



Regular Meeting

Monday, November 7, 2022 8:00 AM

Hotel Captain Cook, 939 W 5th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

1. Call to Order

Official Minutes

President Greene called the regular meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Margo Bellamy:	Present
Robyn Burke:	Present
Clarence Daniel:	Present
Tim Doran:	Present
Marie Greene:	Present
Diane Gubatayao:	Present
Pete Hoepfner:	Present
Andy Holleman:	Present
Brian Holst:	Excused
Dana Mock:	Present
Katie Oliver:	Present
Chrya Sanderson:	Present
Michael Swain:	Present
Penny Vadla:	Present

3. Establish Quorum

A quorum was established

4. Pledge of Allegiance

President Greene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Equity Statement

The AASB equity statement was read.

AASB believes in educational excellence for all of Alaska's students. Equity in public education means the fair allocation of resources, based on need, to address opportunity gaps and promote success for every student in Alaska. Students come to us from various backgrounds with different strengths and at varying degrees of readiness. What works for one student may not work for another.

AASB is obliged to support Alaska's students by providing school leaders with quality educational services such as policy, planning, hiring, and training to ensure successful outcomes for all students by respecting their race, ethnicity, religion, language, abilities, socioeconomic status, country of origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity.

AASB offers tools and resources to school boards and school districts to identify and eliminate systemic barriers and discriminatory practices, prejudices, and beliefs.

6. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

7. Approval of the Agenda

Action:

Approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Pete Hoepfner and seconded by Clarence Daniel, **Passed**.

Voting Summary: Yea: 13, Nay: 0, Excused: 1

8. Approval of Minutes

Action:

Approve the minutes from the regular board meeting July 15, 2022 and the executive committee special meeting September 1, 2022.

This motion, made by Michael Swain and seconded by Penny Vadla,

Passed.

Voting Summary: Yea: 13, Nay: 0, Excused: 1

9. Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitors in attendance to recognize.

10. Correspondence

The board reviewed the correspondence in the board packet from B. Mattson and K. Livingston

11. Reports/Discussion Items

11.A. Committee and Officer Reports

11.A.1. President's Report

Speaker(s): Marie Greene

President Greene provided highlights from her written report. She appreciated the NSBA Annual Conference events and the Pacific Region Meeting. She noted that John Heim (NSBA Executive Director) reported on new strands that may be coming forward. She thanked Katie Oliver for joining the interview committee on her behalf due to the weather in Kotzebue.

11.A.2. Past President's Report

Speaker(s): Peter Hoepfner

Peter Hoepfner provided a brief overview of his written report touching on NSBA meetings and the Pacific Region meeting that occurred in Fairbanks in October 2022.

11.A.3. President-Elect's Report

Speaker(s): Margo Bellamy

President Elect Bellamy provided highlights from her San Antonio trip to the NSBA Annual Conference. She appreciated being part of the conversation and learning about how school board members as a whole are moving forward for students.

11.A.4. Secretary/Treasurer report

Secretary Treasurer Dana Mock thanked the board for his current board position that was determined yesterday.

11.A.5. NSBA and AIAN Director's Report

Peter Hoepfner provided details regarding the NSBA Constitution and Bylaws. He is chairing the beliefs and resolutions this year. Michael Swain provided an overview of the AIAN Council and encouraged everyone to become a member of AIAN. There are less than 15 members in Alaska, and members do not have to be Alaska Native to be on the council. He also talked about the fact that NSBA advocates for all students regardless of whether or not the State is part of the NSBA association.

Speaker(s): Peter Hoepfner
and Michael Swain

11.A.6. NSBA Pacific Region Report

Executive Director Lon Garrison provided details of hosting the Pacific Region meeting in Fairbanks. He thanked Tim Doran for providing the land acknowledgement and welcoming the group. Mr. Garrison commented on the work of the Pacific Region, and expressed gratitude that John Heim, the Executive Director of NSBA was able to attend.

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison

11.A.7. ASAA Report

Dana Mock explained that ASAA is adding badminton, and using 8th grade students at the single A and double AA at the sub varsity level. Enrollment of 50 or less the use of 8th graders in Basketball - He also thought that next year might be at AASB's annual conference there may be an opportunity for possible partnership with ASAA for the YLI event on Saturday night.

Speaker(s): Dana Mock

11.A.8. Policy Committee Report

Katie Oliver provided a recap of the policy committee meeting on September 26, 2022. A written report was provided to the board.

Speaker(s): Katie Oliver

11.A.9. Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Committee Chair Bellamy provided an overview of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that was held on June 5, 2022. The Committee recommends changes to Article 5 section 1 and Article 6 section 2.

Speaker(s): Margo Bellamy

11.A.10. Membership Committee Report

Chrya Sanderson Membership Committee Chair provided details regarding the creation of the AASB land acknowledgment. The land acknowledgment was created in a way that it could be adjusted based on the meeting location.

