

**Minutes of November Board of Directors Meeting
Board of Directors
November 11, 2019 Board Meeting**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association of Alaska School Boards was held Monday, November 11, 2019, beginning at 8:35 AM in the Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK.

1. Call to Order

President Michael Swain called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

2. Roll Call

BOD	Present	Excused	Unexcused
Michael Swain	X		
Katie Oliver	X		
Pete Hoepfner	X		
Dana Mock	X		
Clarence Daniel	X		
Barbara Amarok	X		
Penny Vadla	X		
Chrya Sanderson	X		
Deena Mitchell	X		
Starr Marsett	X		
Tillie Ticket	X		
Roxanne Brower		X	
Wassillie Gust	X		
Marie Greene	X		
Tiffany Jackson	X		

3. Establish Quorum

A quorum was established.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Swain.

5. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed. Veterans in the room were asked to stand.

6. Approval of Agenda

Tiffany Jackson/Clarence Daniel moved/seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carries unanimously.

7. Approval of Minutes

A. July 20-21 BOD Meeting

B. October 9 Executive Committee Meeting

Pete Hoepfner/ Marie Greene moved/seconded to approve both the July 20-21 and October 9 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Recognition of Visitors

John Sedor, part-time attorney for AASB, was introduced as a visitor and gave a report on updates with his work in the organization. He discussed the progress AASB is working on with him regarding regional trainings, and the feedback was positive. There was talk of making certain themes accessible to BOD only. He is working with another agency (FMCS) for training on bargaining, as well as with an NEA attorney - presenting with his partner Allen, and preparing for Law Day. Lon will be working on AASB's model policies. John explained how and why he works with our non-member districts.

A discussion followed.

9. BOD Workshops and Attendance

Documents showing BOD member use of free workshops and attendance at meetings throughout the year were shared with the Board. Free workshops to attend do not include the Registration for Annual Conference. Pointed out where a list of winners of the June Nelson Memorial Scholarship are located.

10. Correspondence

Correspondence was included in the Board packet.

11. Reports

A. President's Report

Presenter: Michael Swain

AASB's President, Michael Swain, highlighted on the following from his report: Being prepared to testify and speak up to legislature about important issues within education in Alaska. Encouraged folks to be assertive but respectful in this process.

B. Past President's Report

Presenter: Tiffany Jackson

Highlighted on the following from her report:

Tiffany, Norm, and Mike attended the NSBA Summer Leadership Seminar in Chicago and discussed what the focuses were at this meeting. They also attended the Winter Pacific Region Meeting in Boise, Idaho. Stacey (Nevada) was elected to chair elect of the region. Pete helped put together 2 resolutions that were adopted – one on climate change and another on trauma-informed responsiveness. Pat Sidmore did a presentation on transforming schools, which was very successful. As a group, they did Colors of Success presentation. Discussed California's response to NSBA.

C. Executive Director's Report

Presenter: Norm Wooten

Norm said that most of the relevant information is found in his report, but explained how AASB reports on Board goals so that they are aware of the organization's work.

A discussion followed.

D. NSBA Director's Report

Presenter: Tiffany Jackson

Tiffany reported on her activities. Highlights included:

NSBA's financial situation has improved, although there is still a concern about the pension plan. There have been changes in structure within NSBA, and there may be a position that will receive compensation. In addition, California has issued a press release that they will be suspending their membership with NSBA.

E. AI/AN Council Report

Presenter: Michael Swain/Tiffany Jackson

Mike is Chair Elect, Tiffany is Pacific Region Director. Mike discussed how they have a quarterly format with 4 meetings per year. He said that little happens between meetings because of length of time between. There has also been turnover with NSBA's staff in equity department. Tiffany mentioned that there are communication issues with NSBA, and discussed potential name changes to AI/AN. Membership has dwindled. Tiffany and Mike urged people to join the council.

Discussion about NSBA followed.

F. AASB Review

Presenter: Michael Swain/Timi Tullis

Mike reminded Board about mission statements, goals, and job descriptions. Mike and Timi also went over the Code of Ethics as well as the monthly BOD reports. The mission statement has been updated, which was read aloud by Mike.

G. Associate Executive Director's Report

Presenter: Timi Tullis

Highlighted on the following:

Went over the participation sheet: 51 districts have been participating, at least in some way. The regional trainings have been successful, although 4 districts will need to be confirmed before scheduling to do more. Charter schools are another project that Lon and Timi have been working on a lot recently. Timi led the Ready, Set, Govern! session at NSBA conference and everything was covered for travel and registration by them. Lon was promoted to Director of Membership Services, and is in charge of policy and superintendent searches. Rich Carlson was also added to AASB's staff, and is working with Lon for the superintendent searches as well.

Discussion followed.

H. Alaska ICE Report

Presenter: Lori Grassgreen

Highlighted on the following:

Early Childhood Project (PDG) has been making progress, and she discussed the meeting at Annual Conference pertaining to this. Lori also said that the pre-conference meeting with Michele Brooks went well. The Needs Assessment

Survey is currently in the works, which not only includes preschool but early learning as well. Continuing to work on data coordination and strategic planning, as well as requests around trauma-informed schools. Cultural integration is also being focused on, and there will be more on this in the next update. SCCS is in 3 languages this year. Lori introduced new employees and their roles including Betsy Brenneman, David Song, and Stephanie Long. She announced that Pat Sidmore is not renewing his contract for this year.

