



Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
KASB Building, Topeka, KS

Minutes in Review

Attendance

John Allison, Olathe USD 233, Region 11
Mike Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252, President-Elect
Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, President
Bill Biermann, Goodland USD 352, Region 9
Quentin Breese, Concordia USD 333, Region 7
Loren Feldkamp, Tonganoxie USD 464, Region 1
David Grover, Cheney USD 268, Region 6
Kenneth Harshberger, Meade USD 226, Region 10
Justin Henry, Goddard USD 265, Past President, AASA Governing Board
Darrel Kohlman, Nemaha Central USD 115, Region 4
George Leary, Moundridge USD 423, Region 5
Josh Meyer, St John-Hudson USD 350, Region 8
Royce Powelson, Jayhawk USD 346, Region 2, CoS Chair
Richard Proffitt, Pittsburg USD 250, Region 3
Jamie Rumford, Scott City USD 466, Region 9
Brad Starnes, Mill Creek Valley USD 329, Region 4
Steve Noble, Seaman USD 345, Region 2
Khris Thexton, Great Bend USD 428, Region 8
Jeff Travis, Beloit USD 273, Region 7
Blake Vargas, Caney Valley USD 436, Region 3
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director
Jerry Henn, USA-Kansas, Assistant Executive Director

I. Call to Order

- President Mike Berblinger called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. Consent Agenda

- Jamie Rumford moved to approve the consent agenda which included the agenda, financial reports from September and October, and minutes from the September meeting. Jeff Travis seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

- President Mike Berblinger discussed the possibility of supporting the Kansas Values Institute again this election cycle. We hosted a reception in the past, would we like to do something like that again? The board discussed the options and decided it was best left to individual members to choose whether to offer support.
- Mike also discussed the upcoming Kansas Teacher of the Year Awards. This is a great event, and there are currently 16 seats available for our group if anyone wishes to attend.

IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie gave the Membership Update. Numbers are up from last year. We sent out a final reminder, there are a handful that are still coming in, and some who thought they updated their membership that had not yet. G.A. included a list of non-members if board members would like to reach out to their friends in the area.
- G.A. discussed a recent meeting centered around diversity. They discussed diversity challenges in Kansas and trying to put together a diversity program and encourage minorities to pursue leadership roles so that school leadership could be a better reflection of student populations. They are planning to meet again in December to work on putting some pieces together.
- G.A. discussed the upcoming KSSA Day at the KASB conference. December 5 will be the evening reception sponsored by McCown Gordon. December 6 will be the program, which will include more group conversations than in the past few years, and will utilize ThoughtExchange. After lunch will be a SOY Panelist panel discussion followed by Steve Dicky.
- G.A. spoke about the KSSA Distinguished Service Award. We will be pushing this information out tomorrow.
- G.A. discussed the 202 Superintendent of the Year Awards Luncheon coming up on January 15, 2020. It will be in conjunction with the Advocacy Conference again this year, followed by the Council of Superintendents and a reception with legislators depending on the State of the State Address schedule.
- G.A. has been talking with the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas and Dale Dennis will be honored as Kansan of the Year at their Banquet. G.A. encouraged board members to attend in support of Dale. This will be a formal event.

V. USA-Kansas Update

- G.A. and Mike discussed the upcoming USA-Kansas conference. The theme is set, the keynotes are set, dueling pianos are back, it should be another great event.
- The Launching Leadership workshops have been going really well. We have had around 100 total in attendance for each of the topics. There are 2 more Collaborative Leadership workshops left next week. Follow-up has been a little slow, but content is leaving them excited and motivated and they are leaving with plans of action in hand.

VI. AASA Report

- Justin Henry discussed the Legislative Committee's desire to put together a resolution of support for IDEA. We need to support Senator Roberts on this, and it will be more powerful if we can get all of our organizations on board. Justin Henry moved to put

together a resolution in support of Senator Roberts and IDEA. Seconded by Mike Argabright. Approved unanimously.

- The AASA National Conference is coming up February 12-15.
- Fill out the benefits and salary survey.

VII. Committee Reports

- The Legislative Committee went over the Draft Legislative Platform. There were some significant changes made. In the past there were a couple of different headings. Darrel Kohlman moved to approve the Legislative Platform. Seconded by Blake Vargas. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. gave an update on the progress of the Dyslexia Committee. The Committee recommendations have been approved but he hasn't been able to find anything yet. We had Elizabeth Stevens here in September and in Maize and Goddard this Monday and Tuesday. G.A. was amazed when she asked for the definition of dyslexia no one could really explain it. She did a great job helping attendees understand there is no quick fix. Early intervention and good reading strategies are key.

VIII. KSSA Calendar of Activities

- KSSA Dinner 6:00 – Wichita -Dec. 5 – McGowan Gordon- Sponsor
- KSSA Day @ KASB - December 5
- KSSA Asst. Supt Workshop November 1 2019
- SOY Celebration Jan. 15, 2020 Topeka - OFG Sponsor
- KASB/USA Legislative Advocacy Jan. 15-16 Topeka
- USA Conf. May 27-May 29 - Wichita

IX. Council of Superintendents

- Have conversations about the KESA process. Redesign for everyone is coming quick. By 2022 is more the goal now, when at first we were talking 2026
- Meeting Dates:
 - Jan 15, 2020 Capital Plaza Hotel-Topeka
 - **Feb. 19, 2020 KASB-Topeka**
 - **April 15, 2020 KASB-Topeka**

Highlighted dates are KSSA Meeting Dates

X. New Business

- The board discussed the upcoming Kansans Can Star Recognition Awards.

XI. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 12:48p.m.

Next Meeting

February 19, 2020 – KASB Building, Topeka