AASB Acknowledges the indigenous people of the land, all 229 tribes in Alaska where our students, their parents, and board members learn, live, and raise their families. AASB also recognizes the traditional and indigenous land of the (Insert Location) people where we stand today to conduct this meeting.

11.A.11. Sustainability Committee Report

Lori Grassgreen provided details regarding the Sustainability Committee Checklist and Worksheet. Tim Doran commented that he has found the Sustainability Committee interesting and productive with the way that it is headed. President Greene acknowledged the work that Barb Amarok did while she served on the Sustainability Committee.

11.A.12. Like sized district forum report

The board discussed the concerns that came out of the district forums, and selected top priorities for the Legislative session

11.B. Action Items

11.B.1. Priority Issues for 2023

Action:

Move to set the legislative priorities to be under three main categories: Funding, Staff retention and recruitment, and student health and wellness. This motion, made by Michael Swain and seconded by Penny Vadla, **Passed**.

Voting Summary: Yea: 13, Nay: 0, Excused: 1

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison and
Norm Wooten

11.B.2. Approval of the 2023 AASB Budget

Action:

Move that the board adopt the AASB 2023 budget. This motion, made by Margo Bellamy and seconded by Penny Vadla, **Passed**.

Voting Summary: Yea: 13, Nay: 0, Excused: 1

11.B.7. Approval of Executive Committee Action of September 1, 2022

Action:

Move to ratify the actions the Executive Committee actions of September 1, 2022.

This motion, made by Michael Swain and seconded by Clarence Daniel, **Passed.**

Voting Summary: Yea: 13, Nay: 0, Excused: 1

Recess 12:30 p.m.

Reconvene 12:53 p.m.

11.C. Staff Reports

11.C.1. Annual Conference Report

Speaker(s): Jenni Lefing

The board had a robust discussion about the Annual Conference and changes they would like to see for next year's Annual Conference. Key highlights were for the BLN network to request Board President participation in the Resolution Committee. Stressing the importance of reading the Resolutions. Advanced preparation for the Resolution Committee. Sending communications out requesting one member from each school board attend Resolutions.

11.C.2. Executive Director's Report

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison

Executive Director Lon Garrison provided a brief overview of his written report. He touched on Business Operations, Grant funded services, and NSBA.

11.C.3. Associate Director's Report

Speaker(s): Timi Tullis

Timi Tullis shared snippets from her written report which included Partnership work, Fall academy highlights, and district workshops.

11.C.4. Finance Officer's Report

Speaker(s): Jenny Mathis

Jenny Mathis answered questions about her written report which highlighted federal grant reporting, AASB's indirect cost rate, and business operations. Her report also included AASB's financial monthly dashboard.

11.C.5. Director of Membership Services Report

Tiffany Jackson provided a recap of her written report which included services provided to districts, charter school work and superintendent searches.

Speaker(s): Tiffany Jackson

11.C.6. Director of Conditions for Learning's Report

Lori Grassgreen shared information regarding mental health and trauma engaged work, the youth leadership event, family engagement and provided some details on the conditions for learning staff.

Speaker(s): Lori Grassgreen

11.C.7. Attendance Report

The board reviewed the attendance report for AASB Board of Director meetings.

12. Board Comments

Andy - Still learning his way around. Seen a lot more depth to the organization than he realized it existed with this annual conference. Great work, and proud to be part of it.

Katie - Really enjoyed the conference. Appreciative to the AASB staff for all the work that went into the conference. Particularly enjoyed the session with other districts focused on the post-secondary opportunities work. Enjoyed the Alaska READS act session, it is influencing things within Kodiak. Grateful for the BLN game. Excited about the youth on board sections. Welcome Robin.

Diane - Congrats to the new officers. Thank you for stepping up. Love the diversity of the board. Hearing the different perspectives. Wonderful for the new Ketchikan superintendent. It was really valuable for the new board members. Impressed with the youth, for the kids, it is something to hear from the youth. Have board members attend the advisory panels. Thank you to the staff. Thank you for the leadership Lon, and thank you for attending Norm.

Tim - Anniversary reflection. He doesn't come in with specific expectations but has a broader view of what AASB does. AASB has helped to make him a better board member locally. Liked the style of the conference. Appreciated the question of the BOD game. Really concerned about the Alaska scorecards release. How do we respond, as a district, as a board? Are they accurate? Each set of tests that are used, the results are lower and lower. There is something wrong with that. It is going to be tough this week. How do we step up to advocate for our kids? How do we step up for our educators with retention and recruitment.

Chrya - It was a good start. It is the first time the entire board has been here at the conference. She hopes to be a leader that can rally. The AASB and other

board support that is surrounding you while you are here has been phenomenal. She goes home with the thoughts about what the students at the roundtables shared. She understands better about the housing shortages and what it means for students and teachers.