A comfort break was taken at 10:10 AM.

Reconvened meeting at 10:25 AM.

I. Membership Services Report

Presenter: Lon Garrison

Highlighted on the following:

He did not have much to add, as much of it was included in Timi's report. He discussed his new position and how AASB demonstrates and creates values within communities. He is working as the lead of superintendent search and policy - working closely with Norm on this, Board development with Timi, Resolutions, June Nelson Memorial Scholarship, school improvement with Rich Carlson, Maintenance Employee's Conference – which includes 44 people from 23 districts.

Discussion followed.

J. Administrative Services Report

Presenter: Diana Miller

Highlighted on the following:

The Administration Team has been working together to support each other through some necessary cross training. This allows them to support the entire AASB staff and member districts. We have been busy with meetings both creating the online registration and coordinating meeting logistics. Preparation for year end close out and audit work has begun. Support for the STEPS grant includes sending out reminders and review of the reimbursement requests.

K. ASAA Report

Presenter: Clarence Daniel

Highlighted on the following from his report:

Items of interest coming up – upcoming meetings on 3A, 4A, 2A basketball and Division 1 and 2 football. The start time of 1A and 2A basketball has a new proposal – and is being considered to have a new start date. ASAA is also looking at swapping state tournament. Continuing to keep track of TAD (tobacco, alcohol, and drug) reports, be monitored and think of prevention strategies.

Discussion followed.

L. Report on Forum Meetings

Presenter: All Directors

Resolutions were discussed and BOD members were welcomed to point out various ones of importance to go over.

Dana Mock: 2.21 and 2.32.

Clarence: 2.2, 2.11, 2.22, 2.5, 2.21, 2.33, 2.34, 2.41, 2.47, 4.7, 5.2, 5.4 and 5.13.

-Katie: 2.19, 2.51, 2.52, 4.1

Resolutions will come out August 1.

A discussion followed.

M. Annual Conference Report

Presenter: Timi Tullis

Highlighted on the following:

Timi presented in replacement for Jenni Lefing, as she had returned to Juneau already. Next year's Annual Conference will be held at the Captain Cook instead of the Hilton. Timi asked BOD to provide input on this year's conference: what went well and what needs improvement. The June Nelson Memorial Scholarship Silent Auction process was discussed, ways to improve the current system as well as the dinner. Other ideas were mentioned for improvement.

Discussion followed.

Recess for lunch at 12:11 PM.

Reconvened meeting at 1:15 PM.

N. Legal Consultant Update

Presenter: John Sedor

This update was covered during the "Recognition of Visitors" section of the agenda.

12. Executive Session

Presenter: Michael Swain & Norm Wooten

Clarence/Tiffany moved/seconded to enter executive session at 1:08 PM.

Motion carries unanimously; AASB staff left the room for this to continue.

Staff returned to open session at 2:07 PM.

13. Action Items

A. Approval of 2020 Budget

Presenter: Diana Miller/Norm Wooten

Clarence/Tillie moved/seconded to approve budget.

Diana explained portions of the budget

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was taken.

Tiffany Jackson	Yes	Michael Swain	Yes
Barb Amarok	Yes	Peter Hoepfner	Yes

Clarence Daniel	Yes	Dana Mock	Yes
Penny Vadla	Yes	Katie Oliver	Yes
Deena Mitchell	Yes	Marie Greene	Yes
Wassillie Gust	Yes	Roxanne Brower	N/A
Starr Marsett	Yes	Chrya Sanderson	Yes
Tillie Ticket	Yes		

All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

B. Priority Issues for 2020

Presenter: Timi Tullis/Lon Garrsion

Timi had members break out into small groups to identify priority resolutions for further discussion.

Discussion followed.

C. BLN Assignments

Presenter: All Directors

BOD members discussed their communication with their BLN.

D. Committee Appointments

Presenter: All Directors

Committee appointments were made within the Board of Directors.

Tiffany is chair of the Policy Committee.

Katie, Dana, Tillie, Deena are members.

Pete Hoepfner was made chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Tiffany, Mike, Wally, Penny, Tillie, Marie are members.

Deena was made chair of the Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee.

Marie, Pete, Barb, Chrya are members.

Starr is chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Dana is chair of the Membership Committee.

Dana, Roxanne, Clarence, Wally are members.

Barb is chair of the Sustainability Committee, with the assistance of Lori Grassgreen.

Starr, Dana, Pete, Barb, Penny are members.

Clarence is chair of the Alaska School Activity Association Committee.

E. Ratification

A special meeting with the Executive Committee was held on October 19 regarding a meeting with John Sedor, discussing whether or not School Law Day should be open to all districts.

A discussion followed.

Pete/Clarence moved/seconded to ratify Executive Committee's action from October 19.

Motion carries and ratification passes.

14. Board Comments

Board was pleased with the conference and agreed it was a productive meeting.

15. Future Business

No new updates – scholarships and policy updates on next agenda, which is typical.

16. Adjournment

Starr/Tiffany moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carries unanimously; President Michael Swain adjourned the meeting at 4:09 PM.