



KANSAS
SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

April 20, 2022

12:30-2:30 p.m.

KASB Building, Topeka

Minutes in Review

Attendance

Mike Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252, Past President
Ryan Bradbury, Wellsville USD 289, Region 2
Quentin Breese, Concordia USD 333, Region 7
Katina Brenn, Colby USD 315, Region 9
Randal Chickadonz, Rose Hill USD 394, Region 6
Tavis Desormiers, WaKeeney USD 208, Region 9
Fred Dierksen, Dodge City USD 443, Region 10
Loren Feldkamp, Tonganoxie USD 464, Region 1
Mike Folks, Hutchinson USD 308, Region 5
David Grover, Cheney USD 268, Region 6
Justin Henry, Goddard USD 265, AASA Governing Board
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
Steve Noble, Seaman USD 345, Region 2
Richard Proffitt, Pittsburg USD 250, Region 3
Mike Roth, Leavenworth USD 453, Region 1
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
Jeff Travis, Beloit USD 273, Region 7
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

Guest: Michelle Hubbard

I. Call to Order

- President Steve Karlin called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda

- Jeff Travis moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the agenda, minutes from the March meeting, and the February and March Financials. Seconded by Quentin Breese. Approved Unanimously.

III. President's Report

- President Steve Karlin asked how board members were doing with teacher vacancies. Board members discussed their open positions, some have been vacant for 2-3 years. It continues to be a challenge, and will take a concerted effort to fix.
- Steve introduced Craig Correll as President-Elect. Congratulations to him!

IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie gave an update on the AASA Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C. July 12-14. It is open to any of you who would like to attend. We have a sponsor that will cover registration, you would need to cover transportation and hotel. G.A. and the executive board members will be attending. Let G.A. know if you want to attend
- G.A. discussed the 2022-2023 Council of Superintendent dates and locations. We are moving the dates back a week, and looking at multiple locations. Is anyone else interested in hosting? We typically keep the spring meetings in Topeka because of the legislative session. Is this necessary? If we end up doing joint advocacy conference in January, keep it in Topeka that month.
- G.A. discussed the upcoming New Superintendent Workshop. It will be June 14-15 at the KASB building in Topeka. G.A. passed out the agenda to look at. We will be doing the cookout on the 14th, and a Legislative Recap on the 15th.
- G.A. discussed the upcoming USA-Kansas Conference. We have a full schedule, currently 550 attendees. Our room blocks are full, and golf is nearly full. There is still room in the cornhole tournament. We just spoke with Consuelo Castillo Kickbush. She's a hoot and will be great.
- G.A. discussed professional development for 2022-2023. He passed out the flyer. We are excited to continue expanding our offerings.

V. Legislative Update

- G.A. Buie gave the legislative update. He discussed HB 2567, the budget bill with policy issues added in. He thanked everyone for their efforts. The republicans didn't have the votes. He also discussed SB 58, the senate's Parents' Bill of Rights bill. The Governor vetoed SB 58, but there is still a version in the House that is even more intrusive. He also discussed SB 160, the Transgender Sports Bill, which has been vetoed. There may be a push to override. There is still a lot going on behind the scenes. They are waiting on the court's ruling on congressional districts. The board discussed the importance of staying in your legislators' ear, keeping them on the hook.

VI. AASA Report

- Justin Henry gave the AASA update. They are getting back to business as normal. Washington D.C. is open, Professional Development is continuing to expand, there are many cohort opportunities.

- Steve Karlin recommends attending the AASA Advocacy Conference. If we get more bodies attending, we can split up some of the meetings rather than rushing around to hit all the offices.

VII. Upcoming Directors Elections

- There are quite a few spots up for election. Ballots have gone out, a few are running uncontested. Ballots are open through Friday.
- Mike Roth moved to appoint Jessica Dain and Michelle Hubbard to the AASA Governing Board. Seconded by Mike Argabright. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Executive Director's Evaluation

- President Steve Karling explained, the KSSA President and USA-Kansas President put together G.A.'s evaluation. The USA-Kansas Board is responsible for finalizing. There was an overwhelmingly positive response. The USA Board reflected the same information. G.A.'s contract was approved and extended at the USA-Kansas board meeting. Steve thanked G.A. for his service.

IX. New Business

- Steve Karlin and G.A. Buie discussed some concern that has been shared about communication with KSDE. G.A. wanted to make sure everyone knew that Dr. Watson has a superintendent advisory board along with other advisory boards. There have been some concerns with some KSDE position transitions. We are in good communication with KSDE. If you have any concerns you would like us to share, we are happy to bridge that gap.
- Mike Argabright brought up that it might be time to start shifting away from Zoom and back or in person meetings. There was discussion from the board about whether Zoom links should be used for various meetings, weighing the cost of travel and time against the loss of networking and communicating.
- G.A. handed out plaques and thanked outgoing board members for their service.

X. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.