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## **AESD Executive Board Meeting**

**November 19, 2015**

**12:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

### **I CALL TO ORDER:**

President, Gary Coe called to order the meeting of the Executive Board at 12:37 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015. Members participated in reciting the pledge of allegiance. This meeting was held in Evergreen G at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue, Washington.

### **II ATTENDANCE RECORD:**

The following persons were present:

#### **ESD Superintendents**

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

#### **ESD Board Members**

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

Quorum was declared.

**Others Present:**

Fromhold, Marcia  
Laverty, Kevin, State Board of Education  
Powell, Morgan, WSSDA  
Rarick, Ben, State Board of Education  
Shoemake, Jim, AESD Executive Services  
Wall, Eldene, ESD 171

**III CONSENT AGENDA:**

After review, a motion was made by Merle Kirkley (ESD 189) 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 was approved unanimously.

Items on the Consent Agenda included:

- **Adoption of the meeting minutes: 09.22.15**
- 2015-16 AESD Meeting Calendar/Schedule
- 2015-16 Single Point of Contact/Champions Listing

**IV SPECIAL GUEST- BEN RARICK: STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

Ben Rarick, Executive Director for the State Board of Education, provided a presentation titled “Emerging Issues in Washington: Opportunities for Discussion and Collaboration.” The top five issues that SBE is thinking about as a board are the following:

1. Implementation of 24 Credit Diploma Framework
  - a. Role of competency-based crediting
  - b. Getting to 90% graduation rate
2. Building out the Career part of Career and College Readiness
  - a. What do we mean when we say both Career and College ready?
  - b. What does that mean in terms of the policies that the State Board of Education should be pursuing?
3. Potential ESEA reauthorization
  - a. Impacts on state accountability provisions, replacing AYP etc.
4. Legislative Priorities
  - a. McCleary funding
  - b. Assessment policy issues
5. Other topics/areas for collaboration between ESD and the State Board

**V 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE:**

Jim Shoemake and Marcia Fromhold provided an update on legislative issues. The Eyman initiative that would decrease the sales tax rate unless the legislature refers to voters a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes passed by 52%. There will be an eight billion dollar deficit from where we are today in the current general fund over the course of the next six years. The legality of the initiative is still being debated, it is unclear when the court will act.

WASBO has formed three workgroups to address McCleary related issues:

1. Definition of basic ed (necessary in order to determine what levy money can be spent on)
2. Localization factor (regional cost of living adjustment)
3. Data reporting

The teacher shortage will likely be one of the biggest issues facing the legislature this session. Part of the reason we have a teacher shortage is due to the reduction in class size which created thousands of new K-3 positions. There are several additional factors including teachers leaving the profession and low salaries for beginning teachers.

**VI LEGISLATIVE BROCHURE:**

John Welch shared that we will be sticking to the same format for the legislative brochure as was used last year. Next year the format will be changed to include a little more infographics and a little less narrative. The brochure includes an overview of what we do, what we do in partnership with OSPI, and return on investment in ESD.

#### **VII ACCREDITATION REVENUE SHARING PROPOSAL:**

Jerry Jenkins shared that AESD ended in the black and asked for approval of the budget summary, which includes a proposal for distribution of the excess revenue. After the reserve, there is still \$12,500. Jerry recommends that the money be divided based on the number of schools by region for the 14-15 budget year. A motion to approve the 14/15 budget statement and excess revenue projection was made by Dick Graham, seconded by Rick Anthony. There was some discussion regarding appreciation for Jerry's work which helped to create the excess revenue. Unanimously approved.

Tentative dates for the panel this year:

- East side location: ESD 101 on May 18<sup>th</sup> with overflow on the 17<sup>th</sup> if necessary
- West side location: PSED May 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **VIII PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – 2 YEAR TERM OF PRESIDENT:**

Recommend modifying constitutional language so that the announcement of the newly elected president does not have to wait until June. The change would not affect the intent of the language at all. Not all boards are in favor of this amendment. A motion to approve was made by Merle Kirkley, seconded by Rob Beem. There were two nay votes. The final vote will be made by the membership at the conference. The constitution, with the proposed amended change, will be sent to members prior to the conference.

#### **IX NETWORK 2.0 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:**

The interlocal agreement is a document that provides direction and authorizes an ESD to serve a district outside of its region. There has been an interlocal agreement in place since 2004 but an update was necessary for several reasons, including several signatories who are no longer with the organization. Two changes on the table for discussion:

1. Mediation/arbitration: The current dispute resolution starts and ends with mediation. The proposed change would add the step of arbitration. Arbitration would be legally binding and provides extra incentive to solve the problem at the mediation level. Discussion regarding whether or not the current language was sufficient.
2. ESD 113 has some concern regarding the language that states ESD superintendents have the authority to "consent" to provide specific services. They feel it implies that the ESD superintendent has the capacity to deny a district services due to the word consent within the agreement. Also some concern that having the word consent would cause negative competition between districts.

A motion to adopt the agreement was made by Merle Kirkley, seconded by Dick Graham. There was one nay vote. All nine boards now have to approve in order for the agreement to be enacted.

#### **X NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

The nominating committee proposes Rick Anthony for president and Rob Beem for vice president. The report will be sent to Dr. Burke. Motion to accept the report was made by Dick Graham, seconded by Merle Kirkley. Unanimous approval.

#### **XI 2016 AESD ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE:**

The AESD Annual Conference will be held April 7-9 at the Yakima Holiday Inn. The meeting will be in the convention center. Several tours planned: Pacific Northwest University Health Sciences, Matson Fruit in Selah, WA and the Children's Village. There will be a reception dinner at the Yakima Country Club.

#### **XII CONFERENCE PLANNER POSITION UPDATE:**

Dana shared that the conference planner position has been staffed.

**XIII AESD GOALS UPDATE:**

As next year's meeting calendar is being put together, there may be a meeting in Southwest Washington in order to be inclusive to Oregon ESDs. Gary Coe appointed Rick Anthony to be the AESD board representative for communicating with the Oregon ESDs.

**XIV AESD VIDEO PROJECT:**

Dick and Tim shared a video that explains the work of AESDs. The video is currently about a minute long, would like to extend it to two or three minutes.

**XV AESA UPDATE:**

There is a new AESA Executive Director, Joan Wade. The formal reveal of that position will occur at the upcoming conference in New Orleans.

**XVI ADJOURNMENT:**

President Coe adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Morgan Powell, Policy Program Specialist, WSSDA