

ASBSD Board of Directors Meetings
February 19, 2024
Pierre Ramkota RiverCentre
Pierre, SD

- I. **Call to Order** – President Louann Krogman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Present were board members, Louann Krogman, Eric Stroeder, Garret Bischoff, Duane Alm, Pam Haukaas, Lisa Snedeker, Shane Roth, Anita Peterson, Amber Vogt, Bishop Troy Carr, Steve Kubik, Tanya Gray, Jamie Lindner, Susan Humiston, Ellie Saxer and Rob Honomichl. Absent were board members Julie Schwader and Marc Murren.
- II. **Welcome and Pledge** – President Krogman welcomed the board members and asked the board to please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jacob Boyco, ASBSD Intern and Ty Kinneberg, Bankwest were introduced to the board.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Moved by Anita Peterson, second by Tanya Gray to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

IV. Finance

IV.A. Financial Report – Chief Financial Officer, Holly Nagel, reported January 31st marks the end of the seventh month of the fiscal year. As of January 31st, we have received \$1,457,239, or 64.69%, of our revenue budget and expended \$1,344,181 or 59.9% of our expenditure budget.

At the same time last year, the Association had total revenue of \$1,487,008.59 or 68.76% of our revenue budget and expended \$1,142,279.29 or 53.27% of our expenditure budget.

The Unassigned Net Position (Fund Balance) of the Association at the end of January is \$3,735,227 compared to last year at this time of \$3,128,034.

Due to a retirement on December 2023 Superintendent Search and Teacher Placement monthly salary expenses will decrease beginning in January. ASBSD staff consists of 8.48 FTE and one intern.

Ty Kinneberg, BankWest Investment and Trust, presented our Asset Allocation Strategies. The information provided was for a clear, concise understanding of the process they use when investments are made and monitored. He answered questions from the board.

IV.A. Financial Report – Chief Financial Officer, Holly Nagel, reported the pools were busy with renewals.

- V. **Executive Committee Report from Advocacy Institute** – Shane Roth, Louann Krogman, Garret Bischoff, Lisa Snedeker and Eric Stroeder attended the Advocacy Institute in Washington DC. General consensus among the attendees was the speakers and sessions were all very informational and thought provoking. The kickoff speaker was author “You are a 10”, Alex Boye. Alex was born in Nigeria and raised in England. His

whole life was a giant challenge beginning with his mother abandoning him, a very abusive uncle, running away and ending up in a cutting edge school for troubled youth that turned his life around. He has become a musical talent and a career of delivering motivational speeches. He has dedicated his life to self-image, resilience and mental health. Garret provided the board with an overview.

Student learning, mental health and social media and the final topic on AI and how it could be used positively and negatively in education and the workforce provided great takeaways for those in attendance. They were able to meet with Congressman Johnson and representatives for Senators Thune and Round.

VI. Report from NSBA – Eric Stroeder reported NSBA continues to work on the Vision and direction of NSBA. Verjeana McCotter-Jacobs continues in her role as executive director and former director John Heim serves as NSBA’s Advocacy Officer. NSBA has 6 priorities they are focusing on.

1. Prioritizing Student Health and Well-Being
2. Securing Full Funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Act
3. Advocating for Continued Title Funds
4. Promoting Equitable Access to Technology and Technology Education
5. Advocating for Student Nutrition and Funding Needs
6. Promoting Protection/Accountability for the Use of Public Funds

VII. Board Engagement Project – Consensus was board engagement programs were a success but questions were asked on how do we get more people engaged. Small group discussions were very beneficial. Preliminary dates were set for Spring Engagement Projects as follows: March 17, March 20 and March 24. Topics to be discussed included Recruitment & Retention of Staff Members; Staff Relations Post-COVID and District Cultures; Artificial Intelligence in School Districts.

