



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

September 22, 2021

8:00 – 9:25 a.m.

Crestview Country Club, Wichita

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

#### Attendance

Mike Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252, Past President  
Katina Brenn, Colby USD 315, Region 9  
Wayne Burke, Spring Hill USD 230, AASA Governing Board  
Randal Chickadonz, Rose Hill USD 394, Region 6  
Justin Coup, Solomon USD 393, Region 4  
Tavis Desormiers, WaKeeney USD 208, Region 9  
Fred Dierksen, Dodge City USD 443, CoS Chair  
Loren Feldkamp, Tonganoxie USD 464, Region 1  
Mike Folks, Hutchinson USD 308, Region 5  
Chad Higgins, Maize USD 266, CoS Chair-Elect  
Steve Karlin, Garden City USD 457, Region 10, President  
Darrel Kohlman, Nemaha Central USD 115, Region 4  
Josh Meyer, St John-Hudson USD 350, Region 8  
Steve Noble, Seaman USD 345, Region 2  
Richard Proffitt, Pittsburg USD 250, Region 3  
Jamie Rumford, Scott City USD 466, President-Elect  
Khris Thexton, Great Bend USD 428, Region 8  
Alicia Thompson, Wichita USD 259, Region 11; CoS Chair  
Blake Vargas, Caney Valley USD 436, Region 3  
Mike Waters, Cimarron USD 102, Region 10  
Clark Wedel, Haven USD 312, Region 5  
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director

#### I. Call to Order

- President Steve Karlin called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### II. Consent Agenda

- Loren Feldkamp moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the agenda and minutes from the June meeting. Seconded by Blake Vargas. Approved Unanimously.

### III. President's Report

- President Steve Karlin discussed staff shortages. We are experiencing statewide staff shortages, not just teachers. Steve would like to put a committee together to be more active about a solution.
- Steve discussed the importance of identifying friendly legislative candidates now. We typically wait to see who the candidates are, but maybe we should be more proactive in seeking out candidates. The ultra-conservative right is well organized and have people ready to step in. Let's seek out education friendly potential candidates and support them in their primaries. If we wait until this time next year it will be too late.

### IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie discussed the Financial Reports from June, July, and August. We didn't host KSSA day, which is a large revenue event, so we are down a little from last year. We haven't had as much sponsorship money coming in due to the lack of in-person events. We have KSSA day coming up in November. Joe Sanfelippo is the keynote speaker. He is very dynamic and motivating. Income and sponsorships from that event should get us back to where we need to be.
  - Darrell Kohlman moved to approve the June, July, and August Financial Reports. Seconded by Loren Feldkamp. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. gave a membership update. KSSA is at 202 members, which is right on track with last year. We will hold off another 2 weeks before we get membership lists out to regional directors. We still have quite a few forms that need to be processed. Once that is caught up we can reach out to potential members. Forms have still been coming in consistently.
- G.A. gave an update on Professional Development. We have a group of superintendents in a PD meeting right now, talking about the positive things happening in their districts. G.A. discussed the importance of sharing out the good news coming from your districts. The silent majority is more vulnerable now than they have ever been, constantly being shamed by the louder minority.
- G.A. discussed the KELI Mentoring meetings. We have 2 scheduled in conjunction with these meetings. One in Hutchinson, and one in Colby. We are trying to get them involved with the larger group activities. Many of these young superintendents are going to be in leadership positions very quickly, and we need to get them prepared.
- G.A. discussed holding Assistant Superintendent/Director meetings similar to what we did a couple years ago. We are looking at one in south central Kansas, and one in the Topeka/Kansas City area. Let G.A. know what topics would be beneficial.
- G.A. gave an update on the Superintendent of the Year process. Eight superintendents have completed applications, which have gone out to the 9 evaluators. We should be announcing finalists by next Friday.

### V. USA-Kansas Update

- G.A. discussed the PLN. This is the biggest year we've had. The Elevate Leadership program kicked off yesterday; 5 regions and urban and suburban groups. It is working to connect leaders and get them away from management and into leadership. For the 360 program, 48 principals have administered the survey.

- Steve Noble discussed the School News workshop that took place in Goddard. It was practical and useful. Dick Brundage and a current broadcast journalist from the KC area helped attendees put together short news blurbs. Anyone can do this whether you have a communication director or not. Blake Vargas sent a team from his district, and they are having their students put the segments together.
- G.A. introduced Jessica Griffin, our new Director of Professional Learning, and Cara Ledy, our new Director of Principal Services.
- G.A. asked the board what supports are still needed. Blake Vargas mentioned they are struggling to get access to speed sensors for buses. They can't get the part, and this issue is disabling buses. The KSDE transportation folks are going to be on the Council of Superintendents today, let's talk to them about it.
- G.A. walked the board through the Higher Logic online community platform.

#### VI. Legislative Topics

- Craig Correll is the new chair. The first meeting is virtual on October 5. The board discussed platform topics. The sooner we get our platform pu

#### VII. AASA Report

- Wayne Burke gave the AASA report. The AASA Conference is February 16 -19 in Nashville. Staff shortages are a national problem, not just in Kansas. It will be great to talk with folks living through the same issues. A huge crowd is expected. We will have 3 evening receptions, with a big dinner Friday night.
- Wayne discussed their trip to Washington DC. They spent quite a bit of time with Jerry Moran. They asked him to carry the ball on SPED. They also met with Dr. Marshall, discussed SPED funding as well.

#### VIII. Council of Superintendents

- Oct 19-20, 2021 Hutchinson
- **Nov 17-18, 2021 – Colby**
- Jan 26, 2022 (2:00 – Topeka)
- **Feb. 23, 2022** (3:00 – Topeka)
- **April 20, 2022** (3:00 – Topeka)
- **Highlighted dates are KSSA Meeting Dates**
- The next meeting is in October in Hutchinson. Thanks to Katina, Alicia, and Mike for hosting meetings this fall.

#### IX. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.