



**Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, October 19, 2018 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)
KASB Building – Topeka, KS**

Minutes in Review

Attendance:

Ron Barry, Halstead USD 440 – KASSP - Zoom
Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313 - KSSA
Cory Gibson, Valley Center USD 262 – KSSA
Eric Hansen, Bonner Springs USD 204 – KASBO - Zoom
Volora Hanzlicek, Valley Falls USD 338 – KASCD - Zoom
Ryan Jilka, Goddard USD 265 – President-Elect
Christie Meyer, Goddard USD 265 – KASCD - Zoom
Bert Moore, West Elk USD 282 – KASEA
Dennis Peerenboom, Seaman USD 345 – KASPA
P.J. Reilly, Wichita USD 259 – KCCTEA - Zoom
Glen Suppes, Smoky Valley USD 400 – KSSA - Zoom
Patrick Schroeder, Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327 – KASSP - Zoom
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas Executive Director
Jerry Henn, USA-Kansas Assistant Executive Director

Guests: Jerry Bernard & Alan Landever (KCAV), Kristin Slavin, Chris Astel, & Lou Coty (Smart Technologies)

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Ryan Jilka at 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome

- President-Elect Ryan Jilka welcomed board members.

2. Consent Agenda

- Mike Berblinger moved to approve the consent agenda (with addition of Assistant Executive Director's Report under Executive Director's Report), which included the agenda, minutes from the September Board Meeting, and financials from August & September be approved. Seconded by Dennis Peerenboom. Approved unanimously.
- Board Members and Guests went around the room with introductions.
- G.A. thanked KCAV for their partnership and the use of Smart Technologies to enhance workshops.

3. President-Elect's Report

- President-Elect Ryan Jilka had nothing to report

4. Conversation with Smart Technologies

- Representatives from KCAV and Smart Technologies gave a presentation on technology in the classroom and making sure your tech matches up with the outcomes you are hoping to achieve.

5. Executive Director's Report

- G.A. Buie discussed the Individual Membership review.
 - At 1046 members, we are very close to our goal of 1100 members. We have gotten many more individual members from PLN districts this year. We will be sending out a reminder for PLN district members who have not yet joined USA. State association memberships are trending up as well. We are also up from 70 last year to 89 this year on PLN Districts. We have heard from a few districts who are still reviewing numbers, but we will be close to our goal of 100 for the year.
 - Dennis Peerenboom reported that KASPA is doing a big membership push and should see an increase in numbers this year. They have been working with the national office in Overland Park on driving membership numbers.
- G.A. discussed the Regional Meetings we held with KASB that just wrapped up. These took place at 10 state-wide locations and had sessions for administrators and school board members, then came together as a group to discuss school safety. These meetings went very well and were well-attended. They used the Span software at these workshops which went over very well and made group collaboration much easier.
- G.A. discussed a letter sent from USA and KSSA in support of an IRS regulation ending a tax shelter that allows taxpayers in Kansas to turn a profit when they fund private schools through state tuition tax credit programs.
- G.A. discussed the upcoming elections and the push to get out the vote. The registration deadline has passed, now it's time to work on making a voting plan. Start thinking about what your availability will be on November 6th and whether it might be easier to vote in advance at your county elections office.
 - Smoky Valley is doing a building to building voting number challenge. It might also be fun to do district to district challenges.
- G.A. discussed the Kansas Teacher of the Year Banquet. Sean Cochran and his wife, G.A. and his wife, and Justin Henry and his wife will be attending. There are still a few tickets available if anyone else wishes to attend.
- G.A. discussed the Assistant Executive Director's contract. Jerry is currently contracted for 160 days, but with all of the added workshops we are doing this year, G.A. recommended adding an additional 40 days to his contract with a salary increase of \$15,000. This contract will remain fluid and will be based on finances. Bert Moore moved to approve these changes to Jerry Henn's contract. Ryan Jilka seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

6. Committee Work/Reports

- The Conference Committee discussed possible themes and planning for the upcoming USA conference. Our goal will be to send out information December 1, including vendor

info and a call for breakout sessions. We will set the deadline at January 18 for breakout submissions so they can be discussed at the January 25 board meeting. Survey Review and Conversation

- The Legislative Advocacy Committee discussed the special dyslexia task force which should have a report coming out in November. They discussed safety drills and what we want the language to look like. They also discussed funding for out of state students that attend Kansas schools.

7. Lunch Provided by KCAV

9. New Business

- G.A. discussed upcoming workshops.

9. Adjourn

- 11:56 a.m.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2019