VIII. Executive Director’s Report – Dr. Wermedal reported briefly on the following items:

- On a personal note he thanked the board for their service and he advised them of the rental of upper floor to Unified Judicial System
- Recognition of school districts above the average in all subject areas in State Report card were sent letters of congratulations
- Selection of a communications intern
- Newsletter launch and website upgrades
- Board of Director Elections, deadline for submission is February 20th, position opens include: Central Region with enrollment 265 and under (Pam Haukaas); Central Region with enrollment of 1,400-9,999 (Louann Krogman (elected at large); Northeast Region with enrollment of 1,400-9,999 (Duane Alm); Southeast Region enrollment of 1,400-9,999 (Ellie Saxer); Western region with enrollment of 266-699 (Anita Peterson)

Things we will be working on after session include

- Teacher placement and annual conference planning
- Personnel decisions how the FTE available from Emily's retirement may be used

The board discussed the upcoming April meeting and the dates of April 19-20, 2024 were determined. Location will be determined at a later date.

- IX. Legislative Update** - Tyler Pickner, Communications Director briefly discussed the following legislative bills:
- HB 1048** – Teacher Compensation Package – amendments are expected and the finished product will probably look a whole lot different
 - HB 1250** – Created a school voucher program which could cost the state up to \$109 million – bill was opposed and killed
 - HB 1164** – Mandated when school bond election could be held – bill was opposed and killed
 - HB 1162** – Mandated when school board elections could be held – bill was opposed and killed
 - SB 146** – Amends the penalty for threatening an elected official – bill was supported and will be in House Judiciary on February 21
 - SB 203** – Permits an individual who is 21-years or older and has an enhanced concealed carry permit to possess a weapon on school grounds – bill was opposed and on House floor February 21
 - SB 212** – Allows for the payment of goods or services by a school district between school board meetings in certain circumstances – bill was supported and is in House Ed
 - HB 1201** – Appropriates \$800,000 for the teacher apprenticeship pathway program – bill was supported and in Joint Appropriations
 - HB 1197** – Requires the publication of measures taken to restrict the access of obscene materials by minors – bill is being monitored and sent to Senate floor
 - HB 1237** – Establishes provisions related to the rating of books available in school districts – bill was opposed and killed
 - HB 1142** – vehicle bill

X. Policy Updates – For information only if policy change needed.

XI. Good News

Duane Alm – Aberdeen elementary students created 75 appreciation posters for the board. Supt. Guffin and principals all shared their appreciation to the board for their work.

Rob Homomichl – Madison Central Drama team performed very well at State and on a personal note his daughter received a “Superior” rating for her performance.

Bishop Troy Carr – Rapid City Area School District is celebrating 100 years. The last building being built over 50 years ago. Plans are being made for a new building and hopefully a bond will be passed.

Eric Stroeder - Mobridge-Pollock students also participated in the State One-Act Plays. The board commenced discussing what they wanted their schools should to look like.

Jamie Lindner – Our RTI program has been improving morale amongst staff and academic scores for the students.

Amber Vogt –Lead-Deadwood High School Principal was name HS Principal of the Year and their wrestling coach was also named coach of the year.

Ellie Saxer – Every board meeting includes a student report. The district has a robotics program which has improved student engagement and team building among their students.

Steve Kubik – Wrestling team qualified for regionals.

Pam Haukaas – Colome has implemented a “Family Night” for the families enrolled at Colome and it has been a huge success.

Anita Peterson – Over 14,000 square feet of new turf has been installed, new steps and railings are also in place at the Haakon School District. Wrestling team also won Regions and are headed to State.

Tanya Gray – Douglas One-Act Play received a superior rating. CT program is a huge success and two of their students received \$26,000 scholarships.

Susan Humiston – Edgemont Facebook page is a huge success and is constantly updated.

Lisa Snedeker – Building projects are moving ahead. Appreciation certificates were presented to the board.

Shane Roth – New elementary building is coming along nicely and under budget. Applied for and received a grant for a new bus. FFA week allowed students to drive a tractor to school day. DeSmet wrestlers were #1 in Region.

Garret Bischoff – Huron is in need of four administrators but the good news is the Education Foundation has raised over \$220,000 in its first year.

Louann Krogman – White River employs several international teachers in their district and on Fridays they are provided with transportation so they can go shopping. Basketball teams are off to a great start.

XII. National School Board Association Annual Conference – Dr. Wermedal reminded the board of the NSBA’s Annual Conference that will be held April 6-8, in New Orleans, LA.

Moved by Shane Roth, second by Garret Bischoff motion the meeting was adjourned.