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AESD Executive Board Meeting

April 16, 2015
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER:

President, Gary Coe called to order the meeting of the Executive Board at 12:29 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015. Members participated in reciting the pledge of allegiance. This meeting was held in the Chico room of the Clearwater Resort in Suquamish, Washington.

II ATTENDANCE RECORD:

Roll call was conducted. The following persons were present:

ESD Superintendents

Anderson, Dr. Dana, ESD 113
Dunn, Dr. Michael, NEWESD 101
Jenkins, Jerry, ESD 189
Lynch, Greg, ESD 114
McBride, Dr. Rich, ESD 171
Merlino, Tim, ESD 112
Myers, Steve, ESD 105
Hawkins, Bruce, ESD 123
Welch, John, PSES 121

ESD Board Members

Anthony, Rick, ESD 113
Beem, Rob, PSES 121
Coe, Gary, President, NEWESD 101
Graham, Dr. Richard "Dick", ESD 112
Grassel, Mark, ESD 105
Johnson, Carl, ESD 114
Erickson, Al, ESD 189
MacGuffie, Larry, ESD 171
Wildfang, Bruce, ESD 123

Quorum was declared.

Members Not Present

Others Present

Burke, Alan, WSSDA
Keim, Bill, WASA Liaison
Mendoza, Gil, OSPI Liaison
Shoemaker, Jim, AESD Executive Services
Simmons, Megan, WSSDA
Wall, Eldene, ESD 171

III WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- President Coe opened the meeting by introducing Mr. Johnson (ESD 114) who in turn welcomed those in attendance to the Suquamish Clearwater Resort, venue location of the AESD Annual Conference.
- President Coe reminded the board to look at their calendars and submit comments/availability for meeting dates for next year to Rich McBride or himself.

IV CONSENT AGENDA:

After review, a motion was made by Dick Graham (ESD 112) to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda without change. The motion was seconded by Rick Anthony (ESD 113). President Coe called for discussion. There was no discussion. Hearing and seeing no nays, the Consent Agenda therefore became approved unanimously.

Items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Adoption of the meeting minutes: 02/24/15
- 2014-15 AESD Meeting Calendar/Schedule (*fyi only*)
- 2014-15 Single Point of Contact/Champions Listing (*fyi only*)
- Draft 2015-16 AESD Meeting Calendar/Schedule (*fyi only*)

V LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Marcia Fromhold reported (via telephone) on several closely watched bills relating to the work of the ESDs:

- [HB 6109](#) Concerning compliance with constitutional basic education requirements. / [SB 6103](#) Providing basic education funding.
- [HB 1760](#) / [SB 5688](#) Providing students with skills that promote mental health and well-being and increase academic performance. Directs OSPI and workgroups to recommend social emotional benchmarks.

Ms. Fromhold mentioned that the press is preoccupied with the breaking news of Washington State Auditor, Troy Kelley indictment by a federal grand jury on charges of filing false tax returns, obstruction of justice and possession of stolen property.

VI AESD NETWORK INITIATIVES:

a. ESD/OSPI Network Integration report

Ian Grabenhorst provided an overview of the OSPI/AESD Statewide Network Initiative, as well as updated the Board on plans for the 2015-16 year. Plans include: further development of connections between initiatives; connections with other statewide work; emphasis on building capacity for future work; and exploring new partnerships and funding.

b. 2015-2016 Annual Budget Overview/Approval

Rich McBride (ESD 171) provided an update to the Board regarding the annual audit of AESD financials. This audit was conducted by ESD 105 and the results were balanced—complements to Harry Frost, Finance Director for WSSDA, who meticulously manages the books. Motion was made by Bruce Wildfang (ESD 123) to recommend the 2015-16 budget to the general membership for approval as presented. The motion was seconded by Rick Anthony (ESD 113). President Coe called for discussion. There was no discussion. Hearing and seeing no nays, the motion therefore became approved unanimously.

c. Starting Strong Conference Planning

After receiving a brief overview regarding the Starting Strong Institute from Dana Anderson (ESD 113) and its upcoming conference, the Board discussed a sponsorship request in the amount of \$1,000. Motion was made by Rob Beem (ESD 121) to sponsor the conference at the “friend sponsor level.” The motion was seconded by Larry MacGuffie (ESD 171). President Coe called for discussion. There was no discussion. Hearing and seeing no nays, sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 therefore became approved unanimously. Note: the funding will be withdrawn from the AESD budget reserve.

Additionally, discussion took place regarding interest in appointing a single point of contact for planning conferences. Passing the torch from ESD each year creates an unintended disconnect in relationships which can be political at times and places an unnecessary learning curve on the next ESD to coordinate the work. Recommend further discussion on this topic.

VII NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Larry MacGuffie (ESD 171) provided an overview regarding the Nominating Committee's recommendation for 2015-16 officer elections. This year's nominations include: Gary Coe for President and Merle Kirkley for Vice President. Nominations may also be made from the floor of the general membership assembly on April 17th.

VIII AESD LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION:

The Executive Board re-visited their discussion from February pertaining to the term of the AESD Executive Board President. The Executive Committee heard comments from members of the audience on the topic. Concerns were expressed regarding possibly adjusting term limits for the AESD Board President.

IX STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW:

Members continued their discussion from February concerning the need to increase diversity of the AESD Executive Board. This topic will remain an ongoing part of future discussions and workgroups.

President Coe sought feedback from the Board regarding an opportunity to development a relationship with the State Board of Education on behalf of AESD. Members agreed that cultivating a relationship with the SBE would be beneficial to both groups and okayed Mr. Coe's pursuit of the opportunity.

X AESA UPDATE:

Rich McBride (ESD 171) provided a brief update to the Board regarding the 2015 AESA Annual Conference. This will be the 30th year for the AESA and the conference will be held in New Orleans, LA. The theme of this year's conference is "[Get Rid of the Noise and Listen to the Music.](#)" Sessions based on four strands are intended to inspire meaningful conversations and enhance the success of each student. More information will be forthcoming. Please remember to block out December 2-5, 2015 on your calendars!

XI OSPI UPDATE:

Gil Mendoza (OSPI) provided an update on the ESEA waiver commenting that the waiver may not be extended into the 2014–15 school year. The methodology developed under the waiver will continue to be used to support struggling schools and identify priority.

XII ADJOURNMENT:

President Coe adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.
Minutes submitted by: Megan Simmons, Policy Assistant, WSSDA

Next Meeting: President Coe requests a 10:30 a.m. workgroup meeting with the ESD Board Members held in conjunction with the next AESD meeting: June 30, 2015, 12:30—3:00 p.m. (with lunch served at noon) held at the NEWESD 101, Spokane, Washington.