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AESD Executive Board Meeting

April 7, 2016
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 12:23 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016. Members participated in reciting the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was held at the Yakima Convention Center.

II **ATTENDANCE RECORD:**

The following persons were present:

ESD Superintendents

Anderson, Dr. Dana, ESD 113
Chase, Kevin, ESD 105
Dunn, Dr. Michael, ESD 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
Weisner, Darcy, ESD 123
Welch, John, ESD 121

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Anthony, Rick, ESD 113
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Graham, Dr. Richard, ESD 112
Grassel, Mark, ESD 105
Johnson, Carl, ESD 114
Kirkley, Merle, ESD 189
Wildfang, Bruce, ESD 123

Others Present

Fromhold, Marcia, AESD Executive Services
Meuret, Cathy, ESD 171
Powell, Morgan, WSSDA
Shoemake, Dr. Jim, AESD Executive Services
Wall, Eldene, ESD 171

Quorum was declared.

III WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was opened with introductions of new ESD superintendents. Steve Myers introduced Kevin Chase, the new ESD 105 superintendent. Kevin is from the Yakima Valley and currently the superintendent of the Grandview School District. Bruce Hawkins introduced Darcy Weisner, the new ESD 123 superintendent. Darcy has worked all over the state of Washington; he was the high school principal in Walla Walla and the superintendent of the Clarkston school district. He has been working as the assistant superintendent at ESD 123 for two years. Jerry Jenkins' successor, Larry Francois, was unable to attend the Executive Board meeting due to obligations in his district; he will be the new ESD 189 superintendent. Larry comes from the Northshore school district where he has been the superintendent for eight years. Prior to his time at Northshore, Larry was the superintendent of the Lakewood school district.

IV CONSENT AGENDA:

After review, a motion was made by Rick Anthony to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda without change. The motion was seconded by Mark Grassel and unanimously approved without discussion.

Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of 2.23.16 meeting minutes
- 2015-16 AESD Meeting Calendar/Schedule
- 2015-16 Single Point of Contact/Champions List

V 2016 AESD ANNUAL CONFERENCE WELCOME:

Steve welcomed everyone to AESD's Annual Conference and expressed enthusiasm about the keynote speakers and scheduled tours.

VI 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE:

Marcia Fromhold and Jim Shoemake began the legislative update by answering questions regarding a report that was distributed to board members titled "2016 Washington State Legislature K-12 Education Summary." Steve expressed concern about school districts losing their birth to three money which Marcia said was due to a number of advocate groups who have argued to legislators that districts are taking more birth to three money than they should. At this point, districts will not be losing that money but Marcia thinks it is important for districts to come forward and explain specifically how that money is used in their schools. OSPI has attempted to do this, but their explanation is aggregate, and it would be helpful for individual districts to better educate their legislators regarding how that money is used.

Steve discussed ESB 6620, Concerning Cost-Effective Methods for Maintaining and Increasing School Safety which was signed by the Governor on April 1. The bill allows ESDs to implement a regional school safety and security program that is modeled after a regional school safety and security center developed by an educational service district. OSPI will be providing some money for a safety summit and developing an online social and emotional training module for educators.

Dana Anderson shared that the bill addressing teacher shortages (E2SSB 6455) provides resources for promotional campaigns and employment security but it falls short on teacher compensation. Lots of vacancies in teaching positions are expected in the coming years especially due to mandated class size reductions. State licensure is also a big issue because it inhibits teachers from out of state transferring to Washington. Dana also testified on the bill regarding social and emotional training. Next year will be its third year at the legislature but there is a lot of interest from legislators in having ESD's be the vehicle for professional development. Dana advocated for funding for the ESDs to have regional coordinators at each ESD for social and emotional training.

Marcia provided an update on McCleary. There is an eight member workgroup that the governor has that has very specific directions from legislation. One of the first things the workgroup will do is hire a consultant for the teacher compensation issue. The consultant will have a preliminary report by September 1st with data collected from school districts and a final report by November. The workgroup will address compensation, K-3 class size, K-12

health care, etc. They are also supposed to have a recommendation for the revenue source for funding. Washington's underlying tax structure will not support the cost of funding McCleary. McCleary will require not just a tax increase, but a tax re-structure. Next year will be a long session and a lot of legislators with K-12 experience and knowledge will be gone. Representatives Ross Hunter, Bruce Dammeier, and Hans Dunshee will no longer be in the legislature. Additionally, Gordon Beck from OSPI recently retired. We are facing a very challenging legislative session and a lot of K-12 knowledge is leaving.

