

**Association of Alaska School Boards
Board of Directors
REGULAR MEETING
July 17-19, 2015
Goldbelt Hotel
Juneau, Alaska**

Friday July 17, 2015

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the AASB was called to order by President Andi Story at 8:30 am.

Roll Call

Andi Story	present	Tiffany Jackson	present
Peter Hoepfner	present	Sunni Hilts	present
Lon Garrison	present	Ignatius Chayalkun	in transit
Cass Pook	present	Sarah Welton	present
Charlene Arneson	present	Sue Hull	present
Michael Swain	present	Debby Edwardson	present
Angie Washington	present	Richard Mauer	excused
Kathleen Plunkett	present		

Establish Quorum A quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President Story.

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

Approval of Agenda

MOTION Charlene/Lon moved/seconded to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

HOT TOPICS

A handful of topics were introduced for the board to work through, including:

- How to help students who are homeless or struggling with alcohol/drugs?
- Ways to support/introduce suicide prevention efforts in communities?
- How to increase the superintendent pool in Alaska?
- What can we do to help superintendents be successful?

The board also discussed ideas/educational issues that are trending in the state and the nation.

Trending topics included:

- Board officer election politics

- State Board of Education crafting a state plan (student achievement, protect local control, modernize system, teacher quality – recruit/retention)
- ESEA reauthorization
- AMP test score messaging
- Core topics around student issues (depression, alcohol/drugs, suicide, etc)

Work Session – Long Range Plan Review and Revision

The board opened the process of review and revision of the Long Range Plan by looking at:

- **AASB Mission statement**
Board shared thoughts on potential modifications to the mission, questioning how we define “student achievement” and “quality.” Decided to leave as is, with the idea to dedicate more time in the future to looking at this.
- **History of AASB Goals**
There were suggestions to make minor adjustments to a few items, including a new symbol for our discontinued goals. Staff will take ideas and make these changes.

RECESS: 10:10am

RECONVENE: 10:15am

- **AASB Belief Statements**
The board reviewed the core belief statements of the association. President Story shared that our goals should reflect and not vary from these beliefs.
Suggestions by board involved school class size, Advisory and School Board training and working with charter schools.
- **District Services List**
Proud of most district participation, but looked at why others may not participate – awareness, relevancy, etc. Idea to ask Board Liaison Network (BLN) contacts about lack of June Nelson Memorial Scholarship submissions and what would be relevant to those districts for us to offer as a service?”
- **ICE partner district/communities and the Consortium for Digital Learning project maps**
Seeing where we have made connections/partnerships throughout the state and maintaining those relationships, as well as continuing to seek out new opportunities to have an impact. Thirty (of 53 total) districts are participating in the School Climate & Connectedness Survey.
- **Alaska K-12 funding / Base Student Allocation charts**
Norm led a discussion that looked at a history of data and trends for inside and outside formula funding, increases in the BSA against Anchorage cost of living, and strengthening/honing our messaging efforts to the legislature going forward.
- **Long Range Plan Membership Survey Review**

Analyzed school district responses/ideas to a survey given through Survey Monkey to assess district needs and local goals and how that relates to overall association goals.

Board broke into groups to discuss responses from districts to the survey, and to list answers to questions/priorities from their own districts on 3 questions:

1. What do you see as the most pressing issues your board will be dealing with in the next 3 years?
2. For AASB's planning purposes can you suggest anything AASB can do through its services to help boards deal with these upcoming issues?
3. What can AASB do to be a more valuable resource for all the state's school boards.

The board also discussed strengths and weaknesses of AASB and held conversations on how to improve communications with boards/districts/partners and maintain our focus on student achievement into the future.

RECESS: 3:45pm

There was no formal motion to recess at the end of the Friday session.

Saturday, July 18, 2015

RECONVENE: 8:35am

ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Andi Story briefly shared a few notes on the Annual Conference on behalf of Timi Tullis, Director of Membership Services. A few highlights for the conference include:

- The theme of the 62nd Annual Conference will be **Leading Children to Excellence** and all sessions are in place. There will be a conference app again this year.
- We have secured two keynote speakers for our Fri. and Sat. General Sessions – **Jeff Kinneveauk**, CEO ASRC Energy Services and **Denise Juneau**, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Montana.
- Thursday's Academy for Experienced School Board Members will feature **Thomas L. Alsbury**, a Professor of Educational Leadership at Seattle Pacific University, and former teacher, principal, and district administrator.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Lon/Charlene moved/seconded to enter in to executive session for the purpose of the Executive Director evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Directors of the Association of Alaska School Boards entered into Executive Session at 8:40 a.m. Items discussed included the Executive Director evaluation and Board of Director Self-Assessment surveys.

