



Board of Directors Meeting

February 17, 2016 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
KASB-Topeka, KS

Minutes

Attendance

Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, Region 5
Marlin Berry, Olathe USD 233, Region 11
Bill Biermann, Goodland USD 352, Region 9
Destry Brown, Pittsburg USD 250, President
G.A. Buie, Executive Director, USA|Kansas
Rick Doll, Lawrence USD 497, Region 1
Cory Gibson, Valley Center USD 262, KSSA President-Elect
Sue Givens, El Dorado USD 490, KSSA Past-President
Kenneth Harshberger, Meade USD 226, Region 10
Justin Henry, Goddard USD 265, AASA Governing Board - Conference Call
Ben Jacobs, Ellinwood USD 355, Region 8 - Conference Call
Rose Kane, Belle Plaine USD 357, Region 6
Steve Noble, Hillsboro USD 410, Region 5
Jamie Rumford, Scott City USD 466, Region 9
Lacee Sell, Chapman USD 473, Region 4
Brian Smith, Galena USD 499, Region 3
Brad Starnes, Mill Creek Valley USD 329, Region 4
Glen Suppes, Smoky Valley USD 400, AASA Governing Board
Robert Young, Ellis USD 388, Region 7

Guests: Kevin Greischer, Troy Wade, and Tom Kurucz, DLR Group

Lunch was provided by DLR group

- I. Call to Order
 - President Destry Brown called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
- II. Consent Agenda
 - Brad Starnes moved to approve the consent agenda. Brian Smith seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- III. Legislative Update
 - G.A. Buie gave the Legislative Update. He spoke on the following items:
 - **KPERS**, working after retirement, and the hardship options

- **HB2700:** Rep. Edmond's bill on Liability Agreements (pre-arrangements)
- **HB2656:** lifting the earnings cap at age 62
- **HB2484 & SB356** Bond equalization bills that are currently active, but not being worked
- **SB367:** Juvenile Justice bill
- **HB2504:** Realignment bill has been killed
- **HB2457:** Tax Credit bill that is still active
- **SB357:** Reading Program bill has been killed
- Discussion was held around the finance formula presentation that was delivered in the House Education committee on Tuesday. Marlin Berry reported on a few key points; Foundation aid based on enrollment, all day kindergarten, high needs students, career and technical education and bond equalization.

IV. President's Report

- No Report was given.

V. Executive Director's Report

- Motion was made by Sue Givens to approve the Finance Report. Seconded by Lacey Sell. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. Buie reported that Membership is good, numbers are up. KSSA has 346 members, which is officially up 20 from this time last year. This is the first positive gain in the last 5 years.
- G.A. Buie reported that 92 Superintendents were registered at KSSA Day.
- G.A. Buie spoke in the Superintendent of the Year Award Luncheon, and reported that OFG sponsored the event, covering the cost of the lunch, awards, and scholarships.

VI. USA|Kansas Meeting Update

- USA|Kansas Board Meeting was postponed, no report given

VII. Opportunities with Design

- Troy Wade with the DLR Group provided lunch and discussed a model school in Missouri and Louisiana which will support both high school and college enrollments.

VIII. AASA Report

- Justin Henry reported on the AASA Legislative Agenda. Two points of interest: the federal budget allocation for public education is less than 2%, and it is anticipated 35% of all current superintendents will retire in the next 5 years. He also shared AASA look at "Redefining Ready."

IX. AASA Conference Recap

- Sue Givens and Cory Gibson discussed the conference, and thanked G.A. for his help arranging sponsorship meetings in Phoenix.

X. New Superintendent Workshop

- President Brown discussed the idea of adding a follow-up meeting in the spring for new superintendents. Sue Givens suggested November might also be a good time for new superintendents to meet and connect with a Council of Superintendents meeting. Rick Doll would like to extend an invitation to KELI to help support the program.

XI. Council of Superintendents

- Cory Gibson discussed redefining the purpose of the Council of Superintendents. The goal of the Council should remain the same, but maybe without designated council members. Additional discussion was held about a live streaming option. Bill Biermann pointed out, as someone who travels a long distance to attend the COS meeting, information is often duplicated between COS and area superintendent meetings.
- Sue Givens moved to establish a committee to look at the structure of the Council of Superintendents. Jamie Rumford seconded. Approved unanimously.

XII. New Business

- G.A. introduced a KSSA board priority monthly calendar. Sue Givens suggested the bylaws and handbook be revisited and include the calendar.
- President Destry Brown shared it's time for everyone to start thinking about the next President-Elect and Board of Director nominations.
- G.A. Buie shared a reading program being used in Great Bend and the idea it could be introduced statewide. Sue Givens suggested that is was a sound idea conceptually, but not necessarily the role of the KSSA Board. Lacey Sell suggested it may be more suited for KSDE. President Destry Brown suggested it be referred to the USA Conference.

XIII. Executive Session

- Executive Session began at 1:28 p.m.

XIV. Adjourned

- Meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.