



Board of Directors Meeting

February 19, 2020 – 12:00-2:15 p.m.

KASB Building, Topeka, KS

Minutes in Review

Attendance

Mike Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252, President-Elect

Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313, President

Bill Biermann, Goodland USD 352, Region 9

Wayne Burke, Spring Hill USD 230, AASA Governing Board

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

Steve Karlin, Garden City USD 457, Region 10

Darrel Kohlman, Nemaha Central USD 115, Region 4

George Leary, Moundridge USD 423, Region 5

Gordon Mohn, McPherson USD 418, Region 5

Royce Powelson, Jayhawk USD 346, Region 2, CoS Chair

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

G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas, Executive Director

Jerry Henn, USA-Kansas, Assistant Executive Director

I. Call to Order

- President Mike Berblinger called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda

- Loren Feldkamp moved to approve the consent agenda which included the agenda, financial reports from November, December, and January, and minutes from the November meeting. Khris Thexton seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

III. President's Report

- President Mike Berblinger discussed his upcoming retirement, which will prevent him from serving as Past President on the board of directors. He and G.A. discussed what other options might be. Mike Roth moved to place the position of Past President on a one-year sabbatical and bring it back in 2021-2022. Jeff Travis seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- Mike discussed the thank you notes received from the KTOY nominees for KSSA's support of the KTOY program.
- Mike brought up the idea of trying out a superintendent PLC next year on the Thursday mornings following Council of Superintendents. They would break out into groups, maybe discuss set topics. It would give some additional networking opportunities for superintendents. The board decided to give it a try beginning next fall.

IV. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie gave a membership update. KSSA has grown by about 8 members. We have put a lot of effort in to reaching out, making phone calls and visits trying to boost membership. We will continue to look for avenues for growth. All other state associations' number are up. AASA numbers are up. A total of 43 Kansas administrators went to San Diego last week for the AASA conference. We have great participation from our members.
- The board and G.A. discussed the contract review benefit of membership and whether it has been taken advantage of by members. G.A. explained that a handful of members have taken advantage of this benefit. The board discussed the importance of empowering new superintendents in contract negotiations early on.
- The New Superintendent Workshop is scheduled for June 10-11. The last KELI meeting will be April 16. It will be all three groups meeting in Topeka. The KELI advisory board is always looking for feedback to improve. Don't hesitate to reach out. Dr. Gibson will be at the April meeting to do a budget workshop, helping new superintendents build their first budget. The 2020 Superintendent of the Year awards was a successful event. There was a good group of people that turned out for the program.
- G.A. explained to the board that the three Kansas principals' associations (KASSP, KAESP, and KAMSA) have voted to dissolve their respective associations and move to one association, the Kansas Principals Association. All three boards voted unanimously to make this change. They will dissolve at the end of this fiscal year and begin July 1 as the new association.
- G.A. gave the legislative update. He updated the board on bills to look out for. There are three Voucher bills lingering: HB 2552, HB 2465, and SB 337. There are three At Risk bills: SB 371, HB 2540, and SB 353. There is one Bullying bill currently: SB 410. He also discussed HB 2582 and HB 2526.

V. AASA Report

- Justin Henry and Mike Berblinger discussed the AASA conference. It was a great conference with well-planned evening hospitality events. There was a record number of administrators in attendance.
- Justin reviewed the updated AASA Legislative Platform and Goals with the board. He also discussed the excellent professional development opportunities available through

AASA as well as their helpfulness in answering legislative questions. There will be a \$10 membership increase next year to adjust for inflation.

- G.A. discussed the AASA Advocacy Conference coming up July 7-9. Justin and Wayne Burke will attend on behalf of KSSA, and will attend the board meeting. All administrators are encouraged to attend. The larger the presence from Kansas the better. American Fidelity will be offering 2 scholarships to cover the cost of the trip for administrators that wish to attend. Let G.A. know if you are interested.

VI. Upcoming President-Elect Election

- G.A. told the board that the email will be coming out tomorrow seeking nominations for the President-Elect position. Nominations will be accepted through March 1, and the ballot will be sent out on March 5.

VII. New Business

- President Mike Berblinger and G.A. Buie discussed KSDE's event Celebrating Kansas Education and the Star Awards. It will be held on April 18.
- Jerry Henn discussed the USA-Kansas Conference. We are currently at 292 registrations. The hotels are filling up. We are finalizing learning cluster selections and will have roughly 80 presentations.
- The board also discussed what they are doing to encourage their communities to participate in the Census. USA-Kansas will have Census information in the upcoming March edition of *Under the Umbrella*.
- The board discussed the idea of attaching a name to the KSSA Distinguished Service Award. Loren Feldkamp moved to rename the award to the "Dr. Doug Moeckel Distinguished Service Award". Seconded by David Grover. Approved unanimously.

VIII. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Next Meeting

April 15, 2020 – KASB Building, Topeka