MOTION

Lon/Pete moved/seconded to come out of executive session at 11:47 am.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION

Sue/Mike moved/seconded to approve the March 28, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors at this time.

BOD WORKSHOPS AND ATTENDANCE

The Board referenced the two documents (with tables/checklists) tallying attendance and use of free meeting passes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Andi Story and the board made mention and were appreciative of the various pieces of correspondence that AASB received, from JNMS recipient Thank You notes to district and school board letters.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Story's written report was included in the board packet. She did want to add that NSBA is focusing on low-performing schools and that should remain an emphasis for AASB as well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Norm Wooten, AASB Executive Director, referred to his written report included in the board packet. He went over and highlighted the following financial pieces:

- The balance sheet
 - AASB has \$1.6 million in liquid (accessible) cash
 - Down \$5,300 in the legal trust due to a board vote to file the amicus brief for the Ketchikan lawsuit

There was discussion on whether or not our accounts were accruing at the best rate and would assistance from a financial advisor be useful to AASB. For the November meeting, Diana Miller will prepare a presentation with some options for the board to consider regarding our bank accounts and getting the best return on our investments.

- 457B Retirement Plan Assets (Executive Director retirement fund) Currently has funds for former employees Derek Peterson and Joseph Reeves. The plan is listed under both assets and liabilities, for accounting purposes. We can't use the funds and this account will come down as funds are withdrawn.

- Revenues and Expenditures

A small deficit shows up (\$2,353) on this statement. We have received some requests from districts for a refund on registrations when board members did not attend an event. This deficit reflects the refunds given to districts. Other notes included:

- Also, we receive a \$90,000 sponsorship from Alaska Public Entity Insurance annually.
- Norm's former position, Director of School Improvement and Governmental Relations, is open and we are in the process of interviewing a few strong candidates.
- AASB, as a non-profit, had a property tax exemption on our building and two parking lots (3 parcels) in Juneau for five years. That privilege will be removed this upcoming year with changes to guidelines. (\$8,459 increase in property taxes for next year)
- Since Norm served as President of NSBA, his fees are waived to attend NSBA events.

- Services (Community Engagement)

Percent of the total budget that we have remaining is -12%, so we have exceeded what was budgeted. One example given was the Boys to Men training that CEE Mark Calvert is working on. We have contracts with several communities for this workshop so we are raising additional revenue beyond what was approved in the budget.

Board discussion followed.

RECESS: 12:20pm
RECONVENE: 1:00pm

AK SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Pete Hoepfner referred to his written report included in the board packet. He highlighted the following:

- ASAA is looking at purchasing another office space to better accommodate staff, and there is appropriate room in the budget.
- Pete will be stepping down from his seat on the ASAA board of directors, that he has held for five years. There is an action item on the agenda for Sunday (Item 19e) that will address the issue of appointing a successor.

Board questions and discussion about ASAA and the seat on the board followed.

NSBA PACIFIC REGION REPORT

Sue Hull referred to her written report from the meeting. She highlighted the following:

- Good turnout at the Pac Region meeting in Fairbanks. About 45 members attended. Speaker Linda Chamberlain was fantastic.
- Had a panel discussion on school choice that had somewhat of mixed reviews from attendees. In light of the evaluation feedback, it was discussed by the officers and seen as a necessary piece, though difficult, to address for the region. If issues are happening in our school districts, let face them and encourage discussion.
- Showed movie "Most Likely to Succeed" that had companies share what they wanted from employees in the future --- not kids with little boxes of knowledge (physics, chemistry, etc.) but communication and problem solving skills.
- Stewart McDonald stole the show with the iPad robot. He wowed attendees!

Board discussion followed. Sunni commented that we should all be proud of Sue and Andi. It was an impressive conference, one of the best for content.

Sue added some information about a State Board of Education retreat in June. The board set four priorities.

- Student Achievement (How important is it? What should be included as a measurement? Done by state? districts?)
- Protect local control
- Modernizing our system (how to streamline the system and make it more cost effective. Ideas like dual credit and personalization. What can technology do to transform the system?)
- Teacher quality, retention, recruitment

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT

Norm Wooten, Director of School Improvement, referred to his report included in the board packet and, in the interest of time, was there to answer any questions.