VII 2016 ACCREDITATION CYCLE SPRING PLANNING:

Jerry Jenkins updated the board regarding AESD's spring Accreditation cycle. Everything is on track; the East side location will be ESD 101 on May 18th and the West side location will be PSED on May 24th, 25th and 26th.

VIII CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – 2 YEAR TERM OF PRESIDENT:

Gary informed the board that the proposed constitutional amendment regarding a two year term for president will be presented at the Saturday morning meeting with a brief overview and opportunity for comments and discussion. Hopefully the amendment will be passed at that time; the language has already been distributed to the AESD general membership for comment as required by the Constitution.

IX AESD DIRECTOR OF STATEWIDE INITIATIVES – UPDATE:

Dana shared that Dr. Gene Sharratt has accepted and is in the process of finalizing terms to become AESD's new Director of Statewide Initiatives. Gene is currently the Executive Director for the Washington Student Achievement Council and will replace AESD's retiring director Ian Grabenhorst. Gene has strong relationships at the legislature and OSPI and is prepared to lead AESD into the next iteration of our shared work. Gene will reside in Wenatchee and be headquartered at the North Central Educational Service District.

X AESD GOALS UPDATE: JOINT MEETING WITH OREGON'S ESD ASSOCIATION:

Rick Anthony shared that the meeting on April 6th with OESD and AESD went very well. They are very interested and excited in partnerships/alliances and sharing opportunities. They were especially interested in how our interlocal agreement works and how it was developed. They do not have the resources to provide certain services to some of their districts that need it and they would like to work on partnering with Washington's ESDs for particular services such as STEM. In order for that partnership to be successful, we need to find out the specialties of both Oregon's ESDs and Washington's. Richard Graham expressed some concern regarding the legality of working across state borders. Jerry shared that there is an attorney general's opinion regarding the subject that does not expressly prohibit working across state borders. Rich stated that at this point, because we are still in the conceptual stage, there is likely no reason for concern because the associations are just sharing ideas so far. Oregon is also facing teacher shortages and licensure issues and sharing strategies for how to approach these problems could be very beneficial for both states.

XI AESD GOALS UPDATE: AESD WEBSITE:

Tim Merlino briefly updated the board regarding AESD's website and proposed that the website should be done by a third party but maintained by an ESD.

XII AESD DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION – 2016-17:

Rich provided copies of the proposed and projected budgets and discussed how dues are calculated. Funds are maintained for things like accreditation and group meals at WSSDA's annual conference that will likely end up not being used in which case the closing revenue will go up by those retained amounts. It is somewhat difficult to provide the board with an accurate budget at this point because we don't know the final numbers for the current operating year. However, AESD is very healthy financially and has some spending authority and capacity. The proposed and projected budgets will go to the general membership on Saturday morning. A motion to recommend the budgets to be accepted by the membership was made by Merle Kirkley, seconded by Bruce Wildfang, and unanimously approved.

XIII AESD VIDEO PROJECT:

Dick Graham showed the final AESD video in advance of its reveal at the general meeting on Saturday. The video explains what ESD's do and what services they can provide to districts. Many board members are unaware of how ESD's can be helpful to their schools and hopefully this video will help inform them of the benefits of partnership.

Dick will be personally going to all of the districts that he represents and showing the video at their board meetings.

XIV AESA UPDATE:

Rich skipped the AESA update because there will be an AESA update provided at the meeting on Saturday morning.

XV OTHER BUSINESS:

Rich shared an update regarding efforts in Idaho to establish the state's first ESD in the Coeur d'Alene area. The bill came out of the House with a 42-2 vote in favor but the Senate majority leader chose to not let the bill go to the floor for a vote so it died when the legislature adjourned. The new state superintendent in Idaho has been advocating for ESD's and will hopefully see more success next year.

There was a brief discussion regarding procedures for the nominating report at the annual conference. Friday, nominations will be called for from the floor in addition to the nominating report. If there are any floor nominations, they will be put to ballot for Saturday morning.

XVI ADJOURNMENT:

President Coe adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 2016, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at NEWESD 101.

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