



KANSAS
SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

November 18, 2021

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Colby Event Center, Colby, KS

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
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
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
Josh Meyer, St John-Hudson USD 350, Region 8
Steve Noble, Seaman USD 345, Region 2
Jamie Rumford, Scott City USD 466, President-Elect
Khris Thexton, Great Bend USD 428, Region 8
Jeff Travis, Beloit USD 273, Region 7
Blake Vargas, Caney Valley USD 436, Region 3
Mike Waters, Cimarron USD 102, Region 10
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director

Guest: Craig Correll

- I. Call to Order
 - President Steve Karlin called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Consent Agenda

- Wayne Burke moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the agenda. minutes from the September meeting, and the September and October Financials. Seconded by Katina Brenn. Approved Unanimously.

III. President's Report

- President Steve Karlin discussed KSSA Day. We had a good turnout, around 85. Some great topics and great speakers, really motivational. The KASB Conference was a little different this year, it was in November, and the timing was a little tricky because of board elections, so some weren't sure whether they should attend.
- Steve discussed the importance of reaching out to elected officials. We lost a gem when Russ Jennings passed away. There will be a special session held later this month. G.A. discussed what to expect from that.
- Steve discussed board elections. He asked board members to be cognizant of this with your peers, especially young superintendents. They need our support.
- Steve thanked Katina for hosting the group in Colby this month. This is our last meeting on the road this year. We need to think about whether we want to do something similar next year so we can plan in over the summer.

IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie gave a membership update. We are currently at 291 members, and we finished last year with 281. We still have around 50 superintendents that haven't joined. We will distribute that list to regional directors. There are about 6 or 7 in each region. Please reach out and encourage their membership.
- G.A. discussed the Distinguished Service Award. An email will be coming out right after Thanksgiving, please take the time to send in nominations.
- The SOY Awards lunch will be January 26, 2022 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in conjunction with the advocacy conference.
- G.A. discussed upcoming superintendent changes. He encouraged board members to identify and support potential new superintendents. Their initial contracts will be written by school boards and KASB. We can have our lawyer review them. Many aren't written well for the superintendent.
- G.A. discussed an inquiry from the SPED directors about whether they should be involved with the Council of Superintendents. The board agreed this meeting was not the place for them.

V. USA-Kansas Update

- G.A. discussed the USA Conference, June 1-3, 2022. We will be going back to the traditional schedule.

VI. AASA Report

- Wayne Burke reminded the group about the national conference. It will take place in Nashville Feb 16-16. He highly recommended going, we are facing the same issues nation-wide, so it will be valuable information. Vaccine cards will be required, or you can test out. They will be using an app called Clear Pass.
- Justin Henry discussed some educational tech, as well as current supreme court cases.

VII. KSSA Committee Reports

- Craig Correll discussed the draft platform. Not many changes since the last meeting. The most recent update is in your packet. It will help to clarify a top 3 or 4 items for priority. G.A. will send out a link, select top 4. This will help us move forward.
 - Blake Vargas moved to approve the Legislative Platform as presented. Seconded by Randall Chickadonz. Approved unanimously.

VIII. New Business

- G.A. discussed a draft letter to Senator Moran that was included in the packet. For years, Senator Roberts has been a champion for IDEA funding. With his retirement, we are asking Senator Moran to carry the torch.
- Fred Dierksen asked what we can do to combat this upcoming special committee hearing. G.A. said he would love to get as many letters as possible, and turn them over to the press at a press conference. We need to make sure our stories are getting told.
- Mike Argabright suggested radio ads. G.A. said to get with him to work on messaging if interested.

IX. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.