ALASKA ICE REPORT

Norm Wooten spoke on behalf of Lori Grassgreen, Director of Alaska ICE, who couldn't attend the meeting. He praised her for her work in building off of Sally Rue's foundation with ICE and shared that her connections around the state from previous jobs have added to ICE's partnership pool.

Norm also included that the newest CEE, Heather Coulehan, was in California at a training workshop and recently, CEE Mark Calvert was in Kake working with a culture camp for youth.

Board discussion followed.

CDL REPORT

Bob Whicker, CDL Director, referred to his report included in the board packet. He highlighted the following:

- The link to the final report of the broadband strategies grant that ended in May. This represented the funding for CDL.
- AASB facilitated an audit with all school districts on broadband with Connect Alaska that covered usage, cost, devices, plans/goals, etc. akbroadbandaudit.org
- Partnership with Trillium Learning/American Bridge who works with different districts around the state. A team of students at Kodiak High School who worked with the global earthquake forecasting system applied for and got accepted to the Europa Challenge – a high-level science contest put out by NASA and

European Space Agency. Many businesses, colleges and universities applied. Harvard and Stanford did not get accepted. They are the first high school ever to be accepted. The Kodiak students won and are getting accolades around the world!

Bob also mentioned a business plan for CDL that Norm tasked him with creating. Some opportunities have presented themselves in this process and Bob sees this as a guiding document going forward. Norm added that a new service with CDL, technology mentoring with districts, fits well with the AASB goals of student achievement and delivering instruction for kids. It also fits into AASB's long-range plan goals of innovation and sustainability.

Board discussion followed.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue Hull referred to her report in the packet and briefly offered a suggestion on having a regular schedule for these meetings to occur, rather than last minute, improvised sessions.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REPORT

Pete Hoepfner referred to his written report and minutes in the packet. He highlighted a few things:

- Talked about the addition of charter schools as associate members of AASB. (Charters are part of the school district, but no voting rights) This would align the constitution and bylaws with the board policies of the association.

This will be brought before the membership at the annual conference to approve a change to the bylaws.

BLN REPORTS

The Board Liaison Network (BLN) has been in place since 1994 as a means of connecting the AASB Board more directly to our members.

The board engaged in a brief discussion about contacting BLNs and how to improve communications and awareness for board presidents. In the fall, there will be a letter sent to bd. presidents alerting them to who their BLN liaison is on the board and to expect a call a couple of times a year.

In electronic communications to bd. presidents on BLNs, we will make sure that superintendents are copied.

BOARD OFFICER ELECTION PROCESS

The board had a discussion on the current process of electing officers to the AASB board and heard suggestions on modifications.

Sue Hull offered that the board moves to a normal nominations process according to Robert's Rules. A nominations committee would deliver a recommendation to the board.

This conversation was cut short due to schedule and time and reintroduced on Sunday morning.

**RECESS: 2:45pm
RECONVENE: 3:00pm**

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Randy Hoffbeck, Commissioner Dept. of Revenue; Pat Pitney, Director of the Office of Management and Budget; and Karen Crane, Juneau Assembly joined us to discuss solutions/options to the fiscal situation the state of Alaska finds itself in. With the low price of oil we need to find other sources of revenue/cost-savings or face continuing budget shortfalls, not only in education, but across the board. Hoffbeck and Pitney presented an interactive revenue and expenditure model (available [online](#)) that allows users to make adjustments/cuts and see how that affects the overall budget.

Sunday, July 19, 2015

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Frank Coenraad, former high school counselor who now works with the Univ. of Alaska Southeast (UAS), was invited to highlight the university system, the Alaska's Learning Network (AKLN), and some available resources and supports we have for our kids to be college and career ready.

Coenraad presented on some of the resources that AKLN offers through online learning and professional development with an overall goal of equity and access for all students across Alaska. Students from 47 of the 53 school districts in Alaska are enrolled in AKLN classes.

Board questions and discussion followed.

ACTION ITEMS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S CONTRACT

MOTION Pete/Sue moved/seconded to approve the executive director’s contract for Norm Wooten and to extend the contract date to June 30, 2017.

DETAILS:

Norm Wooten was offered a one-year contract extension with no changes to salary or benefits, good through June 30, 2017. (\$120,000/annually for a 225 days/year contract)

A roll call vote was taken:

Sunni Hilts (LAST)	Y	Andi Story	Y
Tiffany Jackson	Y	Sue Hull	Y
Debby Edwardson	Y	Ignatius Chayalkun	Y
Lon Garrison	Y	Sarah Welton	Y
Richard Mauer	n/a	Charlene Arneson	Y
Peter Hoepfner	Y	Michael Swain	Y
Angie Washington	Y	Cass Pook	Y
Kathleen Plunkett	Y		

Motion carried with a 14 to 0 vote.

