDASSP, Wall
John Gauer – SDAESP, Sioux Falls

1987-88

Darwin Tessier – SDSSA, Pierre
Dr. Phyllis Dixon – SDASCD, Rapid City
Karen Schooley – SDASBO, Castlewood
Jan Varejcka – SDASSP, Bennett County School Dist
Beverly McKenzie – SDAESP, Todd County School Dist

1988-89

Cort Carnes – SDSSA, Beresford
Donna Gross – SDASCD, Vermillion
Eldon Dahl – SDASBO, Huron
Clarence Grebner – SDASSP, Sioux Valley School Dist
John Eckert – SDAESP, Canton

1989-90

Dr. Barry Furze – SDSSA, Meade School Dist
Vicki Mack – SDASCD, Watertown
Ardyce Bordersen – SDASBO, Hill City
Bill Ausmann – SDASSP, Lead/Deadwood
Dr. Phyllis Dixon – SDAESP, Rapid City

1990-91

Don Akre – SDSSA, Selby Area School Dist
Donlynn Rice – SDASCD, DOE
Bette Hohwieler – SDASBO, Chester
Harvey Diedtrich – SDASSP, Eureka
Dennis Arnold – SDAESP, Watertown

1991-92

Ken Poppe – SDSSA, Wall
Dr. Robert Neely – SDASCD, Aberdeen
Bill Lynch – SDASBO, Hot Springs
Mike Bezenek – SDASSP, Mobridge
Jean Reeves – SDAESP, Shannon County School Dist

1992-93

Dr. Maurice Haugland – SDSSA, Rapid City
Dr. John Jewett – SDASCD, Dell Rapids
Terry Bergerson – SDASBO, Canton
Ed Wegner – SDASSP, Newell
Kay Burke – SDAESP, Spearfish

1993-94

Don Quimby – SDSSA, Parkston
Dr. John Bonaiuto – SDASCD, DOE
Betty Donaldson – SDASBO, Newell
Dan Albertsen – SDASSP, Watertown
Fred Aderhold – SDAESP, Sioux Falls
Vicki Mack – SDCASE, Watertown

1994-95

Dr. John Sweet – SDSSA, Madison
Bryan Monteith – SDASCD, Watertown
Betty Emery – SDASBO, Todd County School Dist
Richard Deaver – SDASSP, Meade School Dist
Carolyn Pesicka – SDAESP, Sioux Falls
Joyce Wentworth – SDCASE, Yankton

1995-96

Dr. Larry Lickfelt – SDSSA, Bon Homme School Dist
Donna Gross – SDASCD, Vermillion
Larry Vavruska – SDASBO, Spearfish
Ivan Dixon – SDASSP, Bennett County School Dist
Marly Wilson – SDAESP, Watertown
Virginia Tobin – SDCASE, Aberdeen

1996-97

Darwin Peterson – SDSSA, Hanson School Dist
Jo Hartmann – SDASCD, Meade School Dist
Sharon Hanna – SDASBO, Yankton
Tom Riedel – SDASSP, Spearfish
Marvin Sharkey – SDAESP, Brandon
Randy Morris – SDCASE, BHSS Coop

1997-98

Roger Fritz – SDSSA, Colman-Egan School Dist
Grace Christianson – SDASCD, Lennox
Barb Littel - SDASBO, Edgemont
Bruce Jordan – SDASSP, Hill City
Janet Luce – SDAESP, Rapid City
Judy Osburn – SDCASE, Rapid City

1998-99

Dr. Tim Creal - SDSSA, New Underwood
Dan Elwood – SDASCD, Pierre
Virgil Binfet – SDASBO, Mobridge
Dennis Germann – SDASSP, Madison
Luther Schumacher – SDAESP, Aberdeen
Rick Klawiter – SDCASE, Tyndall

1999-2000

Dr. Joe Gertsema - SDSSA, Yankton
Dr. Merry Bleeker - SDASCD, Mitchell
Rick Hohn – SDASBO, Watertown
Terry Nebelsick – SDASSP, Huron
Larry Janish – SDASSP/MSP, DeSmet
Anja Hoekman – SDAESP, Sioux Falls
David Jewett – SDCASE, Spearfish

