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AESD Executive Board Meeting

January 27, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

***** Draft *** Meeting Minutes**

I CALL TO ORDER

President, Karen Sorger called to order the meeting of the Executive Board at 9:31 a.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014. This meeting was held in the Grays Harbor/Pacific Room of the Capital Region ESD 113, Tumwater, Washington.

II ATTENDANCE RECORD

Roll call was conducted. The following persons were present:

ESD Superintendents

Dr. Michael Dunn, NEW ESD 101
Steve Myers, ESD 105
Dr. Twyla Barnes, ESD 112
Dr. Dana Anderson, ESD 113
Bruce Hawkins, ESD 123
John Welch, Puget Sound ESD 121
Dr. Rich McBride, North Central ESD 171
Dr. Jerry Jenkins, Northwest ESD 189

ESD Board Members

Gary Coe, NEW ESD 101
Mark Grassel, ESD 105
Dr. Richard "Dick" Graham, ESD 112
Dr. Howard Coble, ESD 113
Karen Sorger, Olympic ESD 114 - President
Vicki Asakura, Puget Sound ESD 121
Brad Gingerich, ESD 123
Merle Kirkley, Northwest ESD 189

Quorum was declared.

Others Present

Andrew Eyres, ESD 113
Bill Keim, WASA
Eldene Wall, ESD 171
Jim Shoemake, AESD Executive Services
Loy Dale, ESD 112
Marsha Fromhold, AESD Executive Services
Megan Simmons, WSSDA
Rich Staley, ESD 113

III AGENDA REVIEW/APPROVAL: 01/27/14

After review, a motion was made by Howard Coble (ESD 113) to approve the draft meeting agenda without change. The motion was seconded by Mark Grassel (ESD 105). Hearing and seeing no nays, the January 27, 2014 meeting agenda therefore became approved unanimously.

IV ADOPTION OF PAST MEETING MINUTES: 11/21/13

After review, a motion was made by Howard Coble (ESD 105) to adopt the draft meeting minutes of the November 21, 2013 board meeting with the following changes:

- Correct the spelling of Joanne Seng's name
- Correct the spelling of Mark Grassel's name.

The motion was seconded by Merle Kirkley (ESD 189). The meeting minutes therefore became adopted unanimously with the above-mentioned changes.

V LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jim Shoemake and Marcia Fromhold reported low expectations for the 2014 legislative session. Areas of focus and/or interest for the AESD may include:

- [HB 1691 – 2013-14](#), authorizing the educational service district board or local school board to fill vacancies on the board of directors in second-class school districts with an at-large appointment if after one hundred twenty days a candidate from the director district cannot be recruited.
- [HB 2158 – 2013-14](#), concerning dropout prevention, intervention, and reengagement activities by educational service districts.
- [HB 2276 – 2013-14](#), concerning the operation by educational service districts of educational programs for residents of residential schools.
- [HB 2358 – 2013-14](#), adopting a definition of professional learning.
- [SB 5573 – 2013-14](#), implementing the first biennium spending plan recommendations of the joint task force on education funding.

Meetings with Senators and Representatives are currently taking place. The AESD legislative brochure is receiving good feedback and proving very useful. The AESD Executive Board is encouraged to continue making personal contact with legislators. Reminder: when contact is made with legislative members—at any time throughout the year—please inform both Jim and Marcia. It is also recommended that the AESD get an early start on their priorities for next year.

Several State Representatives signed a letter to Honorable Chief Justice Madsen regarding the recent McCleary order. The letter is attached for review.

VI UPDATES ON CURRENT AESD NETWORK INITIATIVES

Twyla Barnes (ESD 112) comments that business is moving along as normal in ESD 112, nothing out of the ordinary taking place.

Steve Meyers (ESD 105) updated the Board regarding Full Day K; EL Coordinators; and WaKIDS. Mr. Meyers highlighted the following:

- There are now 187 school districts trained in Early Learning and WaKIDS. The goal now is to connect with administrators. In many smaller school districts the administrators wear many “hats.”
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded a grant to establish a Professional Learning Community among the nine ESDs. The grant funds two staff members from each ESD for cross-sector professional development and will start January 31, 2014.

Dana Anderson (ESD 113) updated the Board regarding Educational Technology; Data Coaching – Data Use Framework; and Washington School Information Processing Cooperative (WSIPC). Mr. Anderson highlighted the following:

- WSIPC Redesign Advisory Committee met on January 14, 2014. Exploring internal and external methods for collaboration and support. Next step to look at background data.
- Data Coaching is now called Data Use Framework. The Data Use Framework Steering Committee met on December 11, 2013. The conversation continues around statewide effective use of data. Also, Sue Feldman’s work was highlighted in the *Data Bytes* newsletter.

Bruce Hawkins (ESD 123) updated the Board regarding the December and January Student and School Success reports. School districts will no longer be able to contract for coaching; due to federal funding, coaching contracts will need to go through OSPI.

John Welsh (PESD 121) updated the Board regarding CCSS-Math and Regional Science Coordinators. Mr. Welsh highlighted the following:

- Well-known Secondary Math Presenter, Dan Meyer, is touring across Washington, holding workshops called “Modeling CCSS for 6th – 12th grade Math Teachers.” The schedule includes: January 14th – Vancouver; January 15th – Shelton; January 16th – Buriem; February 3rd – Spokane; February 4th – Pasco; and February 5th – Yakima.

Dr. Michael Dunn (NEWESD 101) updated the Board regarding English Language Arts; LLC and K – 4. Mr. Dunn highlighted that Literacy Fellows have been identified across the state. The first meeting of the Statewide Fellows is scheduled for February 13th. Mr. Dunn also commented that Stephanie Parker is doing a spectacular job.

