



**Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, October 18, 2019 (9:00 am – Noon)
KASB Building, Topeka**

Minutes in Review

Attendance:

Michael Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252, KSSA
Sean Cochran, Auburn-Washburn USD 437 – Past President-Elect
Rena Duewel, Turner USD 202, KASSP
Cory Gibson, Valley Center USD 262 – KSSA
Eric Hansen, Bonner Springs USD 204 – KASBO
Volora Hanzlicek, Valley Falls USD 338 – KASCD
Amy Haussler, Holton Special Education Coop, KASEA
Andy Koenigs, Derby USD 260, KASPA
Christie Meyer, Goddard USD 265 – President-Elect-Elect
Jake Potter, Leavenworth USD 453, KanSPRA
Deanna Scherer, Atchison County Community USD 377, KASSP
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas Executive Director
Jerry Henn, USA-Kansas Assistant Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Christie Meyer at 9:03 a.m.

1. Welcome

- President-Elect Christie Meyer welcomed board members and thanked them for coming.

2. Consent Agenda

- Amy Haussler moved to approve the consent agenda which included the agenda, minutes from the September Board Meeting and financials from August and September be approved. Seconded by Sean Cochran. Approved unanimously.

3. President-Elect Report

- President-Elect Christie Meyer had nothing additional to report.

4. Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director G.A. Buie gave a membership update. Membership numbers are great. Some of that is due to one-time incentives offered to new PLN districts. Affiliate association memberships are on track and some higher than last year. More of these membership renewals tend to come in around the associations' conferences. Sara has been following up with individuals who joined USA but forgot to select a state

association. G.A. went over the breakdown of membership numbers. National association numbers are also up. PLN numbers are up as well. We ended last year with 92 PLN districts. So far this year we are at 112 with 27 of those being new this year.

- G.A. discussed the Fall Regional Meetings held in conjunction with KASB. Attendance was low. We have tried a few different formats and schedules in hopes to bump attendance. We will work with KASB on what changes need to be made in the future. Maybe move to an every other year rotation.
- G.A. gave an update on the Launching Leadership workshops. They have been well attended and feedback has been good. Jerry, Duane, and Britton conducted the first three and they went very well. Registrations are coming in for the November workshops. The first Zoom follow-ups will take place on Friday the 25th. G.A. discussed the book and research behind these workshops. It is a well put together program with actual action steps to take.
- G.A. briefed the board on conversations held between USA, KASB, Greenbush, and ESSDACK. The impression was given that some of the service centers feel as though their toes are being stepped on with overlap in professional development opportunities. USA thinks it is important to maintain good relationships with the service centers. If we work together rather than against each other everyone benefits.
- USA has sponsored a table at the Kansas Teacher of the Year Banquet. There are 6 seats available, and the banquet is the Saturday before Thanksgiving in Wichita. Let G.A. know if you would like to attend.

5. Financial Report

- Treasurer Eric Hansen gave the Financial Update. He will catch up with Kim in the USA office before the next meeting to look over financials, but based on the current financial reports he is happy with the numbers. G.A. explained to the board that last year USA started carrying the state associations by paying them the amount owed for their memberships while USA collects the full amount from administrators throughout the year. This way the state associations get their money up front, which helps them pay for events and expenses throughout the year.

6. Committee Work

- The board broke out into committees: Legislative, Conference, and Policies and Procedures.

7. Committee Reports and Recommendations

- Legislative
 - The Legislative Advocacy/Elections Committee discussed legislative priorities for the coming session. Topics included school funding, school safety, KPERs, efficiency, ed governance, and vaping and tobacco. They also talked about state aid, bond caps, out of state students, and facility waiting. They also discussed the bill that Senator Roberts has sponsored to fully fund IDEA over the next 10 years. It is important to bring attention to this and support him in this push. School safety was also a topic of discussion. Volora discussed bringing attention to HB2354 which would allow districts to buy insurance or incorporate into their

current policy protections for students in off-site internships. Some places won't accept interns because of the liability. This would apply to secondary students.

- Conference
 - The Conference Committee discussed tracks for the 2020 conference. In the past we have focused on the 5 R's. This conference will focus on the Launching Leadership topics and add a track for the "Recharge" in this year's theme (Rediscover, Rethink, Recharge Your Why). Jerry is working on finalizing the "Evolution of Dance" guy, Judson Laipply as our closing speaker. The President's Reception was also discussed. Not everyone realized they are allowed to attend. We need to communicate that better. The marketing schedule was also discussed. First emails will go out at the beginning of December.
- Policies and Procedures
 - The Policies and Procedures Committee discussed changes to the bylaws. They made a few more tweaks, mostly modernizing verbiage. They will have the changes to present to the board at the next meeting.

8. New Business

- Vaping
 - G.A. and the board discussed the issue of vaping and what if anything we want to do as an organization in regards to it. It is important to work cohesively and support other entities with their efforts to combat this. Different districts have different policies and procedures in place. USA can facilitate conversations via Zoom for administrators to discuss what is working and what isn't.
- 2022 Convention Contract
 - G.A. has the contract in hand for 2022. Are there any concerns with signing? Andy mentioned they might be tearing down the Century II Convention Center. The current contract requires them to provide us a suitable alternative. We still have a bit of negotiating to do otherwise.

9. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2020