

**AESD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 26, 2007 – 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**  
**ESD 101, Regal Conference Center, Spokane, WA**

**MINUTES**

**OPENING**

**Call to Order:** After a brief lunch, AESD President Robert Bauer, called the meeting of the Executive Board to order at 12:28 p.m. The following were in attendance:

**ESD Superintendents**

Dr. Terry Munther, ESD 101  
Dr. Jane Gutting, ESD 105  
Dr. Twyla Barnes, ESD 112  
Dr. Bill Keim, ESD 113  
Monte L. Bridges, Puget Sound ESD 121  
Bruce Hawkins, ESD 123  
Dr. Rich McBride, North Central ESD 171  
Dr. Jerry Jenkins, ESD 189

**ESD Board Members**

Robert Bauer, ESD 101  
Maggie Perez, ESD 105  
Bill Bauman, ESD 112  
Dr. Howard Coble, ESD 113  
Jean Wasson, ESD 114  
Jackie Smith, Puget Sound ESD 121  
Brad Gingerich, ESD 123  
Randy Johnston, ESD 171  
Merle Kirkley, ESD 189

**Others Present**

Jim Shoemake, AESD Executive Services  
Dr. Paul Rosier, WASA Executive Director  
Dr. Steve DalPorto, SBE  
Eldene Wall, Executive Assistant, North Central ESD 171  
Sara Ballard, Executive Secretary, ESD 101

### **Unable to Attend**

Ken Seng, Puget Sound ESD 121 (Jackie Smith substitute)

Gordon Griggs, ESD 189 (Merle Kirkley substitute)

Dr. Walt Bigby, ESD 114

### **Quorum**

President Robert Bauer welcomed members and guests. A quorum was established. Monte Bridges provided the board with an update on Ken Seng's surgery and recovery. President Robert Bauer expressed his appreciation for Eldene Wall's wonderful work on the AESD Newsletter.

### **Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Coble/Perez to approve today's agenda.

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Gingerich/Kirkley to approve the April 19, 2007 meeting minutes as presented with one change being noted to add Jim Shoemake along with Norm Wisner under Core ESD Funding on Page 5.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Evaluation of Professional Services**

Brad Gingerich explained that the evaluation composite rating was a cumulative rating of each of the ESD boards. The AESD board expressed their appreciation to the committee which included Bill Bauman, Robert Bauer, Randy Johnston and several of the ESD superintendents. The committee expressed its appreciation to Shelly Moos for her assistance. The ratings were excellent. The legislative activities earned high marks. Assistance in furthering the development of the ESD system should be a continued area for growth.

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Kirkley/Wasson to approve the 2007-08  
WASA Professional Services Contract.

Comments – Brad Gingerich emphasized that the WASA/ESD communication culture which has been created by Paul Rosier has been tremendous. Mr. Rosier stated that everyone should recognize the excellent work of Jim Shoemaker, Norm Wisner and Bill Keim. The team effort this legislative session was outstanding and the AESD was mentioned at every opportunity.

Bill Bauman requested that the evaluation be revisited at the fall retreat. Bill Bauman also requested the formation of a subcommittee to define expectations. President Robert Bauer will appoint a subcommittee that will make a presentation in August to the board. ESD superintendents recommended that Jane Gutting and Bill Keim be a part of the subcommittee and that discussions be held with WASA on how to staff appropriately. Paul Rosier expressed that expectations from WASA must be reasonable.

Bill Keim also requested that consideration should be made for one of the WASA representatives to attend the AESA Conference. Paul Rosier emphasized how much Norm Wisner will be missed and that Norm might be willing to be involved in a limited capacity. President Robert Bauer expressed his appreciation to Paul Rosier and also wished to express AESD's appreciation to Norm Wisner.

Paul Rosier advised the board that he has spoken with The Gates Foundation regarding their assistance in future projects with the ESDs. The Gates Foundation has requested that AESD submit a concept paper. An invitation to apply for a grant will be based on this concept paper. Brad Gingerich inquired about the

timeline for preparing the concept paper. Paul Rosier said The Gates Foundation would like it within the next few weeks and WASA will be a partner in the process. Bill Bauman inquired about the decision process and timeline. Paul Rosier advised the board that The Gates Foundation awards grants by quarter, so a decision would be reached by the end of September. Bill Keim encouraged the board that this should be made a very high priority. President Robert Bauer appointed a subcommittee for preparation of the concept paper. The subcommittee will include Howard Coble, Bill Bauman, Robert Bauer, Terry Munther, Bill Keim and Jane Gutting.

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Kirkley/Perez to authorize the executive committee to execute contract.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

Bill Keim advised AESD will need a consensus on the Strategic Plan. Bill feels very good about the overall progress in the goal areas. Randy Johnston inquired if it would not behoove the organization to involve a legislator in the strategic plan development to act as a filter. The board agreed that this is an excellent idea.