Clarence - Welcome Robyn. Congrats to the executive committee. It has been a tougher year at LKSD. Four house fires, and four fatalities. Three of which were students in the district. One of the board members has been complimentary to AASB, and understands the training at the local level is influenced by AASB training. Under the student portion, we should think about having a conference with NEA, ACSA, and AASB. We should take the first stab at asking them if they would like to have a joint conference. There is a lot of value that they can bring into the villages. They may not know what HR law is. A presentation with NEA may be beneficial to other districts. We are not the owners of the law, the law was given to us to implement. Redistricting caused the loss of two board members. The district needed to appoint new board members. Lower Kuskokwim does have two student reps, they will be coming to the student portion.

Robyn - Second year of attending the annual conference. There is a lot of stuff going on. Happy to be at the table, and learn from everything. Appreciates all the different services that AASB offers. Background with the district in HR, teacher retention and recruitment is really important. Districts have challenges with recruitment and retention, and part of that is educators not from Alaska may not know what it is like to live a rural life, to not being on the road system. Thankful for the student advocacy and student wellness, I am excited to be here.

Dana - Thank you to all of you sitting here at the table. The staff that are upstairs working, it is very much appreciated. I am so glad we are almost back to normal. Catching up and visiting. Learning new words, it was so nice to be able to do that. Really likes the Legislative priorities going forward. It is going to be a challenging year. Thank you for electing me as the Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you for that. Last thing, What is your why? Why are you here? Why do you do the things you do? I always say it's for the kids but there are other pieces in there to think about. What is the why when you think back on it?

Margo - Thanks everyone in the room. Your hearts are a duplication of my own. I appreciate whenever we get together. A list of things I am thankful for, I am glad we are passed covid. In many ways it magnified disparities. Tough ones, but necessary ones. Thank you to the association, Lon and Pete, and Katie. San Antonio was very enlightened. The Board did an Equity statement. Tiffany, Barb, Lori thank you for helping us get through that. I am glad to see that we added the equity statement to our agenda. Anchorage had five of their seven board members here at the annual conference. Board development workshop in June. Lon made it happen, co-development with Council of Greater City Schools, has

not had the types of conversations that had happened. Thank you for the gun violence webinar with Lisa Murkowski.

Pete – Always enjoys the annual conference. Welcome to Robyn. Highlights for Pete are with Stephanie, and Jenni. She has become pro status with conferences. Resolutions have been an interesting process. The JNMS auction was great. The students kept going on about how the conference was going. Kids are slowly opening up. Loved being President and really appreciate the bolo tie. The equity statement work that was done on that is very appreciated.

Lon - Thank you to you as board members, the dedication and passion to this work. Had written out a different speech, this the society of me, you guys are the ones that are the great example that that doesn't work for all students. Wants to acknowledge how hard it is for the Anchorage board and what they are going through right now. I can't imagine how you navigate having to close six schools. It is unbelievable. My heart is with you.

Norm - Thrilled to be doing advocacy again this year, thank Lon and the board for bringing me on this year.

Timi- Thank you for all you do as volunteers. Thank you for all your thoughts, the one ah ha, for the love of goodness, and forty wide eyes that are excited to talk about it. It reminds me that you aren't one and done. You can hear about something but sometimes it takes multiple times. It may seem old to her, but to others it is a new topic. Congratulations to the new Executive Board, and welcome to Robyn.

Tiffany - Thank you for all your time and commitment, a lot of work as a board member as well, in October her parents were in Anchorage. Thankfully her parents could watch Willow. She is so grateful to work with AASB, knowing that work has this impact on the students. Congrats to the new executive board.

Jenny - Glad to be here, appreciate Lon taking a chance on someone from Texas. She appreciates how hard school board members work for the kids. As a parent of three teenagers, it blesses me because if you are working this hard, hopefully Texas is working this hard. Glad she made it with two broken arms and all.

Lori - I wanted to say first that being at the annual conference and it feels like we are really together and inspiring to see all the work being done. Had a school board member come up to her and explain that the time has flown by because they were enjoying the conference so much. The reason we can do that is because the board is modeling it as leadership. Wanted to thank you for recruiting students and for recruiting people to come to the Now to next, and for all the work that you do. Thank you for all the vision setting you do to set us up for success. Welcome Robyn and congratulations to the Executive

Committee

Stephanie- Thank you to the board for all of your commitment and all that you do for Alaska students.

Marie - I am wondering how AASB can continue with regional training. Sebastian from St. Marys said it was the best conference. Encourage everyone to hang in there, it will be a very busy year. Was grateful to meet John Heim, the NSBA Executive Director at the Pacific Region meeting in October. All of you gave me the confidence for the Resolutions. Appreciate everyone's support. I really appreciate it.

13. Future Business

Communicate the Resolution process, and invite board members to attend a pre-conference webinar.

Advertise the AASB Board of Directors Nominations more frequently.

14. Adjournment

Move to adjourn. This motion, made by Pete Hoepfner and seconded by Margo Bellamy,

Passed.

Voting Summary: Yea: 13, Nay: 0, Excused: 1