

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors Association of Alaska School Boards

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association of Alaska School Boards was held Saturday, July 20, 2019, beginning at 8:30 AM in Kodiak, AK.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the AASB Board of Directors was called to order by President Jackson at 8:30 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		
Lawrence Jones	X		
Deena Mitchell	X		
Starr Marsett	X		
Tillie Ticket	X		
Roxanne Brower	X		
Wassillie Gust		X	
Elizabeth Siddon		X	
Tiffany Jackson	X		

3. Establish Quorum

A quorum was established.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of Allegiance was led by President Jackson.

5. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed by the Board of Directors.

6. Executive Session: Executive Director's Evaluation

Presenter: Michael Swain

Clarence Daniel/Penny Vadla moved/seconded to move into executive session at 8:31 AM.

AASB Staff left the room in order for the Board of Directors to have a private presentation and conversation about the Executive Director's Evaluation.

7. Executive Session: Board of Director's Self-Assessment

Presenter: Pete Hoepfner

Ended Executive session at 4:09 PM. Reconvened at 4:21 PM.

No actions were taken.

8. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting - April 6, 2019
- B. Executive Committee – May 10, 2019
- C. Executive Committee – May 13, 2019
- D. Executive Committee – June 6, 2019
- E. Special Meeting - July 10, 2019

Mike Swain/Clarence Daniel moved/seconded to approve minutes.

President Jackson stated that attendance for Wassilie Gust should be changed to 'unexcused' for the Special Meeting.

The minutes were as amended approved by the Board.

9. Recognition of Visitors

While not in attendance at this point, near the end of the meeting, Katie introduced Judy Carstons from KIBSD Board of Education.

10. BOD Workshops & Attendance

President Jackson reminded the Board that everyone gets one free attendance at a workshop each year, excluding the Annual Conference.

Timi Tullis stated that we encourage Directors to take advantage of this opportunity.

11. Correspondence

Correspondence was included in the Board Packet.

12. Reports/Discussion Items

A. President's Report

Presenter: Tiffany Jackson

AASB's Board President highlighted the following from her report:

- The Executive Committee has met a couple of times since the last board meeting, regarding office funds, the position proposed by Representative Thompkins, and the Amicus Brief.

A brief discussion followed.

B. ASAA Report

Presenter: Clarence Daniel

Clarence highlighted the following from his report:

- As BOD members, it is important to show good sportsmanship and communication with schools, as well as keeping an eye on tobacco/alcohol/drug violations by athletes.
- Location of state meet for drama, debate, and forensics was approved by ASAA Board to be held in Anchorage one year and Juneau the next. The board will then reevaluate the location.
- Confirmed that BOD supports E-Sports as long as there are no first-person shooter games.
- Clarence informed the board that there will be double elimination for volleyball state tournaments. He also explained the Mercy Rule and the changes regarding it.
- ASAA has purchased two units and is working to pay off the second so that they won't have to make such large mortgage payment each month.
- Clarence announced that the Sockeye team is now a co-op, meaning that 2 different villages/sites combined to form one team. The new team requested to run together at the state meet.
- Each year ASAA gives out a Gold Lifetime Pass, and this year 2 people were recommended. Clarence suggested that for the next meeting, the Board keep in mind for the next meeting individuals that they would like to nominate for the pass.
Link to Gold Lifetime Pass: <http://asaa.org/?s=lifetime>
- He made note that at this point, dues aren't increasing.
- The cross country divisions are as follows: Division 1: Top 10 runners will go to state, Division 2: Top 10 runners will go to state, Division 3: Top 15 runners will go to state.
- Clarence informed BOD that some adjustments were made to participation rules for hockey teams so as to not lose players.
- May be changes in 2021 calendar for the schedule of 1A and 2A state basketball tournaments. There will also be an extra week allowed for 3A and 4A tournaments for this upcoming 2019-2020 school year.
- Presentation from Coach's Association – came to address ASAA board for recommendations to develop classifications for private schools' basketball teams.
- Clarence announced that there is a change to the cross country state meet, due to date issues. Now, if the last weekend falls after the 1st week of October, the meet will then take place a week earlier based on calendar.
- There is a requirement for volunteer coaches to have first aid certifications as well as AED training.
- ASAA is looking into changing the logistics of a 4-day basketball tournament in order for players to use 1 court instead of sharing 2.

Discussion followed.

C. NSBA Director's Report

Presenter: Tiffany Jackson

Tiffany Jackson reported on her activities as President. Highlights included:

- There has only been one meeting since the Annual Conference, which Tiffany went over during the April board meeting. This meeting focused primarily on Governance Review Committee that NSBA has put together.

