



KANSAS  
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SUPERINTENDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

November 15, 2017 - 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Topeka, KS – KASB Building

### ***Minutes in Review***

#### Attendance

John Allison, Olathe USD 233, Region 11  
Tom Alstrom, Halstead USD 440, Region 5 - Zoom  
Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, Region 5  
Bill Biermann, Goodland USD 352, Region 9  
Tracy Bourne, Renwick USD 267, Region 6  
Mike Folks, Clay County USD 379, Region 7  
Loren Feldkamp, Valley Falls USD 338, Region 1  
Cory Gibson, Valley Center USD 262, Past President  
David Grover, Cheney USD 268, Region 6  
Kenneth Harshberger, Meade USD 226, Region 10  
Justin Henry, Goddard USD 265, President-Elect  
Steve Karlin, Garden City USD 457, Region 10  
Josh Meyer, St John-Hudson USD 350, Region 8  
Suzan Patton, Pratt USD 382, President  
Richard Proffitt, Chanute USD 413, Region 3  
Jamie Rumford, Scott City USD 466, Region 9  
Brian Smith, Galena USD 499, Region 3  
Brad Starnes, Mill Creek Valley USD 329, Region 4  
Jeanne Stroh, Ottawa USD 290, Region 2  
Robert Young, Ellis USD 388, Region 7  
David Younger, Ulysses USD 214, Council of Superintendents Chair  
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director

Guests – Sandy Short, Aspiring Administrator from Pratt, Troy Wade – DLR

12:00 – Lunch Courtesy of DLR Group

- I. Call to Order
  - President Suzan Patton called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
- II. Consent Agenda

- Cory Gibson moved to approve the agenda, which included minutes from the September meeting along with the agenda. Robert Young seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

### III. President's Report

- President Suzan Patton discussed the KASB Legislative Committee Resolution. Justin Henry moved to adopt KASB's Legislative Committee Resolution. Steve Brad Starnes seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

### IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie reported on the August, September, and October finances. David Grover moved to approve the August, September, and October Financial Reports. Jamie Rumford seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. Buie reported on membership. As of 11/15/2017, KSSA has 253 members, 232 of which are superintendents. For reference, KSSA finished last year with 245. This is the highest membership year since about 2010 according to Buie.
- G.A. also discussed the Distinguished Service Award, which is presented at the Superintendent of the Year Luncheon. G.A. will be sending out a call for nominations, and the Executive Board will select the winner.

### V. USA-Kansas Update

- G.A. Buie gave the USA-Kansas update. He explained that USA-Kansas has invested in a marketing audit. Sky King Marketing & Communications has gone over all of USA's marketing materials, websites, and email campaigns and has made recommendations. USA has since been working to make the suggested adjustments. The USA Board approved to retain Sky King for future marketing assistance.
- G.A. also discussed the Board's approval to move forward in the pursuit of hiring a potential part-time Assistant Executive Director. The Board is working on putting together a job description for this position.

### VI. AASA Report

- Justin Henry gave the AASA Report. He had a handout that included a pre-event planner for the conference in Nashville. We no longer have any hotel rooms available, so anyone still needing a hotel room can put in a request on the AASA website or pursue lodging individually.
- Justin also discussed an email from AASA Advocacy to asking members to contact legislators on the new tax bill regarding the bond adjustments.

### VII. KSSA Committee Report

- Steve Karlin discussed the work the Legislative Committee has been doing to put together the KSSA Legislative Priorities and Positions. He thanked everyone for their hard work on this. Josh Allison moved to approve the 2018 KSSA Legislative Priorities and Positions. Brian Smith seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. Buie discussed the Kansas Legislative Special Committee. He listed off the committee members. They have been approved for 3 days of committee work.
- Steve Karlin, Robert Young, and Richard Proffitt discussed Health Insurance and Procurement, as they were selected to sit on the committee.
- G.A. Buie discussed the agenda for KSSA Day at the KASB Convention next month and encouraged Board Members to register if they had not already. President Suzan Patton discussed the SOY finalist panel. She got the idea to have a panel discussion with this year's

finalists while hosting the interviews for the selection process. It was a phenomenal group of candidates, as always, and getting to hear their philosophies and the great things they are doing in their districts gave her the idea to share that information with KSSA members in this format.

VIII. KSSA Calendar of Activities

- KSSA Dinner 6:00 – Wichita -Nov. 30 - DLR group Sponsor
- KSSA Day @ KASB - December 1, 2017 Wichita
- SOY Celebration Jan. 10, 2018 - Topeka - OFG Sponsor
- KASB/USA Legislative Advocacy Jan. 11-12 Topeka
- USA Conf. May 30-June 1 – Wichita

IX. Council of Superintendents

- Meeting Dates:
  - Jan 10. 2018
  - **Feb. 21, 2018** Washburn Tech.
  - **April 11, 2018**

**Highlighted dates are KSSA Meeting Dates**

X. New Business

- President Suzan Patton reminded board members that now is a great time for a last push for quality time with legislators before the session starts in January. She encouraged them to invite their legislators into their districts and tell their stories.
- Suzan also discussed the monthly Phone-A-Friend for new superintendents. She is hoping to expand this monthly call to current superintendents as well, as it can be a valuable source of ideas and information, and though some of the information discussed might not be new, it would serve as a good reminder to current superintendents as well.

XI. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Next Meeting

February 21, 2018 – Washburn Institute of Technology, Topeka