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ASSOCIATION

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

February 21, 2018 - 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Topeka, KS – Washburn Institute of Technology

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

#### Attendance

John Allison, Olathe USD 233, Region 11  
Tom Alstrom, Halstead USD 440, Region 5  
Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, Region 5  
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  
Suzan Patton, Pratt USD 382, President  
Richard Proffitt, Chanute USD 413, Region 3  
Jamie Rumford, Scott City USD 466, Region 9  
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

#### I. Call to Order

- President Suzan Patton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### II. Consent Agenda

- Cory Gibson moved to approve the agenda, which included minutes from the November meeting along with the agenda. Mike Folks seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

### III. President's Report

- President Suzan Patton discussed the AASA Conference in Nashville. She found it to be a great conference and encourages other to attend. She discussed the Early Childhood Symposium, saying it was time well spent with a good speaker and good information, especially for those trying to bring early childhood programs to their district or expand current programs.
- She also discussed the Phone-a-Friend program, and alterations made last month to include current superintendents to enhance conversation.
- Cory Gibson moved for the Board to go into executive session to discuss G.A.'s contract and evaluation. Richard Proffitt seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. The board was in executive session from 1:06 – 1:15 p.m. Suzan will be in touch with USA-Kansas president Pete Bastian to discuss the evaluation.

### IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie reported on the November, December, and January finances. Tom Alstrom moved to approve the Financial Reports. Bob Diepenbrock seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. Buie discussed the financial report for November, December, and January. January was a little low because KSSA paid some bills for the Superintendent of the Year Luncheon and Nashville activities, but these will all be reimbursed through sponsorships.
- G.A. Buie discussed membership. KSSA is up to 256 members. Last year KSSA finished the year at 245 members. We will continue to work to increase these numbers by bringing in more assistant superintendents and the few superintendents that have not joined.
- G.A. also discussed New Superintendent Workshop. Last year Brian Spencer chaired the committee. We are working with KSDE on programming and encourage current superintendents to get involved.
- G.A. shared there will be a change in the 2019 SOY Luncheon. It will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and will be more integrated into the scheduling for the USA/KASB Legislative Advocacy Conference. This should make it possible for more superintendents to attend.
- G.A. discussed training needs. He will be meeting with Rick Doll and asked the board for input on what they wanted brought up in relation to KELI training. The board discussed engaging new superintendents, especially those in dual roles.

### V. Legislative Update

- G.A. Buie gave the Legislative Update. He discussed HB 2613 (Provision of assistive technology, sign language and Braille services for students with a disability), HB 2692 (Requiring the provision of applied behavior analysis for students diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder), HB 2602 (Substitute for HB 2602 by the Committee on Education - Creating the legislative task force on dyslexia), and HB 2578 (Relating to teacher due process and the publication of school district bullying plans).
- The Board discussed the potential for upcoming student/teacher walkouts. There was a consensus that these conversations should be continued in the coming weeks, and USA-Kansas is looking to change the next round of drive-in workshops to include school safety topics.
- G.A. discussed upcoming meetings with Lori Taylor with the Legislature and educators seeking input.

VI. AASA Report

- Justin Henry reported AASA dues will be going up \$10 next year.

VII. Upcoming President-Elect Election

- G.A. Buie discussed board member spots that will be up for next year. He plans to send an email out March 1<sup>st</sup> seeking President-Elect nominations, and regional position nominations in April.

VIII. New Business

- There was no new business.

IX. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Next Meeting

April 11, 2018 – KASB, Topeka