They discussed having reports from other state associations to NSBA concerned about transparency, financial stability, etc. This committee has met several times and will be participating in the Summer Leadership Seminar in August.

- The Governance Review Committee is also looking at compensation of delegates at the delegate assembly. States receive delegates based on student population. President Jackson announced that there are now minority delegates, in order to represent students of minorities. This is a new addition, and the title for these delegates is being discussed so as to maintain a politically correct representation.

Discussion followed.

D. AIAN Report

Presenter: Michael Swain

Michael highlighted the following from his report:

- AIAN was encouraged by NSBA staff to go to a quarterly meeting instead of a monthly meeting. Tiffany has been reappointed as Pacific Region Director, but was not been notified of this from AIAN.
- There was supposed to be a leadership meeting in Miami, but this has changed because of budget/revenue issues. Communication has been an issue within the organization. The next meeting is scheduled for August 9.

Discussion followed.

President Jackson encourages BOD to join AIAN.

Meeting recessed for the evening at 5:11 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 8:29 AM on 7/21/19.

E. Annual Report

1. Executive Director's Update

Refer to Annual Report Attachment

Presenter: Norm Wooten

Norm Wooten, AASB's Executive Director, stated that in the interest of time, he has no highlights to mention from his report but will take questions or comments. He mentioned that much of his work has revolved around constitutional powers.

Discussion followed.

2. Associate Executive Director's Update

Refer to Annual Report Attachment

Presenter: Timi Tullis

AASB's Associate Executive Director Timi Tullis referred to her report included in the board packet. Most of her work is focused under AASB's goals 1 and 5, and she highlighted the following:

- In the previous year, 34 out of 53 districts had on-site visits for various reasons.
- Timi announced that she secured one keynote speaker for AASB's upcoming Annual Conference. Both the second keynote speaker as well as the preconference will focus on family engagement.
- She reported that this year's Winter Academy will be focusing one full day around school law and one on equity.
- Timi, Lon Garrison, and John Sedor are working on starting two regional trainings for this year as a trial.
- She asked if BOD reads the monthly reports AASB releases and if the board finds them useful.

Discussion followed.

3. Alaska ICE Update

Refer to Annual Report Attachment

Presenter: Lori Grassgreen

Alaska ICE Director Lori Grassgreen referred to her report included in the board packet. She highlighted the following:

- Lori and her team started working with statewide stakeholders with early childhood scan and assessment, which has been a chance to bring together partners.
- She mentioned that there is some uncertainty of early childhood funding, given the current political state.
- An update was given on the STEPS project.
- She discussed how the ICE Team has recently been focusing on chronic absenteeism. It can predict what students might be like in high school and afterward.
- Lori announced that SCCS will be using Panorama and the surveys will be translating the survey into several different languages to reach more communities and families.
- ICE is continuing to build more resources into school climate.

Discussion followed.

4. Director of Administration Update

Refer to Annual Report Attachment

Presenter: Norm Wooten

Norm Wooten responded to questions regarding the report included in the Annual Report attachment.

F. BLN Reports

Presenter: All Directors

The Board reported on their BLN contacts and shared the difficulties they encountered in successfully connecting with their contacts.

A discussion followed.

It was suggested that the BOD members create a “key takeaway” document after each meeting to facilitate better communication with BLN networks.

G. Advocacy Committee Minutes

Presenter: Clarence Daniel

- Clarence mentioned that there are consistently 2-3 people at meetings, and that he has been receiving good updates from Norm.

Discussion followed.

H. Board Meeting Attendance Discussion

Presenter: Tiffany Jackson

- The proposed policy change in April’s BOD Meeting was to have the board rule on if someone is excused or unexcused for meetings. This was not addressed in April due to lack of Board attendance, and the discussion was moved to the Summer Meeting since there would be more members present. This proposed change has also been moved to Board decision.

Discussion about whether it should be the Board or President’s decision regarding excused/unexcused followed.

President Jackson adjusted the agenda in order for Lon Garrison to discuss AASB’s website, although this was not included in the Board packet.

Website Updates:

Presenter: Lon Garrison

Lon presented on updates regarding AASB’s website.

- AASB is refreshing the website in order to upgrade and evolve with technology.
- Lon mentioned that the website is a necessary piece to the organization, but it is not currently very effective. He went on to explain that AASB is working on restructuring the site to make it more logical and intuitive, while also adding in online member management services.
- He announced that there will be an update on BoardBook this fall.