VII AESD ACCREDITATION

Dana Anderson offered brief introductions for Andrew Eyres and Rich Staley of the Capital Region ESD 113 Teaching and Learning Department. Mr. Eyres and Mr. Staley, along with Mr. Anderson, presented for the Board on AESD Accreditation, answering questions such as “How did AESD get in the business of accreditation.”

Other topics briefly discussed by the Board included:

- The need to update the AESD website to reflect and/or highlight accreditation efforts.
- Allocation of funds to support this work. Expect a recommendation from the ESD Superintendents in the near future concerning fund allocation. It was commented as a reminder that under Dr. Adams, WSSDA refused to be the fiscal agent for this effort. Suggestion was made for AESD to reproach WSSDA for administrative support, among other areas of interest (need to schedule a meeting with new Acting Executive Director, Dr. Jim Koval). Suggestion was also made regarding funding a part-time or even full-time FTE for administrative work, specifically related to accreditation efforts.
- There is need to fill Larry MacGuffie’s position as liaison for the AESD Accreditation Panel.

- Merle Kirkley volunteered for the position.
- Chair, Karen Sorger, appointed Mr. Kirkley to the position.

VIII 2014 AESD CONFERENCE

The 2014 AESD Conference will be held in Spokane this year, April 10-12 at the historic Davenport Hotel and Tower; the theme, “Never more important than now.” Registration brochure forms were distributed to members. Room reservations need to be made by March 11th. To make reservations call the Davenport Hotel directly at: 509-455-8888. Make sure to ask for the “AESD Conference Rate.”

IX AESA UPDATE

Rich McBride extended thanks to Washington members for attending the 2013 AESA Annual Conference Roundup held in San Antonio, Texas, in December.

There is a new service on the AESA website (<http://www.aesa.us/resources/aesa-solutions-center.cfm>) called the “Solutions Center.” AESA will post questions and answers commonly asked by fellow AESA members. Additionally, AESA’s business partner McREL International, will research best practices on the requested topic.

The AESA Mentorship Project is underway. Is anyone from Washington interested in becoming a mentor? The purpose of the program is to provide additional learning and growth opportunities for ESA’s CEOs. More information can be found on the AESA website at:

<http://www.aesa.us/MentorProject.pdf>.

Upcoming AESA Conferences in 2014:

- New ESA CEO Orientation, Cincinnati, Ohio, **April 28th—30th**
- Foundation Summer Leadership Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico, **July 14th—17th**
- Educators’ Call to Action Conference, Arlington, Virginia, **September 17th—18th**
- AESA Annual Conference, San Diego, California, **December 3rd—6th**

X AESD NETWORK DUES ASSESSMENT

The Executive Board discussed: 1) Fund Balance, and 2) Network Funding Options. Mr. Dunn highlighted the options on the network funding spreadsheet: #1) \$200,000 Total Network Support, #2) \$150,000 Total Network Support, #3) \$100,000 Total Network Support, and #4) \$50,000 Total Network Support.

Mr. Kirkley commented that the \$150K was an appropriate option. Mr. Coble commented in agreement.

Mr. Coble commented that WSSDA has a new Acting Executive Director, Jim Koval. He suggests that the AESD Executive Board meet with Mr. Koval to discuss the past, present, and future relationship between the AESD and WSSDA.

Ms. Fromhold commented that WSSDA and the AESD do not always “agree” on legislative matters and that meeting with Mr. Koval could be beneficial. Ms. Fromhold further suggested that it might be time to revisit updating [RCW 28A.310.210](#). Suggest watching to see what happens at WSSDA in the next several months as the WSSDA Board sets the criteria for its new Executive Director.

President Sorger called for a motion to select and adopt one of the four presented funding options.

- Mr. Gingerich (ESD 123) moved to adopt option #2) \$150K Total Network Support.
- Mr. Kirkley (ESD 189) seconded the motion.
- Hearing and seeing no nays, the Network Funding Option #2) \$150K was approved unanimously.

XI NOMINATIONS

Brief discussion regarding the upcoming AESD leadership nominations for 2014-15 took place. According to the AESD Constitution, elections are to take place during the annual meeting of the board.

Article V, Section 2 – Elections, A: The president and vice president shall be elected at the meeting scheduled during the Association’s annual meeting and shall take office immediately prior to adjournment of that meeting. They shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors are elected and have taken office. Their election shall be by written ballot. Those candidates receiving a majority of votes cast for the respective offices shall be declared elected. In case no candidate receives a majority vote, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be candidates for re-balloting. In the event there is only one candidate for an office, then written ballot may be dispensed with and the unopposed candidate may be elected by a voice vote or by a show of hands.

Article V, Section 2 – Elections, B: The office of Past President shall be filled by the automatic succession of the previous year’s President. The Past President shall serve for one year. In the event the Past President is replaced by another individual as the representative of an ESD to the Executive Board, the Past President shall complete the term of office as a non-voting Associate Member.

XII OTHER BUSINESS

Eldene Wall, Executive Assistant, ESD 171, is working on anniversary celebration details (AESD 45th Anniversary and Spokane Expo 40th Anniversary).

President Sorger made comment regarding how fortunate the AESD is to have Marcia and Jim working with them and offered thanks for all their dedicated work on the hill.

XIII ADJOURNMENT

President Sorger adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Megan Simmons, Policy Assistant, WSSDA

Note: handouts distributed during the meeting are attached to these draft minutes for your convenience.