**BOARD OFFICER
ELECTION PROCESS**

(continued)

Board conversation on this topic from yesterday afternoon was unfinished and continued this morning.

The board agreed the main issues with regard to electing officers are transparency and opportunity. Good ideas, opinions, and conversation were shared to make the process the most equitable.

Association will collect applicant forms prior to the board packet getting distributed so board can read about prior to meeting. The form will have name of applicant and short paragraph on why interested in leadership. Also, include a blurb about duties and travel requirements/time commitments n the New Bd. Member Orientation packet.

**C. ADOPTION OF GOALS
(2016-2019)**

MOTION Cass/Tiffany moved/seconded to approve Goal #1 as written.
Board discussion followed.
With no objection, the motion passed.

MOTION Lon/Charlene moved/seconded to approve Goal #2 as written.
With no objection, the motion passed.

MOTION Pete/Tiffany moved/seconded to approve Goal #3 as written.
With no objection, the motion passed.

MOTION Tiffany/Sue moved/seconded to approve Goal #4 as written.
Board discussion followed.

AMENDMENT Lon/Tiffany moved/seconded to amend Goal #4 to read:
“Empower school boards to innovate in order to personalize student learning, ensure achievement and prepare Alaska’s children for a rapidly changing world.”

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT Sue/Lon moved/seconded to amend the amendment to add the words “and youth” after “Alaska’s children.”
Without objection, the amendment to the amendment passed.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT Debby/Mike moved/seconded to amend the amendment to change the word “personalize” to “improve”.
Board discussion followed.
Without support, the amendment failed.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT Sue/Tiffany moved/seconded to amend the amendment to strike the word “student” before “learning.”
Without objection, the amendment to the amendment passed.
By unanimous voice vote, the original amendment as amended passed.
By unanimous voice vote, the main motion as amended passed.

MOTION

Tiffany/Mike moved to approve Goal #5 as written.

Board discussion followed.

AMENDMENT

Sunni/Charlene moved/seconded to strike “that helps”, change “prepare” to “preparing” and add a comma prior to “preparing.”

Without objection, the amendment passed.

Board discussion followed.

By unanimous voice vote, the main motion as amended passed.

The five goals of the AASB board are:

- 1. Empower our boards to increase the academic success of Alaska Native Students and increase graduation rates of Alaska Native Students who are grounded in their cultural identity with the ability to successfully pursue their goals. [** Kathleen, Cass, Sunni, Andi, Debby*]
- 2. Strengthen the positive political influence of AASB at the local, state, and national level. [** Andi, Michael, Tiffany*]
- 3. Support local school boards in engaging parents, families and their communities in shaping and enriching the education of all Alaska’s children. [** Andi, Sue, Angie, Sunni*]
- 4. Empower school boards to innovate in order to personalize learning, ensure achievement and prepare Alaska’s children and youth for a rapidly changing world. [** Pete, Iggy, Sue, Debby*]
- 5. Sustain the association by strengthening AASB’s capacity to provide board development, preparing board members for effective governance. [** Kathleen, Sarah, Charlene*]

** Members of the Board will take part on committee for each goal*

RECESS: 10:25am

RECONVENE: 10:40am

D. POLICY REVISIONS (311, 316)

Sunni Hilts shared that the Board Policy Committee did a review of sections 1, 2, and 3 of our policies and recommends changes to policies 311 and 316.

Policy 311

Currently, internal procedures stipulate the business manager and executive director review and approve all credit card charges and reimbursements. There is nothing in place for an outside review of the executive director's credit charges or reimbursements.

They proposed that at a regular meeting the AASB secretary/treasurer review and sign-off on these items. This would allow our auditors to verify that controls are in place for all employees, including the Exec. Director.

Additionally, internal procedures have been changed so that one of the other authorized check signers will sign the executive director's checks. This policy change would add the review responsibility to the secretary/treasurer's position description. The purpose is to add a layer of transparency.

MOTION

The committee recommends that the AASB secretary/treasurer review and sign-off on the Exec. Director's credit charges or reimbursements.

With no objection, the motion passed.

Policy 316

When this policy was last updated, electronic record-keeping was rarely used. Since then, space for hardcopies has become an issue in every office and business. AASB has been keeping electronic records of board minutes since 2003. This change will bring board policy into compliance with records.