I. Allowable Board Reimbursement Expenses

Presenter: Norm Wooten

- Norm explained reimbursement from AASB and what is expected from members’ local boards to provide.
- AASB does not pay per diem for meals we provide or car rental costs.
- BOD Members are expected to turn in reimbursement forms to AASB no later than 30 days after expenses are incurred.
- BOD Members must contact the Executive Administrative Assistant at least 3 weeks prior to meetings if AASB is needed to book travel.

Discussion followed.

13. **Action Items**

A. Executive Director's Contract

Presenter: Tiffany Jackson

Mike Swain/Roxanne Brower moved/seconded a \$134,000 salary and a one-year extension to the current contract for Norm Wooten.

Discussion followed.

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	Lawrence Jones,	Yes
Wassillie Gust	N/A	Roxanne Brower	Yes
Starr Marsett	Yes	Ebett Siddon	N/A
Tillie Ticket	Yes		

A roll-call vote was taken at 9:37 AM. With 13 in favor and 0 against, motion carries.

B. Audit

Mike Swain/ Clarence Daniel moved/second to accept the 2018 audit as presented.

Discussion followed.

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	Lawrence Jones,	Yes
Wassillie Gust	N/A	Roxanne Brower	Yes
Starr Marsett	Yes	Ebett Siddon	N/A
Tillie Ticket	Yes		

A roll-call vote was taken. With 13 in favor and 0 against, motion carried.

C. Constitution & Bylaws

Presenter: Katie Oliver

Katie Oliver has moved from committee to approve moving the amendments to constitution and bylaws to the delegate assembly for consideration.

The recommended amendments are suggesting to change wording to gender-neutral language and pronouns – change from “chairman” to “chairperson,” he/she, his/her will be changed to they/them/their.

There were also recommended changes from staff regarding the section on resolutions in article 9, sections 2 and 3.

Discussion followed.

Moved by committee to adopted changes highlighted in document reviewed by Katie.

Motion carries with one opposed.

Mike Swain/Clarence Daniel moved/seconded to remove portion of sentence in Article 3 section 2B.

No objections, motion carries. Moved forward to delegate assembly for consideration.

Dana Mock/Mike Swain moved/seconded to add “or designee” after “secretary treasurer” following identification of chairperson in article 10 sections 3 and 4.

Discussion followed.

No objections, motion carries.

Mike Swain/Dana Mock moved/seconded to amend the previous motion and add “or designee” to article 10 section 2.

No objections, motion carries. Changes will be moved forward to delegate assembly at Annual Conference.

Discussion followed.

Mike Swain/Pete Hoepfner moved/seconded to amend Article 9, section 2B and change language by removing “mailed,” and replacing it with “distributed” for delegate assembly.

No objections, motion carries. Changes will be moved forward to delegate assembly for consideration.

Mike Swain/Penny Vadla moved/seconded to amend Article 10, section 5 by striking the words “postmarked or faxed,” and replaced with “sent.”

Discussion followed.

No objections, motion carries. Changes will be moved forward to delegate assembly for consideration at AASB’s Annual Conference.

Meeting recessed for a short break taken at 10:15 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 10:24 AM.

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D. Resolutions

Presenter: Lon Garrison

Mike Swain/Penny Vadla move/seconded recommendations by staff on sunsets and new resolution and term limits.

Mike Swain/Dana Mock moved/seconded to amend the motion to allow 2.30 and 2.43 as recommended sunset.

Discussion followed.

Motion to amend fails.

Deena Mitchell/Pete Hoepfner moved/seconded to amend the motion to include language to renew 2.30.

Motion carries, motion is amended.

Deena Mitchell/Katie Oliver move/seconded to amending main motion to recommended sunset for 2.43.

Discussion about terms followed.

No objections, motion to amend carries.

Lon Garrison proceeded to announce information regarding the resolutions process.

Katie Oliver/Mike Swain moved/seconded to recommend an amendment to the wording of Resolution 2.42 by striking the second sentence.

Discussion followed.

No objection, motion carries.

14. Board Comments

Meeting recessed for a break at 11:18 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 11:24 AM.

General consensus was that it was a successful and productive meeting. Several comments were made about AASB's teamwork and general mission. Agreed that continued work is needed in order to move forward.

15. Future Business

Norm Wooten mentioned that advocacy is still needed as the legislature is still in session.

16. Adjournment

Roxanne Brower/Tillie Ticket moved/seconded to adjourn the board meeting.

President Jackson adjourned the board meeting at 12:01 PM.

