



Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, February 5, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Online Only

Minutes in Review

Attendance:

Michael Argabright, Southern Lyon County USD 252 - KSSA
Ben Boothe, Gardner-Edgerton USD 231 - KanSPRA
Sean Cochran, Auburn-Washburn USD 437 – KASEA
Rena Duewel, Turner USD 202 - KPA
Becca Flowers, Skyline USD 438 - KSSA
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
Ryan Jilka, Goddard USD 265 – Past President
Steve Karlin, Garden City USD 457 – KSSA
Andy Koenigs, Derby USD 260, KASPA
Christie Meyer, Goddard USD 265 – President
Steve Noble, Seaman USD 345 – President-Elect
Eric Sacco, Clifton-Clyde USD 224 - KPA
Deanna Scherer, Atchison County Community USD 377 - KPA
Glen Suppes, Smoky Valley USD 400 – KSSA
G.A. Buie, USA-Kansas Executive Director
Jerry Henn, USA-Kansas Assistant Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by President Christie Meyer at 9:01 a.m.

1. Welcome

- President Christie Meyer welcomed Board Members, saying it is great to see everyone. These are challenging times in Kansas, but thanks for your participation on the board, in your organizations, and in your daily activities. She will be taking some of the positive lessons from this year and using them to make improvements next year.

2. Consent Agenda

- Mike Argabright moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the agenda and minutes from the November meeting. Seconded by Cory Gibson. Approved unanimously.

3. President Report

- President Christie Meyer discussed the KSHSAA Awards. She was part of the selection team and was glad to be able to participate in the selection process.
- Christie discussed Navigating Change. They are working on producing and reviewing documents and looking at providing information, resources, frameworks, materials, etc. They need experts to share materials that would be beneficial. Christie will share the submission form.
- Eric Hansen discussed the October, November, and December Financial Reports. Things are progressing normally. Comparatively, dues income is at 100%. Convention dollars are lagging. G.A. explained that KPA and KSSA pay monthly, so those expectations will be met. Kim Torrez is following up with corporate sponsorships with money outstanding. Eric questioned why the tech budget seemed to be surging. G.A. explained that our database was breached, and someone was trying to sell it under our name, so there was a cost to deal with that.
 - Mike Argabright moved to approve the October, November, and December Financial Reports. Seconded by Ryan Jilka. Approved unanimously.
- Christie discussed the bylaw changes. They have been approved by our lawyer. Christie went over the changes with the board again. There are changes needed on sections E and F.
 - Deanna Scherer moved to approve the new Bylaws with edits. Seconded by Becca Flowers. Approved unanimously. The changes will go into effect after this meeting.

4. Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director G.A. Buie discussed membership. He is pleasantly surprised with the numbers. USA is only behind a few from where we finished last year. All but KPA have surpassed last year. We are continuing to work with KPA.
- G.A. discussed PLN membership and workshops. We shifted this year. First semester administrators were swamped, so we focused on cohorts rather than workshops. This semester we have 3 workshops, which will be structured differently than in the past.
 - Strategic Management
 - Human Capital
 - Flexible Learning Cohort
 - Still working with cohorts
- G.A. gave an update on the Governor's Education Council. The committees are working together to bring recommendations to the governor. The board discussed work-based learning, Advantage KS, and Diploma Plus.
- G.A. discussed the Oral Health and KSDE grants.
 - The oral health grant has been approved. We will be helping to promote filling stations in schools rather than drinking fountains. The grant is for \$77k. We will help with marketing and promotions, personalized water bottles, drinking water while practicing safe sanitation.
 - The KSDE grant is not yet finalized, but Not finalized, but would involve hiring someone to coordinate this, support and money for workshops and cohorts. Intensive statewide leadership network. It will be USA-Kansas working in conjunction with KASB, Redesign group, colleges, etc.

5. Legislative Update/KSDE

- G.A. discussed the Governor's State of the State, as well as the legislative platform. The board discussed remote learning, vouchers, ESSER funds, and getting teachers and communities involved.

6. Committee Work

- Conference
 - Jerry Henn reported we are looking at a different schedule this year. The goal is to keep the halls as uncongested as possible. We are looking at outdoor activities for vendor receptions, and other Covid-friendly ideas.
- Legislative Advocacy
 - Mike Argabright discussed the importance of engaging legislators and letting them know where we stand. G.A. said we will be working to answer ESSER questions depending on what happens this weekend and early next week.

7. Conference Vendor Showcase

- G.A. discussed this year's plans for the vendor showcase. We will be spreading it out over 2 days to limit the number of individuals in the hall at any given time. We are also planning on setting up "Classroom Booths". We are trying to keep conference breakout sessions strictly educational, so we are giving vendors and sponsors the opportunity to purchase a "Classroom Booth" that will be the size of 4 booths where they can host sessions and demonstrations throughout the conference.

8. New Business

- Mike Argabright asked how we could assist with the teacher shortage. He wondered if we might engage in marketing tools, radio, television, social media, etc. to promote the profession.
- G.A. shared we will be getting out an email about the Distinguished Service Award.

9. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The next meeting is April 9, 2021.