

UNAPPROVED Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors Association of Alaska School Boards

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Association of Alaska School Boards was held Saturday, April 6, 2019, beginning at 8:30 AM in the Baranof Hotel.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the AASB Board of Directors was called to order by President Jackson 8:42 AM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Tiffany Jackson	Present	Michael Swain	Excused
Barb Amarok	Present	Peter Hoepfner	Present
Clarence Daniel	Present	Dana Mock	Excused
Penny Vadla	Excused	Katie Oliver	Excused
Deena Mitchell	Present	Lawrence Jones,	Excused
Wassillie Gust	Excused	Roxanne Brower	Present
Starr Marsett	Present	Ebett Siddon	Present
Tillie Ticket	Present		

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. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Pete Hoepfner/Clarence Daniel moved/seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Roxanne Brower/Pete Hoepfner moved/seconded to call for question.

Motion approved.

Main motion to approve the agenda as written with the exception to move the timing of the reports so Billy Strickland, ASAA Executive Director, could be included in the ASAA report provided by Clarence Daniel.

Motion approved.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 12, 2018 Meeting

Pete Hoepfner/Roxane Brower moved/seconded to approve the November 12, 2018 minutes as presented.

Motion approved.

8. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – Bill Strickland ASAA

Billy Strickland, ASAA Executive Director, was recognized.

Clarence Daniel asked if a board member from his district could address the Board under BLN reports.

A discussion followed.

Barb Amarok/Roxanne Brower moved/seconded to allow the board member to speak under BLN reports.

Motion approved.

President Jackson stated the board member will have 2 minutes to address the Board under BLN reports.

9. BLN Workshops and Attendance

President Jackson reminded the Board that they can attend one meeting per year for free, with the exception of the Annual Conference.

Norm Wooten stated that we encourage Directors to take advantage of this opportunity.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was included in the Board Packet.

11. REPORTS

A. President's Report

Presenter: Tiffany Jackson

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

- Attended advocacy institute and equity symposium in January, NSBA's conference in March, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Zealand trip in February with the Maori people.
- Spoke with senators with Pete Hoepfner and Norm Wooten.
- NSBA's push is for IDEA and to get funding
- Norm has been working with districts regarding membership. President Jackson expressed AASB's disappointment regarding Valdez withdrawing as members, and discussed the letter that was sent to the district explaining what lack of membership means for them.

- Value of membership to NSBA was discussed.
- Announced that AIAN has a new chair. In addition, President Jackson urges people to be members of AIAN, as there are many open seats available.
- Norm announced that President Jackson is in the direction to become secretary treasurer of NSBA.
- Tiffany discussed in more detail her New Zealand trip with the Maori people.

B. Executive Director's Report

Presenter: Norm Wooten

AASB's Executive Director, Norm Wooten, provided a brief overview of activities that he and staff have been involved with since the last meeting.

- Norm explained new format of Long Range Plan
- Reached out to 2 other native associations (Alaska Native Sisterhood/Brotherhood, National Indian Education Association) ANS/ANB are interested in our Digital books, and NIEA may present at our conference Early Bird.
- Timi asked board for feedback on staff's monthly reports regarding their information and functionality. Discussion followed; board agreed it is useful.
- February financials were touched on – Diana reported that all information is included in board packet.

C. NSBA Director's Report

Presenter: Tiffany Jackson

Reported under the President's report.

D. AIAN Council Report

Presenter: Michael Swain

Reported under the President's report.

E. ASAA Report

Presenter: Clarence Daniel

Clarence highlighted the following from his report:

- Announced that there will be possible changes to cross country.
- Pete mentioned robotics as a new activity at some schools that is getting more students involved who aren't involved with physical sports.
- Billy Strickland explained how electronic gaming is becoming more popular, as eSports is starting to be a student activity. It is currently being considered to be sanctioned by ASAA.
- First-person shooter games are currently being considered; participant cost is \$65 per student. Billy went on to explain the games that will be available and how the competition/other logistics will be carried out. There would most likely be costs from schools and districts for gaming supplies and computers.

- President Jackson asks for questions and comments from board regarding eSports: agreed on them building teamwork and social skills.
- Clarence suggests having a vote with BOD on eSports in 2 weeks, President Jackson would like input from the whole board. A discussion followed – President Jackson asked for Board comments; the consensus of the Board was that no first-person shooter games should be allowed.
- He announced that ASAA is taking over the Boys to Men program, whose mission is to decrease domestic violence.
- Working with NFHS (National Federation of High School Associations) in trying to find ways to have students learn values from sports.