MOTION

The committee recommends that a record of all meetings of the Board of Directors (regular, special, or telephonic) shall be kept and shall no longer than 30 days after each meeting be forwarded to each member of the board of directors. Copies of the minutes shall be posted on the AASB webpage. A summary of topics of discussion, decisions, and actions by the Exec. Committee shall be distributed to the board of directors and placed within the official minutes book. Official minutes shall be kept in electronic form in at least two separate and secure digital locations.

With no objection, the motion passed.

E. ASAA BOARD APPOINTMENT

MOTION

Mike/Sue moved/seconded to appoint Angela Washington to the ASAA Board of Directors.

With no objection, the motion passed.

Board discussion followed.

B. CORE RESOLUTIONS FOR 2014-2015

Each summer the board reviews the prior year’s adopted resolutions to identify those they feel should be considered as priority core resolutions by the membership at the next Annual Conference in November.

Norm and John led the background and process discussion of the core resolutions. The Board’s recommendations go on to the resolutions committee that convenes at the Annual Conference in November.

Resolution Title	Sunset in 2015?	AASB Board Recommendations/Comments
1.1 Mandated consolidation	No	Amend sentence to: “because it would devastate families and communities as they would lose access and control to education of their children.”
1.2 Mandated boroughs	No	
1.3 Charter Schools	No	
1.4 Vouchers	No	
1.5 Centralized treasury	No	
1.6 NCLB/ESEA	No	
1.7 Students Outside System	No	
1.8 Compulsory attendance age	No	
1.9 Student attendance	No	Add “enforcement” to last line: “adequate funding for enforcement efforts...”
2.1 Sustained funding/fiscal plan	No	May be vehicle to address current fiscal problems
2.2 Adequate, Equitable, Predictable Funding	No	
2.3 Secure Rural Schools Act	No	
2.4 Grants for School Improvement	No	
2.5 IDEA	No	
2.6 Funding Early Learning	No	Change title to birth to 7, amend rationale.
2.7 Intensive Needs post count	No	
2.8 CIP List	No	
2.9 Basic Need	No	
2.10 Education	No	

endowment		
2.11 Educational technology	No	
2.12 School debt retirement	No	
2.13 Revenue sharing	No	
2.14 Pupil Transportation	No	
2.15 Boarding Schools	No	
2.16 Transient student funding	No	
2.17 Insurance costs	No	
2.18 RIFs	No	
2.19 PERS-TRS relief	No	
2.20 Minimum instructional expenditure (70%)	No	
2.21 Energy cost relief	Yes	Continue resolution.
2.22 Ferry service	No	
2.23 Bypass mail	No	
2.24 Set BSA in advance	No	
2.25 Public land trust	No	
2.26 STEM/STEAM	No	Add arts education to rationale.
2.27 Revise step-down in ADM	No	
2.28 Reduce ADM in K-6 & K-12	No	
2.29 Excess facility space	No	
2.30 Facility audits	No	
2.31 Funds for student travel	No	
2.32 Career-Tech funding	No	
2.33 School meals	Yes	Add lunches to rationale. Continue resolution
2.34 Funding for schools w/ADM below 10	Yes	Continue
2.35 Funding for K3 intervention	No	
2.36 Reduce need for remediation	No	Remove task force on higher education and career readiness. Delete cross through in rationale
2.37 Energy plan	No	Update?
2.38 District Cost Factor	No	
2.39 Alternative Transportation	No	

Funding		
2.40 Physical Exams	No	Delete resolution. Repeal of physical exam requirement accomplished in 2015 session.
2.41 Transparent Process in Education Studies	No	
2.42 Federal Impact Aid in REAAs	No	
2.43 Funding for Internet Services	No	
2.44 Funding for Returning Students	No	
2.45 New State Standards	No	
3.1 Child as top priority	No	
3.2 Promoting SEL	No	
3.3 Fetal alcohol & drug exposure	No	
3.4 Prevent access to pornography	No	
3.5 Violence in media	No	
3.6 Inhalant, alcohol, tobacco etc	No	
3.7 Cooperation among child agencies	No	
3.8 Suicide education & prevention	No	
3.9 Safe, caring & connected schools	No	
3.10 Student health services	No	
3.11 HIV/AIDS & STD education	No	
3.12 Human sexuality education	No	
3.13 Children's Trust	No	Rationale expanded to include recent change in management of the trust by a private, non-profit organization.
3.14 Head Start	No	
3.15 Safe & Drug Free Schools	No	
3.16 Parental permission for surveys	No	
3.17 Student wellness	Yes	Continue
3.18 Early brain development	Yes	Continue. Insert "awareness of the importance" of early childhood brain development in title
3.19 Schedule tests to miss major religious holidays	No	

