



Board of Directors Meeting
April 23, 2015
KASB - (New USA|Kansas) Office
1420 Arrowhead Road • Topeka, Kansas

Minutes

Attendance

Jody Baker, Andover USD 385, KAESP
Dan Brungardt, Bonner Springs/Edwardsville USD 204, KASBO
Dr. Michael Clagg, (substituting for Susan Scherling) Haysville USD 261, KAMSA
Jill Dickerson, Shawnee Heights USD 450, KAMSA
Annie Diederich, Seaman USD 345, KAESP
Jacque Feist, Dodge City USD 443, KASSP
Sue Givens, El Dorado USD 490, KSSA
Jimmy Hay, Paola USD 368, KASBO
Ryan Jilka, Goddard USD 265, KAMSA
Joe Ryan, Smoky Hill Ed. Service Ctr, KCCTEA
Steve Splichal, Eudora USD 491, KASCD
Jeff White, Osawatomie USD 367, KAESP
Craig Wilford, Derby USD 260, KSSA
Corbin Witt, Geary County USD 475, KASCD
Donna Zerr, Augusta USD 402, KASSP

USA|Kansas staff

G.A. Buie, Executive Director, USA|Kansas
Sheryl Colcher, Executive Assistant

1. **Call to order**

The USA|Kansas board of directors meeting was called to order by President Craig Wilford at 9:33 a.m.

2. **Consent agenda**

Motion was made by Corbin Witt to approve the March 13, 2015 minutes. Steve Splichal seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

3. **President Report**

President Craig Wilford thanked the board members for attending the meeting, their help regarding leadership, budgets and educating children.

4. **President-Elect Report**

President-Elect Steve Splichal echoed Craig Wilford's expression of appreciation to each board member. He informed the board that G.A. Buie had spent time working on convention concerns for next year with him.

5. **Executive Director Report**

G.A. Buie welcomed the board members and thanked each for their flexibility. He reported he plans to move forward with the budget challenges and to build a strong association for Kansas school administrators.

G.A. plans on continuing future conventions and events with other organizations and partnerships. Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) will continue to hold activities and events together.

G.A. has spoken with Greenbush regarding contracts and plans to speak with other Service Centers also.

The contract for moving to KASB has been signed. It will provide opportunities as being a full occupant of the building and includes smaller rent, parking, printing lab, webinar facility, and meeting rooms. The construction will start on Monday, April 27, 2015 and moving will be a challenge. G. A. plans on getting more moving bids and trying to work on discounts. Jacque Feist asked if the printing opportunities applied to members of USA|Kansas also.

G.A. reported that membership numbers were down and that USA|Kansas is in a catch up mode that is nationwide at this time.

At the present time, USA convention registrations are at 170 and exhibitors are slightly lower than in the past. Sue Givens mentioned piecing out pieces of the convention to bring in additional registrations and finances. Jacque Feist suggested reaching out to new superintendents and principals for next year also. G.A. plans on moving forward with videos and voice verses reading for marketing events.

G.A. is looking regarding financial partnerships, one being with the Hearst Foundation regarding grants to USA|Kansas. The new budget will be completed by July 1 and will have a different look.

We are waiting on a conference speaker for KSSA Day for the convention. Sponsorships are being finalized. Vendors will be a great benefit to the convention this year. The program is almost ready for print.

6. **Organizational Structure Activity**

Board members worked in groups identifying strengths and weaknesses.

Lunch was provided at noon in the meeting room.

7. **Legislative Update**

Dodie Wellshear presented the board with information on current legislative issues and a state revenue estimate and tax increase proposal handout. She also spoke briefly on the ESI Bill, Privacy Bill, KPERS Working After Retirement, and Professional Negotiations Act.

8. **Report Out (Organizational Activity)**

G.A. will summarize activity and send electronic copy.

9. **New Business**

President Wilford welcomed G.A. Buie as the Executive Director of USA|Kansas and informed him that he had the support for his endeavors from the board.

Jacque Feist asked if the board will be meeting at the USA convention. After checking, G.A. responded they would not be meeting.

10. Adjourn