### **Proposed AESD Executive Board Role with ESD Coordinating Board**

The first meeting of the ESD Coordinating Board to discuss the global performance audit will be convened this afternoon. The coordinating board is a requirement of the performance audit. The interpretation from the state auditor's and attorney general's office was that the AESD is not the legal entity to hold the performance audit hearing. Bill Keim recommended that the ESD Coordinating Board integrate the performance audit information into the strategic plan and submit the report in July, 2008.

## **Accreditation**

John Gott (ESD 113), Patsy Callaghan (ESD 105) and Ken Seng (Puget Sound ESD 121) were appointed to the accreditation committee. John Gott was asked and accepted to chair this committee as long as he could have some staff support. Monte Bridges said that Kathy Linden will provide the support for this committee. The board agreed that an additional person should be added to this committee, preferably from Eastern Washington. President Robert Bauer offered to see if Kim Carlson (ESD 101), who is a former superintendent, would be willing to serve on this committee. Jerry Jenkins advised the board that ESD 189 has had several districts go through the accreditation process and he received positive feedback from those districts.

## **Legislative Report**

Jim Shoemake distributed to the board the Association of Educational Service Districts Legislative Highlights 2007. Jim advised the board that he feels very strongly about how convinced legislators are that ESDs should be the statewide delivery system. Jim also believes the stage is set for coming back during supplemental budget time to continue to strengthen core funds. Jim also advised that they have good contacts in the governor's office through Judy Hartman and that he hopes to have a face-to-face meeting with Judy and Governor Gregoire.

President Robert Bauer expressed his appreciation on behalf of the entire board for Jim's and Norm's work. President Robert also wanted to express our sincere appreciation to Norm for his many years of excellent service. Merle Kirkley said that the services and time that Jim and Norm have provided is way beyond what they contracted for. Brad Gingerich said that Jim "hit the ground running" and

was connected from the beginning. Merle Kirkley emphasized that the contract and remuneration need to be discussed at the fall retreat. Legislative action is going to become more and more important and should be a primary focus.

### **Key Issues for 2008**

- Core funding
- Systems
- RCWs

Jim Shoemake advised the board that he, Norm Wisner and Bill Keim brainstormed key issues for 2008. Bill Keim also advised that there have been some recommendations from the performance audit about changing some statutory responsibilities for ESDs (i.e., boundary reviews and OPP investigations). Bill Keim recommended that the ESD superintendents review this more thoroughly at their August retreat.

### **New Business**

OSPI/ESD Partnership Agreement – Bill Keim advised the board that the ESD superintendents have been working with OSPI on strengthening our partnership for school improvement.

Planning for Fall Retreat – the board agreed to hold the fall retreat in Vancouver at ESD 112 on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Reception for Norm Wisner – Brad Gingerich advised the board that both Beresford and Saxton Bradley have offered their assistance in sponsoring a reception for Norm Wisner. Jim Shoemake agreed that a reception would be a

good idea. The board agreed to arrange for a reception in conjunction with the ESD superintendents retreat which will be in Seattle on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Business**

Jane Gutting advised the board that ESD 105 will turn over \$13K to the AESD from the conference in April. She also advised that \$2K will be sent to ESD 189 for the AESD Conference in April, 2008. Bill Keim suggested that it would be best for accounting purposes to have that money go into our account with WSSDA and let them forward it to ESD 189. Jane also advised that AESD portfolios, pens and "5 Common Elements of Excellence!" posters have been sent to each ESD for distribution to new board members.

State Board of Education – Dr. Steve DalPorto expressed his appreciation to the board for the invitation to attend today's meeting. Steve made a recommendation to the board that the ESDs make a presentation to the State Board of Education about ESD services. There are many new members on the SBE and it is critical for them to have a full understanding of what ESDs can do. Steve advised that the next SBE meeting is at ESD 101 in July and the final meeting for the calendar year is in November.

Dr. Steve DalPorto is serving on SBE committees reviewing school improvement and accountability. Mr. DalPorto reviewed work from these committees to date.

Twyla Barnes stated that ESDs see their role not as a gatekeeper but rather as a resource for technical assistance and accountability support. Dr. DalPorto appreciated this clarification. Dr. Munther advised the board that we are fortunate to have Dr. DalPorto on the State Board of Education.

Letter from Brian Talbott – Howard Coble distributed a letter to the board from Brian Talbott. Dr. Talbott expressed his appreciation for the recognition and beautiful clock he was awarded at the 2007 AESD Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Ballard

Executive Secretary, ESD 101

Approved:

Robert Bauer, President