



**Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, March 1, 2019 (9:00 am – 10:30 am)
Online Only via Zoom**

Minutes in Review

Attendance:

Pete Bastian, Valley Center USD 262 – Past President
Mike Berblinger, Buhler USD 313 – KSSA
Sean Cochran, Auburn-Washburn USD 437 – President
Cory Gibson, Valley Center USD 262 – KSSA
Eric Hansen, Bonner Springs USD 204 – KASBO
Volora Hanzlicek, Valley Falls USD 338 – KASCD
Ryan Jilka, Goddard USD 265 – President-Elect
Christie Meyer, Goddard USD 265 – KASCD
Dennis Peerenboom, Seaman USD 345 - KASPA
Jake Potter, Leavenworth USD 453 - KanSPRA
Glen Suppes, Smoky Valley USD 400 – KSSA
Patrick Schroeder, Ellsworth-Kanopolis-Geneseo USD 327 – KASSP
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas Executive Director
Jerry Henn, USA-Kansas Assistant Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by President Sean Cochran at 9:01 a.m.

1. Welcome

- President Sean Cochran welcomed board members.

2. Consent Agenda

- Pete Bastian moved to approve the consent agenda which included the agenda, minutes from the February Board Meeting, and financials from January be approved. Seconded by Cory Gibson. Approved unanimously.

3. President Report

- President Sean Cochran discussed the upcoming Executive Director's evaluation. He will be working with Justin Henry on this.
- Sean Cochran also reported that KSSA is next in line for the President-Elect position, so they will need to choose a representative to fill that role.

4. Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director G.A. Buie discussed the first draft of the 2019-2020 budget. He explained there are no huge differences. We will increase the budget for professional services income. We have added 2 additional corporate partners, but will likely have one not returning. We have also increased conference participant and vendor numbers. We have also added the income and expense of the new Executive Director for the principals' associations, as well as raises for the staff.

5. Legislative Update

- G.A. reported that school finance has proven to be a moving target. At this time many groups have their own plans. USA will keep with the Governor's recommendation for the time being.
- There is also SB7 which involves allowing districts to move school board elections to January. SB16 involves use of at-risk funds. SB128 on safety drills. HB2329 never got a hearing but has been blessed and sent to appropriations for a hearing, it involves increasing employee contributions to KPERS, possibly shoring up KPERS at the employee's expense. There are 3 bullying bills out there that we are keeping an eye on as well. There has been talk of creating a task force.

6. Conference Update

- Registration is at 211, which is more than double where we were at this time last year. Once the breakout schedule is finalized Jessi will send out a sign-up sheet to board members for introductions and support.
- We are finalizing plans for our Innovative Classroom with McCown Gordon, Rice Furniture, and KCAV. We will host breakouts on Thursday in this location.
- We have secured a group to come in with dueling pianos on Thursday night. Lifetouch will continue to sponsor, and we will try to find an additional sponsor.

7. New Business

- We will not be making any huge changes, it seems to be going over well. We will end the showcase by 7:00 p.m. at the request of many of the vendors. We will be setting up a USA-Kansas lounge section in the center of the hall where we will help attendees navigate the app and the resources available to them through the member site. We are also working with Lifetouch on putting together a different evening hospitality option.

8. New Business

- G.A. and Jerry are working on the listing for the new Executive Director for the principals associations. G.A. was approached by KASB, who wanted to know if we were interested in joining them and hiring a shared employee. They are looking for someone to help recruit and prepare new superintendents. It would be a benefit financially, but could spread this individual too thing, and not necessarily to the benefit of our principals associations. The board decided it was best to stay the course in hiring our own position, while being open to communicating with KASB on possible recruits.

8. Adjourn

- 9:42 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2019