



Board of Directors Meeting

February 10, 2021

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Minutes in Review

Attendance

John Allison, Olathe USD 233, Region 11
Mike Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252, President
Wayne Burke, Spring Hill USD 230, AASA Governing Board
Tavis Desormiers, WaKeeney USD 208, Region 9
Loren Feldkamp, Tonganoxie USD 464, Region 1
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
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
Blake Vargas, Caney Valley USD 436, Region 3
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director
Jerry Henn, USA-Kansas, Assistant Executive Director
Alicia Thompson, Wichita USD 259, CoS Chair Elect

I. Call to Order

- President Mike Argabright called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda

- Cory Gibson moved to approve the consent agenda which included the agenda minutes from the November meeting, and the finance reports from November and December. Wayne Burke. Approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

- President Mike Argabright discussed the regional meetings. A lot of superintendents participated and shared great ideas. It is important to listen to what others are doing. The board agreed it would be good to meet again once ESSER 3 dollars arrive.
- Mike shared the KSHSAA Governor's Award Committee has decided on a winner. There were great nominations, and Christie Meyer did a great job leading.
- Mike also discussed ideas for marketing the teaching profession.

IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie gave an update on membership. Numbers are looking strong. We are at 278, which is up 14 from last year. We still have a chunk of superintendents that are not members. Are we to the point of asking why they aren't engaged? There are 41 or 42 superintendents that still haven't joined.
- G.A. discussed the New Superintendents Workshop. We are looking at the same timeframe in June. We will have a number of principals moving up. The change list is posted on the USA and KSSA sites. We are looking at likely 70-75 changes this year, with likely 25-30 of them being new.
 - The board discussed planning. Small groups are engaging and gives it a more personal touch.
 - Centering meetings around a board meeting to bring current superintendents in as well.
 - Regional meetings with KELI at least 3 times a year.
 - We need to get them hooked and following up through KSSA.
- G.A. would like to honor those retiring. We didn't get a chance to last year with COVID, but should we bring it back this year? Mike Argabright thinks if we can find a large enough space, the effort is important. Steve Karlin added people have a choice whether they wish to attend. It's important for us to make the effort.
- G.A. discussed the 2021 SOY celebration. We are working on putting something together in Wichita on April 14 to coincide with CoS. It may not be as large as in the past, but we need to provide an appropriate recognition.
- The board discussed the upcoming USA-Kansas Conference. We are planning an in person conference, but it will look a little different this year. We are getting creative to make it as safe as we can. It is important to prep our administrators before we head down there and make sure we are following the protocols. Eyes are going to be on us and we need to be aware of optics.

V. Legislative Update

- G.A. discussed bill updates including SB 61/ HB 2068, HB 2119, and SB 62. These involve tax credit scholarships, vouchers, eliminating Ft Leavenworth from bond interest calculations, and a bill on a civics exam graduation requirement. We will have a full list in the upcoming Capitol Connection.

VI. AASA Report

- Justin Henry discussed the national conference. It will be virtual next Thursday and Friday. Sasha and Noel have sent info on vouchers.

- The State Leaders Conference is scheduled for April 29 in Nashville in person. It will be interesting to see what they do.
- ESSER 3 bill coming.

VII. Upcoming President-Elect Election

- We will be sending out a nomination email. Once superintendent openings settle down we will work on area chair openings.
- 7 names were submitted for the Distinguished Service Award. 5 qualify.

VIII. New Business

- There was no new business.

IX. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.