

**ASBSD Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 21, 2022
ZOOM Meeting
Pierre, SD**

- I. Call to Order** – President Eric Stroeder called the meeting to order. Present were members: Pam Haukaas, Susan Humiston, Julie Schwader, Louann Krogman, Eric Stroeder, Lisa Snedeker, Duane Alm, Nan Baker, Shane Roth, Tom Farrell, Anita Peterson, Ellie Saxer, Jamie Lindner and Tanya Gray. Absent were board members Garrett Bischoff, Angie Ross and Steve Kubik.
- II. Welcome and Introductions** – Eric Stroeder called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- III. Good News –**
Jamie Lindner – Waverly-South Shore good news is that we are updating our policies with the support of the ASBSD counsel.

Lisa Snedeker - Good News in Woonsocket is low COVID numbers for the school year; we are adding a special ed teacher and have already hired a new 2nd grade teacher to fill the position vacated by the move to special ed. Another item of good news is the generosity and support of the community in responding to a 2nd grader and her family dealing with a brain tumor. We are blessed to live in South Dakota where people support one another and come together to generously donate to those in need.

Tom Farrell - Madison gymnastics state champions; COVID numbers are down; Missed no school because of COVID

Ellie Saxer - Brandon Valley news: Bidding out for High School building project; Beginning stages of negotiation; Things are good in district

Duane Alm - The COVID cases in our district have declined a lot over the past three weeks and our daily student absences are returning to a more normal number.

We had only five teachers retire this year (normally about ten). We were able to fill these positions from teachers who resigned and through staff reduction in certain areas. We continue to have open positions in food service and the custodial departments.

Anita Peterson - Heating, air conditioning, and filtration system is coming together nicely for the armory and fine arts area;

Have quite an epidemic among our teachers! Have several young teachers expecting babies all in late July or August (plus one of the daycare providers also)----might be interesting finding subs to start the year----Actually a great epidemic to have!!

Wrestling team won Region tournament

Shane Roth – We are making good progress in the planning of our new elementary school, very little impact from Covid this year, looks like we will have very minimal positions open for next year staffing wise.

Pam Haukaas – Colome Good News. Two students from Colome are part of the Winner/Colome Trap Team. The team won the state championship, and will proceed to the

national championship. Previously banners were not allowed to be hung for any team not sanctioned by SDHSAA. The board felt that any students part of a state or nationally recognized team and placing in the state finals or national finals should be recognized in the same manner as SDHSAA teams.

Louann Krogman – Good News from White River is that our Middle School teachers are doing an after school type homework session. This is for students who are behind or need extra help, and it goes until 5 PM every day we are in school. I see huge benefits, not only academically but also emotionally as students and teachers build relationships and work in small groups and one on one.

Tanya Gray - The school year at Douglas was going well and we were able to continue face-to-face learning all year. We were proceeding with plans to build a new high school and working on plans for a new elementary school.

Susan Humiston – We have experienced quite a bit of COVID this year and had to go to virtual learning for the middle school and high school. The good news is that staff and students have become very proficient at doing so.

We continue to explore options to address the issues of our old buildings and to explore the best long term solutions for the problems they present.

Nan Baker –

Julie Schwader - 5 students were chosen to compete at the National LifeSmarts Competition in Washington DC. LifeSmarts challenges students on core consumer topics: consumer rights and responsibilities, environment, health & safety, personal finance, and technology & workforce preparation.

Howard Superintendent gave two-weeks notice in early December. We were able to find an interim replacement and the school is running smoothly.

We are adding air-conditioning to the high school building.

Eric Stroeder - Girls Ensemble was selected to perform the National Anthem at the State Wrestling Tournament in Sioux Falls.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Moved by Nan Baker, second by Anita Peterson to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

V. Finance

V.A. Financial Report – Holly Nagel, Chief Financial Officer reported January 31st marks that we are just over half way through the year. As of January 31st, we have received \$1,332,331.28 or 62.46%, of our revenue budget and expended \$1,110,955.18 or 52.73% of our expenditure budget.

At the same time last year, the Association had total revenue of \$1,475,484.11 or 70.19% of our revenue budget while expenditures were \$993,114.65 or 48.84% of our expenditure budget.

The Unassigned Net Position (Fund Balance) of the Association at the end of October is \$3,173,387 compared to last year at this time of \$3,130,983.

