



KANSAS
SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

April 10, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

KASB Building, Topeka, KS

Minutes in Review

Attendance

Justin Henry, Goddard USD 265, President
John Allison, Olathe USD 233, Region 11
Tom Alstrom, Halstead USD 440, Region 5
Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, President-Elect
Bob Diepenbrock, Kingman-Norwich USD 331, Region 8
Mike Folks, Clay County USD 379, Region 7
Loren Feldkamp, Valley Falls USD 338, Region 1
Cory Gibson, Valley Center USD 262, Region 6
David Grover, Cheney USD 268, Region 6
Kenneth Harshberger, Meade USD 226, Region 10
Steve Karlin, Garden City USD 457, Region 10
Gordon Mohn, McPherson USD 418, Region 5
Suzan Patton, Pratt USD 382, Past President
Richard Proffitt, Chanute USD 413, Region 3, CoS Chair
Mike Roth, Leavenworth USD 453, Region 1
Jamie Rumford, Scott City USD 466, Region 9
Brian Smith, Galena USD 499, Region 3
Steve Noble, Seaman USD 345, Region 2
Glen Suppes, Smoky Valley USD 400, AASA Governing Board
Robert Young, Ellis USD 388, Region 7
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director
Jerry Henn, USA-Kansas, Assistant Executive Director

I. Call to Order

- President Justin Henry called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

II. Consent Agenda

- Richard Proffitt moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the agenda and minutes from the February meeting. Suzan Patton seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

- President Justin Henry had no updates.

IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie discussed the Finance Report. We still have some sponsorship dollars coming in, so they March Financials look a little light, but once that money comes in we will be where we anticipated at the end of the fiscal year. Mike Roth moved to approve the financial reports from February and March. Jamie Rumford seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. Buie discussed membership. We are at 257 members at this point. We still have some superintendents from smaller districts that have not joined, but we have seen an increase in assistant superintendents. We need to make sure we are making connections with those that haven't joined. Justin Henry discussed some charts they were shown at an AASA board meeting that showed state enrollment before and after the recession, and numbers in Kansas hadn't bounced back like most other states had.
- G.A. discussed the KELI District Level Workshop Planning. We hosted regional meetings for KELI members for the first time this year. It went well, but looking toward next year we would like to do some planning and have a more structured curriculum for these meetings. G.A. asked anyone interested in helping with planning for next year to contact him.
- G.A. discussed the Federal IDEA Bill. He thanked those who shared out the message and actually reached out to Senator Roberts about fully funding IDEA. Senator Roberts did end up supporting this bill. G.A. said he knows everyone is busy, but appreciates that when things come up at the federal level you take the time to contact your representatives. Sasha and Noel with AASA are also really good about letting us know when things come up, and often send templates for contacting legislators.
- G.A. discussed the upcoming Federal Legislative Advocacy days coming up July 8-10 in Washington D.C. He encouraged those who can to attend. It is a very valuable few days. Justin Henry mentioned that it would be helpful, if possible, to have a someone from each congressional district in attendance. This is helpful because legislators are more likely to meet with us if there is someone from their own district in attendance, but also because it helps to not be spread so thin between these meetings. Anyone able to attend should contact G.A.
- G.A. discussed planning for the 2019-2020 Council of Superintendents meetings. He asked if the days and times are working for everyone, or if there is anything else that needs to be taken into consideration. It was mentioned that the locations used to rotate to different locations around the state. G.A. will check into the possibility of doing it this way again.

V. Legislative Update

- G.A. gave a legislative update. He discussed SB16's passage, and what we need to focus on going forward. Justin Henry suggested the need to think about our message once the Supreme Court makes their ruling. The way he sees it there are 3 possible outcomes: They decide this will work for now, but they need to fix the out years; this is not enough; or this is perfect and we are good to go. It's important to be prepared and consistent in messaging for whatever their response might be. The board also discussed issues that might come up next year. Topics included the lowest 100 public elementaries, our of state students in border districts, CPI, and KPERS/ working after retirement. Let G.A. know if you have any other issues in mind that need to be on KSSA's radar moving forward.

VI. AASA Report

- There was no news to report.

VII. Upcoming Directors Election

- G.A. discussed positions opening up on the KSSA Board of Directors. Current open positions, due to retirement and ends of terms include: Region 2 <1000; Region 3 <1000; Region 4 >1000; Region 5 <1000; Region 7 <1000; and Region 7 >1000. We will be sending out a call for nominations via email.
- Glen Suppes's spot on the AASA Governing Board is up. Glen recommended Wayne Burke for this position. G.A. has already spoken to Wayne Burke about whether he would be willing to serve, and he agreed he would be glad to take the position if that's what the board decides. Loren Feldkamp moved to appoint Wayne Burke to the AASA Governing Board. Steve Karlin seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.
- Justin Henry handed out plaques to outgoing board members and thanked them for their years of service.

VIII. Executive Director's Evaluation

- The Board went into executive session from 12:55-1:04 p.m. to discuss the Executive Director's Evaluation.

IX. New Business

- The New Superintendent Workshop will be June 18-19. We plan to have a cookout again that is open to all superintendents, where we will also be recognizing retirees.
- G.A. Buie presented a plaque to Justin Henry and thanked him for his service as President of the KSSA Board.

X. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Next Meeting

May 31, 2019 – Wichita, KS