3.20 Reducing loss of credit	No	
3.21 Restoring Denali Kid Care	Yes	Continue
3.22 Students in interscholastic activities	No	
3.23 Immunization funding	No	
3.24 Tobacco free schools	No	
3.25 Sex Abuse prevention education	No	Amend to update with passage of the Alaska Safe Children Act.
4.1 Staff development	No	
4.2 National certification	No	
4.3 Mentoring	Yes	Continue and change title to Alaska Statewide Educator Mentoring ...change first sentence from “principals” to “administrators.” Delete last sentence “an evaluation process...mentoring program.”
4.4 Special education training	No	
4.5 Teacher et al shortages	No	
4.6 Repeal SS offset	No	
4.7 Restore defined benefit	Yes	Continue.
4.8 Health care costs	Yes	Continue.
4.9 Special services via technology	Yes	Continue
4.10 Reinstate retire-rehire	No	
4.11 Alternative pathways to highly qualified	No	
4.12 Notification of teacher changes	Yes	Continue
4.13 Teacher Evaluations	No	
4.14 Training for Superintendents	No	
4.15 Alternative Pathways for Superintendents	No	
4.16 Roadblock to Hiring Superintendents	No	
5.1 Career exploration	No	
5.2 Curriculum expansion via tech	No	

5.3 Native language programs	No	ESEA reference may need updating
5.4 Community schools	No	
5.5 Increasing student contact time	No	
5.6 Civic education	No	
5.7 Assessments in Native languages	No	
5.8 Career-tech centers	No	
5.9 ESEA flexibility for Native languages	No	ESEA changes may affect resolution
5.10 Universal access for 3 & 4 year olds	No	
5.11 Family involvement by districts	No	
5.12 Alaska Native Education Act	No	
5.13 Post-secondary credit	No	
5.14 Graduation rates	No	
5.15 On-line testing	No	Replace with new language 5.15 Supporting Measures of Progress "AASB supports data-driven decision making by school boards. The use of assessments, such as the Alaska Measures of Progress and others, enables educators, parents and students to determine if academic standards are being met."
5.16 Library funding	No	
5.17 Displaced students	No	
5.18 Exemptions to Foods Act	No	
B.11 Belief Statement		Change cultural "diversity" to cultural "identity" in second sentence

BOARD COMMENTS

Comments were shared with the board and staff. Some of the comments included:

- Thank everybody on the board for the good conversations and good work this week
- Appreciate the courtesy, honesty, transparency, and strong discussions of the board
- We can go through uncomfortable conversations and come out friends in the end
- Important to always keep the big picture in view and bring our local perspectives to focus on our students around the state

- Appreciate your leadership on your boards and at the statewide level and teamwork on this board

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Debby shared about working with a statewide group (writers, librarians, curriculum people) putting together a vetted list of good, Alaska-based literature for kids of all ages called *Read Alaska*. Also want to develop curriculum around some of the books, partnerships with organizations, and create a web presence to bring awareness. Might fit well with our first goal.

Also wanting to work on a couple of writing programs for youth. One idea is bringing writers from *We Need Diverse Books* to school districts to mentor and work on programs with youth. The end product could be a published book of 49 kids from 49 different communities around Alaska. Perhaps a piece could involve Alaska ICE.

- Sunni had an idea about AASB facilitating a statewide roundtable of business industry and educators, including the Univ. of Alaska system and Alaska Supts. Association, focused on Alaska graduates joining our workforce. Andi added that the Arizona School Boards Association has a partnership with several of their local businesses – something AASB might want to think about starting. (perhaps staff contacting the Arizona SB Exec. Director and asking questions).

- Idea of bringing trending list (engaging the business community, fostering partnerships, early learning, personalized learning, expanding public schools) to the November meeting as Hot Topic discussion.

- Staff rethinking the scheduling of resolutions at the conference.

- Rich communicated to Andi that it may be time to rethink the Fly-ins. Maybe have one fly-in and then hold coordinated/individual/district visits to the legislature.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Mike/Lon moved/seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

President Story adjourned the regular meeting of the AASB Board of Directors at 4:00 pm.

A True record.

ATTEST:

Secretary/Treasurer