2000-01

John LaFave – SDSSA, Pollock
Cleo Edeburn – SDASCD, Brookings
Sheila Beermann – SDASBO, Vermillion
Kevin Segrud – SDASSP, New Underwood
Dan Neiles – SDASSP/MSP, Brookings
Rich Brubakken – SDAESP, Brookings
Lyn Heidenson – SDCASE, Brandon Valley

2001-02

John Pedersen – SDSSA, Pierre
Dr. Elizabeth Hogen – SDASCD, Vermillion
Michael Hoffman – SDASBO, Parkston
Terry Aslesen – SDASSP, Mitchell
Gerry Hunter – SDASSP/MSP, Wessington
Cindy Schneider – SDAESP, Lemmon
Dr. Michael Keeley – SDCASE, Cornbelt Ed Coop

2002-03

Jack Broome – SDSSA, Burke
Terry Majeres – SDASCD, Canton
Eileen Stolley – SDASBO, Kadoka
Marcia Forrester – SDASSP, Britton-Hecla
Dawn Olson – SDASSP/MSP, Flandreau
Robert Hemre – SDAESP, Sioux Falls
Georgia Ramos – SDCASE, Aberdeen

2003-04

Mark Froke – SDSSA, Vermillion
Peggy Blair – SDASCD, Aberdeen
Janet Karel – SDASBO, McCook Central School Dist
Dan Leikvold – SDASSP, Spearfish
Suzanne Hegg – SDASSP/MSP, Sioux Valley/Volga
Betty Ann Bringman – SDAESP, Eagle Butte
Dean Lindstrom – SDCASE, SE Area Coop

2004-05

Robert Arend – SDSSA, Garretson
Dr. Patricia Peel – SDASCD, Rapid City
David Peterson – SDASBO, Brookings
Christena Schultz – SDASSP, Emery
Michael Taplett – SDASSP/MSP, Huron
Nancy Whitcher – SDAESP, Rapid City
Karen Roth – SDCASE, Sioux Falls

2005-06

Kevin Nelson – SDAESP, Beresford
Mark Naugle – SDASSP/MSP, Hill City
“LeRoy” Mike Fugitt – SDASSP, Pierre
Larry Furney – SDCASE, Hayti
Grace Christianson – SDASCD, Lennox
John Wellhouse – SDASBO, Pierre
Jim Heinert – SDSSA, Sturgis

2006-07

Jim Bridge – SDASSP, Hanson
Brad Berens – SDASSP/MSP, Mitchell
Wally Bosch – SDASSP/Asst. Sec. Prin, Yankton
Dan Goodwin – SDCASE, East Dakota Ed. Coop
Ruth Claeys – SDAESP, Douglas
Larry Johnke – SDSSA, Irene-Wakonda
Dennis Povondra – SDASBO, Bon Homme
Dr. Lesli Hanson- SDASCD, Watertown

2007-08

Dennis Champ – SDCASE, Pierre
Mike Taplett – SDASSP/MSP, Huron
Brad Brandsrud – SDASSP/Asst. Sec. Prin, Watertown
Neil Goter – SDASSP, Wagner
Norman Graham – SDAESP, Meade

Dorothy Zuiderhof – SDASCD, Brookings
Richard Unruh – SDASBO, Yankton
Dave Peters – SDSSA, Spearfish

2008-09

Jerry Rasmussen – SDASSP, Dakota Valley
Deb Johnson – SDASSP/MSP – Chamberlain
Don Lyon – SDASSP/Asst. Sec. Prin – Meade
John Fathke – SDCASE – South Central Educational Coop
Darci Love – SDASCD – Huron
Sherry Hansen – SDASBO – Tripp/Delmont
Jackie McNamara – SDAESP – Sioux Falls
Don Kirkegaard – SDSSA – Britton/Hecla