ASBSD continues to have a strong balance sheet and financial position. The Association has increased the potential revenue with the purchase of the third floor. The building currently has four tenants, Board of Regents, School Administrators of South Dakota, Tieszen Law Office and most recently Aegis Custody (December 1st) for the 3rd floor, west side with a 1-year lease agreement and annual renewal option. The strong financial position allows for adjustments should a revenue source be significantly decreased. Moved by Anita Peterson, second by Duane Alm to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

V.A. Protective Trust Update – The Protective Trust Funds are in the midst of the FY 23 renewal. The Protective Trust Audits are completed. The health pool has 80 members and are insuring 10,000 belly buttons. The health fund is having a good year with a net position of approximately \$18.5 million.

Property Liability pool has 23 member districts. Cyber Security continues to be a focus and ASBSD had six requirements to obtain our current coverage so we are monitoring closely the requirements,

The Workers' Comp pool continues to do well with a membership of 76 members and a net position of \$12.5 million.

- VI. Board Engagement meetings review** – Dr. Pogany reported on the initial meetings held on Sundays. He reported each site held about 10-12 board members and the discussions between board members was positive. He asked the board if they wished to continue, what dates to use in May/June. Tom Farrell sent out personal invitations to the presidents in his region and he was somewhat disappointed about the participation. He did share that some presidents advised him Sunday evenings was for family and that was main reason for not participating. Discussion followed with consensus being to hold the meetings in March/quarterly.
- VII. Legislative Update** – Dr. Pogany reported Wednesday was crossover day in the Legislative process and unfortunately this year a lot of bad bills were being introduced. He also commented on the bills that have been directed at ASBSD.

Other bills that ASBSD is still monitoring included:

House Bill 1064 – Uses the fall enrollments of 2020 or 2021, depending which is larger, to calculate state aid for 2022-23 school year; still looks good

Senate Bill 59 – Provides the 6 percent increase in state aid and special education and revises the property tax levies for school districts; support

House Bill 1261 – Establishes emergency retire-rehire provisions for the South Dakota Retirement System; killed

House Bill 1039 – Provides for the assessment of certain agricultural land as noncropland; killed

House Bill 1300 – Requires school district election to be held on dates specified by the legislature; oppose

Senate Bill 139 – Creates a community-based school utilizing state funds; oppose

House Bill 1327 – Reduces the half-cent tax rate on certain products and repeals the Partridge Amendment; oppose

Senate Bill 163 – address transparency in prescription drug pricing; oppose

He shared that upon looking at our Bill Tracker we have been killing a lot of bills and have over 85 to monitor but there is still 3 weeks to go and a lot of decisions to be made.

VIII. ASBSD Board Elections – Dr. Pogany reported we will have elections in two regions. The Northeast Region vacancy enrollment 266-699 has a total of four candidates: Shane Roth, DeSmet, incumbent; Carie Knutson, Deubrook Area; Ryan Nelson, Faulkton Area and Arend Schuurman, Elkton. Western Region, enrollment 1,000-9,999 has three candidates: Tanya Gray, Douglas, incumbent; Eric Skavang, Spearfish and Darrell Vig, Meade. He advised the board we received no applications for the Northeast Region, vacancy enrollment 700-1,399 and that we will be sending out Announcement for Appointment At Large in the near future. He also advised the board we received one application for the Central Region, vacancy enrollment 266-699: Eric Stroeder, Mobridge-Pollock, incumbent.

IX. National School Board Association Annual Conference – Dr. Pogany advised the board the ASBSD Executive Team will be attending the National School Board conference being held in San Diego, CA, April 1-4, 2022.

A brief discussion followed regarding the Biden letter and how NSBA Executive Director, John Heim, is working very hard on correcting the negative impact of said letter. Several states (approximate 16) have withdrawn from the NSBA organization. Dr. Pogany sits on the liaison committee and their goal is to try and bring those state back to the national organization. There were inquiries as to whether non-member states could attend convention and consensus was yes at a significantly higher rate.

On April 1, 2022, ASBSD President Eric Stroeder, will join the NSBA Board of Directors.

X. Other Business – Dr. Pogany asked the board to please mark the dates of April 22-23, 2022 for our next meeting in Sioux Falls. The meeting will begin at noon on Friday and plans for it to conclude by 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. He advised the board to please watch for upcoming emails with more information.

XI. Adjournment – Moved by Tom Farrell, second by Anita Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.