



Board of Directors Meeting

June 10, 2020 – 1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Topeka – KASB

Minutes in Review

Attendance

Mike Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252, President
Quentin Breese, Concordia USD 333, Region 7
Wayne Burke, Spring Hill USD 230, AASA Governing Board
Tavis Desormiers, WaKeeney USD 208, Region 9
Fred Dierksen, Dodge City USD 443, CoS Chair
Mike Folks, Hutchinson USD 308, Region 5
Cory Gibson, Valley Center USD 262, Region 6
David Grover, Cheney USD 268, Region 6
Kenneth Harshberger, Meade USD 226, Region 10
Justin Henry, Goddard USD 265, AASA Governing Board
Steve Karlin, Garden City USD 457, Region 10, President-Elect
Darrel Kohlman, Nemaha Central USD 115, Region 4
Josh Meyer, St John-Hudson USD 350, Region 8
Steve Noble, Seaman USD 345, Region 2
Royce Powelson, Jayhawk USD 346, Region 2
Richard Proffitt, Pittsburg USD 250, Region 3
Mike Roth, Leavenworth USD 453, Region 1
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
Mike Berblinger

I. Call to Order

- President Mike Berblinger called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda

- Royce Powelson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the agenda, minutes from the April meeting, USA-KSSA service agreement, membership dues of \$150 plus USA membership, appointing G.A. Buie as Secretary/Treasurer, approving the

2020-2021 slate of officers (Mike Argabright- President; Steve Karlin– President-Elect; Open– Past President). Richard Proffitt seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

- President Mike Argabright thanked outgoing president Mike Berblinger for his leadership, and thanked all board members for attending. The 2020 New Superintendent Workshop is tomorrow. Thanks to those who are helping out to make it possible. There were 43 superintendent changes this year, 24 of those are new to the profession. Please reach out to the new superintendents in your area, introduce yourself, and make yourself available.

IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie informed the board, with Steve Karlin being elected as President-Elect, this has left an opening in Region 10. We will be sending out a call for nominations tomorrow. He welcomed all new board members.
- KSDE Licensure committee openings (PSB) (ERC)
 - 2 positions open, Steve served previously
 - Meeting quarterly
 - Need to fill pretty quickly
- Finance Reports (May)
 - G.A. discussed the finance report. Nothing major, we are doing just fine. Almost all of our expected revenue has come in. The AASA Legislative Advocacy Conference and Leadership Conference were cancelled, so those expenses aren't there this year.
 - Jeff Travis moved to approve the May Finance Report. Seconded by Steve Noble. Approved unanimously.
- 2020-2021 Budget
 - G.A. discussed the budget. He explained there are almost no changes. We didn't figure in a member reduction, we expect numbers to remain steady.
 - Wayne Burke moved to approve the 2020-2021 Budget. Seconded by Darrel Kohlman. Approved unanimously.

V. Topics Around the State

- Starting School in the Fall – Covid -19
 - The board discussed how they are preparing, and how they can support fellow superintendents. Some have made changes to their calendar, frontloading PD days. Many issues were discussed including meals, transportation, testing, etc. KSDE will be sharing their recommendations on July 9th.
- Resources
 - If there are things we can/should provide to our membership, documents, workshops, activities, etc. what does everyone need?
 - Group conversations have been great, similar sized districts, similar demographics. How often, when? Helpful but not overdoing it. Harder with small districts trying to work with their schedules because they have many roles.

- Groups will define their own schedule
- Diversity & Recent Protests
 - This is an opportunity to revisit curriculum. A lot of teachers are uncomfortable, don't say the right thing, need to work on easing comfort. This is the time to have those conversations.
 - Blake Vargas – 8:46 is a big thing, going to take that time every day to do something positive, still working on it. Helping our community understand this movement, opening their eyes.
 - GA – getting individuals of color involved in leadership roles. Going to start a diversity in ed conversation, every 2 weeks, online. Start with 5 superintendents of color, address protests, curriculum, etc. in a panel discussion. Trying to start conversation. As things evolve, we'll evolve the conversations.
 - We need to have staff ready to deal with these topics when students come back.

VI. USA-Kansas Update

- New Conference dates: August 29-31, Hybrid model. All events throughout the year will be hybrid as well.
- PLN Membership
 - Membership forms have gone out. This is a great opportunity to pay for professional development up front. We are working on adding some virtual events as well.
- With the restructuring of the Principals Associations, KAESP, KASSP, and KAMSA are becoming one, the Kansas Principals Association.
- KSSA is now in line for the president-elect position. WE will have a second opening for a director. Please send nominations to G.A.
 - Steve Karlin nominates Steve Noble for this position. Seconded by Mike Argabright, approved unanimously.

VII. AASA Report

- AASA Conference will be online, free to all members July 6-9. We will miss Washington D.C. and meeting personally with our representatives. Please reach out and talk to your representatives, remind them to keep education at the forefront. AASA sent out a Covid recommendation as well as a message about racism. Our communities are looking to us for leadership. We need to make sure our kids know they are safe.

VIII. Council of Superintendents Meeting Dates: **Sept. 9, 2020**

- Oct 14, 2020 Dodge City
- **Nov 18, 2020**
- Jan 20, 2021

- **Feb. 10, 2021**
- **April 14, 2021**
- **Highlighted dates are KSSA Meeting Dates**

IX. Legislative Conversation/Direction

- After school weighted funding, transportation, sharing info on how to vote absentee. This is also a great time to donate to pro-education candidates.

X. New Business

- There was no new business.

XI. Adjourn

- Jeff Travis moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m. Seconded by Steve Noble. Approved unanimously.