2009-10

Micy Highstreet – SDAESP, Tri-Valley
Becky Guffin – SDASCD, Aberdeen
Susan Proefrock – SDASBO, Belle Fourche
Kyley Cumbow - SDASSP/Asst. Middle School Prin., Pierre
Steve Benson - SDASSP, Deuel
Kristi Wallin – SDCASE, Lennox
Dean Christensen – SDSSA, Deuel

2010-2011

Steve Morford – SDASSP, Spearfish
Nick Gottlob – SDASSP, Lead-Deadwood
Demetria Moon – SDASSP, Huron
Faith Stratton – SDAESP, Chester
Mark Greguson – SDSSA, Chester
Terry Brooks – SDASBO, Chamberlain
Janna Ellingson – SDASCD, Flandreau
Sarah Richarz – SDCASE, Canton

2011-2012

Tim Kusters – SDAESP, Lead-Deadwood
Tanya Rasmussen – SDASCD, Harrisburg
Marcia Jackson – SDASBO, Hot Springs
Chrissy Peterson – SDCASE, Meade
Bob Sittig – SDSSA, Baltic
Melinda Jensen – SDASSP/Asst. Sec. Principal, Brookings
Rocky Brinkman – SDASSP/Sec. Principal, Andes Central
Jeff Rieckman – SDASSP/Middle School Principal,, Haakon

2012-2013

Jeff Ward – SDASCD, Meade
Tim Koehler – SDASSP/Middle School Principal, Harrisburg
Tim Raabe – SDASSP/Secondary Principal, Lennox
Jim Seyer – SDASSP/Asst. Secondary Principal, Spearfish
Tanja Pederson – SDAESP, Harrisburg
Kristin Hamman – SDCASE, Harrisburg
Georgia Sandgren – SDASBO, Black Hills Special Services Coop.
Al Leber – SDSSA, Dakota Valley

2013-2014

John Decker – SDAESP, Watertown
Brad Seamer – SDASSP/ Secondary Principal, McCook Central
Rhonda Gross – SDASSP/Middle School Principal, Arlington
Peggy Diekhoff – SDASSP/Asst. Secondary Principal, Todd Co.
Kym Johnston – SDASCD, Lennox
Michelle Powers – SDCASE, Brookings
Anita Stugelmeyer – SDASBO, Lemmon
Tim Mitchell – SDSSA, Rapid City

2014-2015

Rhonda Zinter – SDCASE, Milbank
Jim Aisenbrey – SDASSP/Secondary Principal, Baltic
Chad Allison, SDASSP/Middle School Principal, Lennox
Merna Bye, SDASBO, Corsica
Mike Radke, SDASSP/Asst. High School Principal, Huron
Tim Graf, SDSSA, Milbank
Dr. Sandra Huber Henry, SDASCD, Sioux Falls
Brad Olinger, SDAESP, Flandreau

2015-2016

Kevin Lein – SDASSP/Secondary Principal, Harrisburg
Ryan Rollinger – SDASSP/Asst. High School Principal, Harrisburg
Todd Brist – SDASSP/Middle School Principal, Watertown
Jim Holbeck – SDSSA, Harrisburg
Lory DuFrain - SDASBO, Wagner
Ethan Dschaak – SDAESP, Meade
Jennifer Heggelund – SDCASE, Watertown
Sherri Becker – SDASCD, Mitchell

2016-2017

Bud Gusso – SDASSP/Secondary Principal, Douglas
Susan Kurtz – SDASBO, West Central
Todd Foster – SDASSP/Asst. Secondary Principal, Brookings
Kim Johnson – SDAESP, Vermillion
Tracy Christensen – SDCASE, James Valley Ed. Coop
Marge Stoterau, SDASCD, Brandon Valley
Belinda Miller, SDASSP/Middle School Principal, Sioux Valley
Dan Leikvold, SDSSA, Lead-Deadwood

2017-2018

Chris Noid – SDAESP, Howard
Kelly Glodt – SDSSA, Pierre
Jerry Aberle – SDCASE, Northeast Ed Coop
Julie Marshall - SDASSP (High School Principal), Timber Lake
Brad McDonald - SDASSP (Asst. Middle School Principal), Tri-Valley
Cathy Telin - SDASBO, Britton-Hecla (Retired)
Sue McAdaragh – SDASCD, Sioux Falls
Cotton Koch – SDASSP (Middle School Principal), Madison Central

