



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

November 10, 2015 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
BG Products Stadium, El Dorado, KS

### *Unofficial Minutes*

#### Attendance

Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, Region 5  
Marlin Berry, Olathe USD 233, Region 11  
Bill Biermann, Goodland USD 352, Region 9  
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  
Ben Jacobs, Ellinwood USD 355, Region 8  
Rose Kane, Belle Plaine USD 357, Region 6  
Bev Mortimer, Concordia USD 333, Region 7  
Steve Noble, Hillsboro USD 410, Region 5  
Suzan Patton, Pratt USD 382, Region 8  
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  
Glen Suppes, Smoky Valley USD 400, AASA Governing Board  
Craig Wilford, Derby USD 260, Region 6  
Robert Young, Ellis USD 388, Region 7  
G.A. Buie, USA|Kansas

Lunch was provided by DLR group

#### I. Call to Order

- President-Elect Cory Gibson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

#### II. Consent Agenda

- Kenneth Harshberger moved to approve the consent agenda. Brad Starnes seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

#### III. President's Report

- President Destry Brown was absent, no report was given.

#### IV. Executive Director's Report

- Motion was made by Sue Givens to approve the Finance Report. Seconded by Marlin Berry. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. Buie spoke on the potential joint partnership for a Communication Specialist.
- G.A. Buie laid out a plan to expand the services offered through USA|Kansas, focusing heavily on Professional Learning and Membership services for 2016-2017.

#### V. Construction PD

- Troy Wade discussed how the building designs and concepts of new facilities can enhance the instructional opportunities for both students and teachers.

#### VI. AASA Report

- Glen Suppes and Justin Henry shared a letter from Noelle Ellerson and discussed the "Dear Colleague" letter going through the House of Representatives. They encouraged board members to read and contact their local House of Representative members and share their thoughts and concerns.

#### VII. AASA Conference

- G.A. Buie shared information regarding registrations and hotel accommodations for the AASA National Conference on Education held in Phoenix.

#### VIII. KPERS Committee

- Sue Givens and Glen Suppes shared the KSSA and USA|Kansas recommendations as presented to the Joint Committee for Pensions, Investments and Benefits regarding "Working After Retirement" through KPERS.
- The most compelling recommendation was asking the committee to consider allowing KPERS retirees to return to full employment and continue to receive full KPERS benefits as long as the individual does not go back to work in the same district as they retired.

#### IX. Legislative Committee

- Sue Givens moved the Legislative Committee's 2016 KSSA Legislative Positions and Priorities be approved. Glen Suppes seconded. Approved unanimously.
- The board identified three (3) areas considered for priorities which were highlighted on the KSSA Legislative Positions and Priorities.
- Ken Harshberger moved to delete from the 2016 KSSA Legislative Positions and Priorities "KSSA supports multi-year budget funding." Seconded by Steve Noble. Approved unanimously.

#### X. School Finance Committee

- G.A. Buie shared the Five Funding fundamentals developed by USA|Kansas School Finance Committee.

#### XI. Sponsorship Guideline

- This item was tabled until the April meeting.

XII. Professional Development Update

- G.A. Buie shared the agenda for the December 4, 2015 KSSA Superintendent's Day during the KASB Convention and the January 20, 2016 agenda for the KSSA Awards Luncheon.

XIII. New Business

- There was no new business.

XV. Adjourned