



KANSAS  
SCHOOL  
SUPERINTENDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

May 31, 2019 – 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Oak 206, Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS

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

#### Attendance

Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, President  
Mike Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252, President-Elect  
Quentin Breese, Concordia USD 333, Region 7  
Loren Feldkamp, Tonganoxie USD 464, Region 1  
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, Past President, AASA Governing Board  
Darrel Kohlman, Nemaha Central USD 115, Region 4  
George Leary, Moundridge USD 423, Region 5  
Josh Meyer, St John-Hudson USD 350, Region 8  
Gordon Mohn, McPherson USD 418, Region 5  
Royce Powelson, Jayhawk USD 346, Region 2, CoS Chair  
Richard Proffitt, Pittsburg USD 250, Region 3  
Mike Roth, Leavenworth USD 453, Region 1  
Jamie Rumford, Scott City USD 466, Region 9  
Steve Noble, Seaman USD 345, Region 2  
Khris Thexton, Great Bend USD 428, Region 8  
Jeff Travis, Beloit USD 273, Region 7  
Blake Vargas, Caney Valley USD 436, Region 3  
Robert Young, Ellis USD 388, Region 7  
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director  
Jerry Henn, USA-Kansas, Assistant Executive Director

Guests: Brian Spencer, Tom Alstrom, Bob Diepenbrock

#### I. Call to Order

- Justin Henry called the meeting to order at 7:42 a.m.

#### II. Consent Agenda

- Tom Alstrom moved to approve the consent agenda which included the agenda, minutes from the April meeting, the USA-Kansas/KSSA Agreement, Membership Dues (\$150 plus USA Membership), Appointing G.A. Buie as Secretary/Treasurer, and the 2019-2020 slate of officers:

Mike Berblinger – President; Mike Argabright – President Elect; Justin Henry – Past President.  
Mike Roth seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

### III. President's Report

- President Mike Berblinger had the board members go around the room and introduce themselves.
- Mike discussed the AASA Leadership workshop that he, Justin, and G.A. attended. The focus was on how to allocate money, and it was very helpful with advice on how to better articulate how money is used in your district and how that translates to better educating kids.

### IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie discussed the Finance Report. There are no big changes. AASA has been paid. The checking account is healthy. We should end the year \$7-8k budget positive. We have some unpaid sponsor dollars that should be coming in shortly. Cory Gibson moved to approve the Finance Report. Kenneth Harshberger seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- G.A. discussed the proposed 2019-2020 budget. Not much change from last year. Final numbers are a little higher with a few additional expenses. Moving the Superintendent of the Year Awards Luncheon to a hotel costs more, but is paid for by OFG. He anticipates dues income to remain about the same. We have plans to recruit the 60+ superintendents that aren't currently members. We have also picked up some assistant superintendents, but still have some work to do with NW and SE superintendents. Bob Diepenbrock moved to approve the 2019-2020 budget. Quentin Breese seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

### V. USA-Kansas Update

- G.A. talked about the Conference. It was a great conference again this year. Very well attended, best numbers in a long time. Sessions were great, dueling pianos were a huge hit. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year doing a summer conference. Next year we may have some conflict with sports. The hope is that if you have athletes participating in state sports you can do both. G.A. also talked about upcoming KSSA events. The Assistant Superintendent workshops are already scheduled. KSSA Day will be in December at the KASB Conference. Let G.A. know if you think of any other needs.
- G.A. discussed the USA-Kansas Professional Learning Network Membership. Invoices have been sent out to this year's members for next year. G.A. discussed the benefits of joining the PLN, and asked that you get with him if you have any questions or would like a const analysis put together.
- Jerry Henn thanked the board members for their engagement throughout the year, especially their willingness to step up with testimony and communications during the legislative session.

### VI. AASA Report

- Justin Henry gave the AASA Report. He said he will have more information to bring back after their board meeting in July. American Fidelity will be helping with a sponsorship. February's AASA Conference will be in San Diego, then back to New Orleans the following year.

### VII. New Superintendent Workshop

- G.A. discussed the upcoming New Superintendent Workshop scheduled for June 18-19. KASB is doing some construction, but we should be okay, most of the major work should be after

our workshop is over. Please consider attending the dinner where we will recognize our retiring superintendents as well. Keep an eye out next week for a SOY nominee email.

VIII. Council of Superintendents

- Meeting Dates:
  - **Sept. 11, 2019**
  - Oct 9, 2019 Need to find a location, KASB unavailable
  - **Nov 13, 2019**
  - Jan 15, 2020
  - **Feb. 19, 2020**
  - **April 15, 2020**

**Highlighted dates are KSSA Meeting Dates**

IX. Legislative Conversation/Direction

- G.A. explained things ended a bit interestingly this year. KPERS veto overridden by both house and senate, tax cut failed, local pastor singing in the gallery about the Medicaid bill, after another disruption the gallery was closed and press weren't allowed back in (Senator Wagle's aid told the press it is a privilege to be on the floor and they weren't serving the senate appropriately), Senator Wagle said it was a security issue. The Wichita Eagle and Kansas City Star filed a first amendment complaint.
- The board discussed issues to keep an eye on for next year including bullying, reserves, at risk money, school funding, elections.

X. New Business

- Mike Berblinger asked didn't KSHSAA used to have more of a presence at conference? Yes, they used to sponsor, but haven't been asked in few years. G.A. will follow up.
- Steve Noble discussed the difficulties of being a principal today. They have a lot to keep track of, including things that start outside of their buildings like social media, etc. Should we try to put something together getting administrators and board members in the same room? We need to make sure we aren't leaving them behind.

XI. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Next Meeting

September 11, 2019 – KASB, Topeka