2018-2019

Dave Preheim – SDASSP (Asst. High School Principal) – Tea
Don Lyon – SDASSP (Middle school principal) – Spearfish
Joe Childs – SDASSP (High School Principal) – Mitchell
Matt Alley – SDAESP – West Central
Wendy Otheim – SDCASE – Brookings
Michael Amolins – SDASCD – Harrisburg
Paul Lundberg – SDASBO – Brandon Valley
Joel Jorgenson – SDSSA – Madison Central

2019-2020

Sarah Heilman – SDCASE – Spearfish
Terry Nebelsick – SDSSA – Huron
Jason Bietz – SDASBO – Yankton
Troy Wiebe – SDASCD – Pierre
Tracey Vik – SDAESP – Sioux Falls
Kyley Cumbow – SDASSP (Middle School Prin) Pierre
Craig Cassens – SDASSP (High School Prin) Faulkton
Chad Johnson – SDASSP (Asst Middle School Prin) Watertown

2020-2021

Joe Williams – SDASSP (Asst. High School) Meade
Mathew Raba – SDASSP (High School) Belle Fourche
Fran Ruesink – SDASSP (Middle School) Dell Rapids
Susan Purintun – SDASBO, DeSmet
Tonia Warzecha – SDASCD, Tea
Deb Muilenburg Wilson – SDCASE, Sioux Falls
Dr. Becky Guffin – SDSSA, Aberdeen
Nick Gottlob – SDAESP, Spearfish

2021-2022

Chantal Ligtenberg – SDAESP – Meade
Steve Willard – SDSSA – Belle Fourche
Marie Ivers – SDCASE – Milbank
Collin Knudson – SDASSP (High School Principal) – Tea
Brad Hartzler – SDASSP (Asst. High School Principal) – Harrisburg
Julie Marshall – SDASSP (Middle School Principal) – Timber Lake
Trista Olney – SDASBO (Business Manager) – Douglas
Dr. Michelle Vande Weerd – SDASCD – Brookings

2022-2023

Ann Pettit – SDASCD-Douglas
Dr. Jennifer Lowery – SDSSA – Tea
Dr. Samantha Walder – SDAESP – Tea
Brady Sumners – SDASSP (Asst. Middle School Principal) – Spearfish
Peter Wilson – SDASSP (High School Principal) – Meade
Darren Ellwein – SDASSP (Middle School Principal) – Harrisburg
Kathy Holter – SDASBO – Platte-Geddes
Mischelle Slaba – SDCASE – Wagner

2023-2024

Amanda Olinger – SDASSP (Assistant Middle School) – Harrisburg

Todd Foster – SDASSP (Middle School) – Brookings
Mark Naugle – SDSSA – Custer
Dr. Julie Hatling – SDAESP – Belle Fourche
Jason Kolousek – SDASSP (High School Principal) – Wessington Springs
Laura Welch – SDCASE – Lennox
Kristi Lewis – SDASBO – Chester
Camille Kaul – SDASCD – Aberdeen

2024-25

Bo Beck – SDASSP (Middle School) – Aberdeen
Kelly Messmer – SDASSP (High School) – Harding Co.
Jay Swatek – SDAESP – Tea
Jeff Daniels – SDSSA – Watertown
Connie Alspach – SDASBO – Dupree
Sherri Nelson – SDASCD – Brandon Valley
Monica Waltman – SDCASE – Douglas

2025-26

Richie Hutchinson - SDASSP (Asst Middle Principal) – Sioux Falls
David Olson- SDASSP (Middle) – Meade
Kay Bass – SDASSP (Asst. High School) – Harrisburg
Kendra Becker – SDASSP (High School) Redfield
Wayne Kindle – SDSSA - Yankton
Kathy Kaufman – SDASBO – McCook Central
Kim Aman – SDAESP – Aberdeen
Travis Lape – SDASCD – Harrisburg
Nicole Olson – SDCASE - Aberdeen

Started sending the “Weekly Watch” to the membership 3/6/2002