



KANSAS
SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

September 13, 2017 - 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Topeka, KS – KASB Building

Minutes in Review

Attendance

John Allison, Olathe USD 233, Region 11 - Zoom
Tom Alstrom, Halstead USD 440, Region 5
Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, Region 5 – Zoom
Bill Biermann, Goodland USD 352, Region 9
Tracy Bourne, Renwick USD 267, Region 6
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, 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
Mike Roth, Leavenworth USD 453, Region 1
Jamie Rumford, Scott City USD 466, Region 9
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, Smoky Valley USD 400, AASA Governing Board
Corbin Witt, Geary County USD 475, Region 4
Robert Young, Ellis USD 388, Region 7
David Younger, Ulysses USD 214, Council of Superintendents Chair
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director

Guest – Sandy Short, Aspiring Administrator from Pratt

12:00 – Lunch Courtesy of DLR Group

I. Call to Order

- President Suzan Patton called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. She asked the board members to introduce themselves and give a short highlight of their school year so far.

II. Consent Agenda

- Brad Starnes moved to approve the agenda, which included minutes from the June meeting along with the agenda. Justin Henry seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

- President Suzan Patton discussed the KTOY program. KSSA has previously sponsored the KTOY banquet at the bronze level (\$250). Tom Alstrom moved to up the sponsorship to the silver level (\$500). Steve Karlin seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie reported on the June and July finances. It still shows an outstanding liability of about \$8,000 to AASA. We have contacted AASA and they show that we are completely paid up, and we are now working on getting this off the books and documented correctly. We are in a really strong position, financially. We would like to put a little more money into long-term savings in the future.
- G.A. Buie reported on membership. We typically don't start to look at membership numbers this early, as membership starts to come in slowly, and picks up mid to late September. We currently have 189 KSSA members, 164 of whom are superintendents. Last October we had 214 members, so we are right on track. We have nearly doubled PLN District enrollment, so we hope this positively impacts workshop registrations.
- G.A. reported on the ASE meeting he attended over the summer in Vermont. This conference is for the 50 Executive Directors of the statewide superintendent associations. He described it to be a powerful meeting and a great chance to collaborate. He also met a lot of great sponsors that we haven't yet had in Kansas, offering some new services. He also got a lot of good response from other executive directors on the positive shift we experienced at the Statehouse this past year.
- G.A. reported on the response letter to KSDE on Proposed changes to K.A.R. 91-22-1a. Mid-July we received information about potential license changes, including the ability to revoke or suspend licenses for bullying behavior. We don't feel it provides an extensive enough definition of bullying, and should be referred to as "bullying behavior." There is concern this change could end up punishing those who it is not meant for.
- G.A. discussed a meeting on September 18 between himself, KASB, Wichita, Greenbush, and Smoky Hill. Board members discussed the importance of local control.
- G.A. discussed possible involvement with collaborating to create a state-wide membership organization for technology leadership. There is collaboration going on around the state, but there is currently no leadership state-wide. This issue will be revisited.

V. USA-Kansas Update

- G.A. Buie gave the USA-Kansas update. There's not much going on currently on the legislative front. There is still no word out of the Supreme Court, and some interim committees have not yet met. Board members discussed visits their districts have received from gubernatorial candidates, and the importance of arming them with the facts.
- G.A. discussed the PLN, and the focus on redesigning leadership with the help of Gwen Poss and Marceta Reilly.

VI. AASA Report

- Glen Suppes and Justin Henry discussed the AASA Advocacy challenge, and passed out handouts reminding the board it's not too late to sign up, and you don't have to be an AASA member to participate.
- Glen and Justin discussed the KSSA/KASB Federal Relations Meeting held 2 weeks prior. The AASA lobbyist phoned in, and they discussed the importance of being involved. If you contact AASA they will help you. Staffers are wanting more information on education.
- Glen and Justin discussed the AASA "I Love Public Education" initiative to encourage positive conversations on what public schools do. G.A. encouraged KSSA members to join AASA as a valuable organization that sends out a lot of information and resources for those who choose to be involved.

VII. KSSA Committee Appointments

- The Legislative Committee met and discussed creating the 2017-2018 KSSA Legislative Priorities List.
- The Professional Learning Committee met and discussed KSSA Day. They focused on amplifying conversations, possible panel discussions, and communications with districts. Leslie with AASA will be coming in.

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:
 - **Sept. 13, 2017**
 - Oct 11, 2017 - Wichita Hyatt
 - **Nov 15, 2017**
 - Jan 10. 2018
 - **Feb. 21, 2018** Washburn Tech.
 - **April 11, 2018**

Highlighted dates are KSSA Meeting Dates

X. KSSA By-Lay Changes

- No changes.

XI. New Business

- President Suzan Patton reminded board members that if they had previously reached out to a new superintendent, now would be a good time to follow up with them and encourage them to join KSSA, reiterating the benefits. Last year G.A. and Cory Gibson started a "Phone a Friend" with the new superintendents, which Suzan is now happy to facilitate.

XII. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next Meeting

November 15, 2017 – KASB, Topeka