F. Associate Executive Director's Update

Presenter: Timi Tullis

AASB's Associate Executive Director Timi Tullis referred to her written report included in the board packet. Highlights from her report included the following:

- She mentioned how helpful it is to have Jenni Lefing on board for conference planning.
- Discussed NSBA conference; NSBA invited Timi to do a session and the covered many travel costs.
- Timi gave an update on the superintendent search with varying districts.
- Lori & Timi continue working on Tlingit and Haida language revitalization with Juneau school district.

Meeting recessed for a short break at 10:15 a.m. Reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

G. Alaska ICE Update

Presenter: Lori Grassgreen

Alaska ICE Director Lori Grassgreen referred to her written report included in the board packet; highlights included:

- There are many different types of surveys being done on students; ICE team is working to combine them. The SCCS will soon be available in other languages – specifically for family surveys.
- Betsy Brenneman is on staff for a 1-year term to help oversee Early Childhood Education, and staff is continuing to work on finding the state's needs for this demographic.
- Lori mentioned that projects may change based on political climate with the state's budget review happening.
- Discussed the ongoing contract with Matthew Turner to work with Yupiit school board, school, and community to build support.
- Many staff are continuing to work on STEPS grant. Comprehensive support for students is focus – Cradle to Career.
- Districts want students to have access to dual credit because they will be more likely to continue education – however, this is very expensive.

H. Director of Administration Update

Presenter: Diana Miller

Director of Administration, Diana Miller, referred to her written report included in the board packet. Highlights included:

- Diana announced that this report is the first to the Board from the

- Administration Support Staff, as they are a newly formed group.
- Administrative Staff is establishing the best way to support each other as well as coworkers, so that they can do the work they do.
- Administrative Staff didn't realize the amount of work they accomplished as members of the team, until they started keeping track for this report.
- Financials are on track for this time of year.
- A budget revision will be discussed under Action Items.

I. Annual Conference Report

Presenter: Timi Tullis

Timi Tullis gave a report based on the one included in the board packet. She also started a discussion regarding planning for the upcoming conference:

- 2020 Conference will be at Capt. Cook due to requests from attendees. 2021 will be back at the Hilton.
- There was a higher attendance than usual this past conference. With this, revenue and expenditures were higher as well.
- Discussion and ideas for planning upcoming conference:
 - Potential theme: Relevant, Committed, Empowered
 - Different potential speakers were considered
 - Other topics were discussed
- Pre-Conference theme will be Family Engagement.
- Timi mentioned wanting more people to attend the resolutions process.

J. BLN Reports

Presenter: All Directors

Mike Husa, board member from Lower Kuskokwim School District, was given 2 minutes to address the Board.

- Mike expressed his concern about new professional teaching practices.

BLN Reports

- Clarence mentioned having difficulty contacting people, discussion regarding communication followed.
- President Jackson acknowledged how it can be difficult to reach people, but urged people to do their best, as it's their way to communicate with the AASB Board. It is not a "formal" call; it is simply a way to get caught up with what's going on in their districts and share thoughts with our Board.

K. Executive Director's Evaluation Overview

Presenter: Michael Swain

- President Jackson said this will be done this summer; the survey will be sent out in the near future.

L. Board Self-Assessment Overview

Presenter: Pete Hoepfner

- Survey will be sent out.

M. Advocacy Committee

Presenter: Clarence Daniel

- Norm has been attending meetings regarding the advocacy committee.
- Discussion about resolutions followed.

N. eSports Discussion

Presenter: Billy Strickland/Clarence Daniel

This was reported under the ASAA report.

O. Summer Meeting

Presenter: Timi Tullis/Kelly Hultengren

- Timi went over details regarding the upcoming Summer BOD meeting.
- Kelly will be doing the lodging; she requested that directors let her know who they would like to be their roommate.
- Arrival in Kodiak is the afternoon of Thursday, July 18th and departure will be the evening of Sunday, July 21st.
- Kelly requested that the board let her know if they need assistance with travel and if there are any dietary restrictions, as AASB will provide the catering.

12. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Ratification of Executive Committee Meeting

January 2, 2018

Presenter: Tiffany Jackson

Clarence Daniel/Starr Marsett moved/seconded to ratify the actions of Executive Committee meeting January 2, 2019, to expend approximately \$4,300 to conduct a poll to determine how Alaskans view public education.

Tiffany Jackson	Yes	Michael Swain	N/A
Barb Amarok	Yes	Peter Hoepfner	Yes
Clarence Daniel	Yes	Dana Mock	N/A
Penny Vadla	N/A	Katie Oliver	N/A
Deena Mitchell	Yes	Lawrence Jones,	N/A
Wassillie Gust	N/A	Roxanne Brower	Yes
Starr Marsett	Yes	Ebett Siddon	Yes
Tillie Ticket	Yes		

A roll-call vote was conducted. With 9 in favor and 0 against, the motion carried.

