



KANSAS
SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

April 12, 2017 - 1:00 pm – 2:45 pm
KASB Building, Topeka, KS

Minutes in Review

Attendance

John Allison, Wichita USD 259, Region 11
Tom Alstrom, Halstead USD 440, Region 5
Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, Region 5
Bill Biermann, Goodland USD 352, Region 9
Tracy Bourne, Renwick USD 267, Region 6
Destry Brown, Pittsburg USD 250, Past President
Bob Diepenbrock, Kingman-Norwich USD 331, Region 8
Loren Feldkamp, Valley Falls USD 338, Region 1
Mike Folks, Clay County USD 379, Region 7
Cory Gibson, Valley Center USD 262, President
David Grover, Cheney USD 268, Region 6
Kenneth Harshberger, Meade USD 226, Region 10
Justin Henry, Goddard USD 265, AASA Governing Board
Suzan Patton, Pratt USD 382, President-Elect – Conference Call
Richard Proffitt, Chanute USD 413, Region 3
Mike Roth, Leavenworth USD 453, Region 1
Brian Smith, Galena USD 499, Region 3
Brian Spencer, Central Heights USD 288, Region 2
Brad Starnes, Mill Creek Valley USD 329, Region 4
Jeanne Stroh, Ottawa USD 290, Region 2
Glen Suppes, Smokey Valley USD 400, AASA Governing Board
Corbin Witt, Geary County USD 475, Region 4
Robert Young, Ellis USD 388, Region 7
Michael Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252, Council of Superintendents Chair
David Younger, Ulysses USD 214, Council of Superintendents Chair-Elect
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director

Guests: Troy Wade (DLR Group), Stephen Spoonhour (Spoonball Sports)

12:30 – Lunch and presentation courtesy of DLR Group

I. Call to Order

- President Cory Gibson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., and thanked Board Members for coming early for lunch and the DLR Group Presentation.

II. Consent Agenda

- Kenneth Harshberger moved to approve the agenda. Tom Alstrom seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- Mike Roth moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Justin Henry seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

- President Cory Gibson provided a leadership analogy he recently used to coach a new principal.

IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie reported on the February and March finances. He reported there is currently \$93,000 in the bank. There is still an almost \$40,000 outstanding liability to AASA, which gets paid in May, but is able to collect interest until then. There are still about \$9,000 left in expenses, and some sponsor money is still coming in. There should be about \$15,000 left after everything is paid, and some may be put in long-term reserves. A motion was made by Glen Suppes to approve the Finance Report. Seconded by Mike Berblinger. Approved Unanimously.
- G.A. Buie discussed membership. Membership is down by 3 from this time last year, at 245 members, but those positions have either retired or have been eliminated. There are currently 205 superintendent members representing 209 school districts, so there is still room to recruit and work on retention.
- President Cory Gibson discussed the USA-Kansas – KSSA service agreement. The current agreement is set at \$20,000, and has been at that level for as long as any of the Board Members could remember. Taking into account increases in representation and cost, Cory suggested the agreement be upped to \$25,000. Suzan Patton moved to increase the cost of the service agreement with USA-Kansas from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Destry Brown seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. Buie discussed the 2017-2018 budget. There are almost no changes from last year. No additional costs, and all of the sponsorships have been retained. Brian Spencer moved to approve the 2017-2018 KSSA budget. Brian Smith seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. Buie discussed a letter sent by NDD United to all Representatives and Senators discussing education, concerns about cuts, etc. KSSA signed on along with another 300 organizations in February. Kenneth Harshberger asked if we have had any contact with our Representatives or Senators. G.A. said through aides only, as they have had a difficult time getting through on the phone.

V. Legislative Update

- G.A. Buie gave the Legislative Report. He discussed SB138, which is currently in a joint committee. The 180-day waiting period in this bill is not ideal, but it removes the other limitations. There are 2 KPERS bills on the House side, but they are both patch bills that still include the limitations. The House has passed teacher due process, but it probably won't get through the Senate with its current wording. President Cory Gibson mentioned the possibility of shutdowns this year, and the importance of considering the "what ifs". HB 2410 looks much different from when it started. Questions still lingering: Is 5 years too long? What else

will be amended? What will Jeff King advise? This is looking to be another long session not likely to end in May.

- The Board broke out into groups at 1:36 to discuss HB 2410 and what the association's stance should be on it. They reconvened at 2:00. They decided it is important to align with KSDE's recommendations (2 years, SPED, base higher). It is possible they will look to KSSA on dollar amount again. This will be further discussed amongst the Board Members via email before a public statement is made with recommendations.

VI. AASA Report

- No report was made.

VII. Upcoming Director Election

- No report was made.

VIII. Executive Director Evaluation

- Tracy Bourn moved to send the Board into Executive Session at 2:34 p.m. to discuss the Executive Director's Evaluation. Tom Alstrom Seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. The Executive session ended at 2:45 p.m. While in Executive Session, Brian Spencer moved to amend the Executive Director's contract. Jamie Rumford seconded the motion. Approved Unanimously.

IX. New Business

- There was no new business.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

June 2, 2017 – Wichita Hyatt