B. Contract with John Sedor

Presenter: Timi Tullis/Norm Wooten

Pete Hoepfner/Starr Marsett moved/seconded the Board approve entering into a one year MOA for \$30,000 with John Sedor.

Executive Director Norm Wooten and Associate Executive Director presented on AASB's new contract with John Sedor.

- Winter academy is to be turned into school law.
- The presenters explained that AASB needs legal consult for the protection of the association.
- John will review policies to ensure that all things are in order.

A discussion followed.

Tiffany Jackson	Yes	Michael Swain	N/A
Barb Amarok	Yes	Peter Hoepfner	Yes
Clarence Daniel	Yes	Dana Mock	N/A
Penny Vadla	N/A	Katie Oliver	N/A
Deena Mitchell	N/A	Lawrence Jones,	N/A
Wassillie Gust	N/A	Roxanne Brower	Yes
Starr Marsett	Yes	Ebett Siddon	Yes
Tillie Ticket	Yes		

A roll call vote was taken. With 8 in favor and 0 against, the motion carried. (Deena Mitchell was not present)

C. 2019 Proposed Budget Revision

Presenter: Diana Miller/Norm Wooten

Pete Hoepfner/Starr Marsett moved/seconded to approve the budget revision.

Director of Administration, Diana Miller, and Executive Director, Norm Wooten gave an overview of the changes with the budget and considerations to be made:

- The addition of the EED Pre-School Development Grant of \$625,000 and the increase to expenses will be covered by this grant.
- AASB has a “sinkhole” in the parking lot that needs to be repaired.

Tiffany Jackson	Yes	Michael Swain	N/A
Barb Amarok	Yes	Peter Hoepfner	Yes
Clarence Daniel	Yes	Dana Mock	N/A
Penny Vadla	N/A	Katie Oliver	N/A
Deena Mitchell	N/A	Lawrence Jones,	N/A
Wassillie Gust	N/A	Roxanne Brower	Yes
Starr Marsett	Yes	Ebett Siddon	Yes
Tillie Ticket	Yes		

A roll call vote was taken. With 8 in favor and 0 against, the motion carried. (Deena Mitchell was not present)

D. Policy Revisions

Presenter: Pete Hoepfner

Pete Hoepfner presented on policy revisions that were included in the board packet. The Board reviewed each individual policy.

Policy 202, 205, 212, 311, 323, 4.110, 4.111, 4.114, 4.304, 4.306, 4.308, 4.314, 4.403 4.110 – moved by committee to adopt changes.

Tiffany Jackson/Pete Hoepfner moved/seconded to amend Policy 4.110 by replacing “E-Cigarettes or Vaping” with “Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems” (ENDS).

Amended motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adopt changes carried unanimously.

Policies 307, 313 were pulled, but not approved by committee. Policy 307 and 313 were pulled for further discussion by board.

Starr Marsett/Ebett Siddon moved/seconded the board pull any of the unadopted policies for discussion and adopt those remaining.

A discussion followed and Policy 4.404 was pulled for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 4.404 moved from committee and adopted.

Starr Marsett/Roxanne Brower moved/seconded to postpone discussion on Policy 307 and 313 until the summer meeting.

A discussion followed. Norm Wooten will create a Sick Leave Bank policy for board review.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Summer 2020 Meeting Location & Date

Presenter: Timi Tullis

Bethel, Barrow, Copper River area, Nome

July 17-19, 2020

F. JNMS Scholarship Award

Presenter: Katie Oliver (not present) Pete Hoepfner presented in her absence
Pete Hoepfner presented on the JNMS Scholarship Award in Katie Oliver's absence.

14 students will receive a scholarship, 1 student as second-year

Deena Mitchell/Clarence Daniel moved/seconded to accept the JNMS Scholarship Committee recommendations for scholarship recipients.

Tiffany Jackson	Yes	Michael Swain	N/A
Barb Amarok	Yes	Peter Hoepfner	Yes
Clarence Daniel	Yes	Dana Mock	N/A
Penny Vadla	N/A	Katie Oliver	N/A
Deena Mitchell	Yes	Lawrence Jones,	N/A
Wassillie Gust	N/A	Roxanne Brower	Yes
Starr Marsett	Yes	Ebett Siddon	Yes
Tillie Ticket	Yes		

A roll call vote was taken. With 9 in favor and 0 against, the motion carried.

13. **BOARD COMMENTS**

The general consensus was that it was a successful and productive meeting. Agreed that there is much to work on and prepare for in the upcoming future within the education field.

14. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

Board Self-Evaluation
Executive Director Evaluation
Resolutions
Policies

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Starr Marsett/Pete Hoepfner moved/seconded to adjourn the board meeting.

President Jackson adjourned the board meeting at 2:29pm.