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**AESD Executive Board Meeting
WASA Office – Olympia
12:00 p.m.
February 13, 2006**

MINUTES

Call to Order: Maggie Perez, AESD President, called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. The following members 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
Dr. Walt Bigby, ESD 114
Bruce Hawkins, ESD 123
Rich McBride, North Central ESD 171
Dr. Jerry Jenkins, Northeast ESD 189

ESD Board Members

Robert Bauer, Vice President, ESD 101
Maggie Perez, President, ESD 105
Ann Campbell, ESD 112
Bill Bauman, ESD 112
Howard Coble, ESD 113
Jean Wasson, ESD 114
Jackie Smith, (alternate for Ken Seng), Puget Sound ESD 121
Brad Gingerich, ESD 123
Randy Johnston, North Central ESD 171
Gordon Griggs, Northeast ESD 189

Other ESD Board Members and Guests

Norm Wisner, AESD Legislative Liaison
Eldene Wall, Executive Assistant, North Central ESD 171
John Gott, Legislative representative, ESD 113
Dick Graham, Legislative representative, ESD 112
Katie Proteau, ESD 114
Ken Bottero, ESD 112
Genelle Doyle, ESD 114
Jill Jacoby, WASA Executive Director
Cindy Sands, WSSDA Staff Liaison

Unable to Attend

Dr. Monte Bridges, Superintendent of Puget Sound ESD 121
Ken Seng, Board Member, Puget Sound ESD 121

Call to Order and Quorum

President Perez welcomed members and each introduced him/herself. A Quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Coble/Wasson to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2005.

Executive Board Meeting Schedule

The next AESD Executive board meeting will be held prior to the annual AESD Conference on Thursday, April 20 from 1-4 p.m. in Bremerton. Lunch will be provided.

Committee Reports

Resolutions – Jackie Smith reported on behalf of Ken Seng for the resolutions committee. There has been no action.

Nominations – Ann Campbell reported on behalf of the nominations committee. She stated it would either be Northwest ESD 189 or Puget Sound ESD 121's order to serve. Gordon Griggs announced that the nomination committee is required to file a report prior to 30 days and 15 days. If a nomination is forthcoming, he advised that it get to Cindy Sands by mid-March and she would dispense to the entire membership. Campbell clarified that she and Bill Bauman have exchanged positions and she will now serve as the legislative representative and he will serve as board member for ESD 112.

Audit – Griggs circulated the income statement for the period of September 2004 through August 2005 and he commented that the books were in good order. He reported that he, Maggie Perez and Howard Coble had met earlier in the day with Harry Frost and Cindy Sands of WSSDA to audit the AESD finances. The bank balance is currently at \$37,967.36 --- in part due to a successful 2005 conference. Howard Coble stated that the bank account is held at the Bank of America and that he did not believe they were maximizing the Association's earnings. He suggested they might investigate alternatives.

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Coble/Griggs to authorize Cindy Sands, with the guidance of Howard Coble, to investigate changing the bank of record for the Association to maximize earnings. They will report their findings at the April meeting.

Financial Report

Walt Bigby reviewed the AESD summary income statement. He offered to assist Sands that in preparing the budget for the upcoming year. It will need to be voted on at the April business meeting.

Report of Constitutional Committee

Griggs reviewed each proposed change in the draft Revision #4. A few changes were suggested which will read as follows:

Article VI – Executive Board, Section 1 – MEMBERSHIP:

The total **voting** membership of the Executive Board shall not be greater than the number of ESDs in the State.

Article XI – Finance, Section 3 – DISBURSEMENTS

All disbursements of the Association funds shall be by check signed by the Executive Secretary of the Association or his or her designee.

Sections 3 and 4 will be renumbered accordingly.

It was suggested that at some future date, someone be hired to create bylaws to implement the constitution. Additionally, Coble suggested a task force study the fiscal calendar year for purposes of budgeting in the future.

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Griggs/Coble that Sands forward the draft Constitution, with the latest revised changes to the membership 30 days prior to the business meeting on April 21.

The Executive Board thanked Griggs for his hard work in revising the Constitution.

2006 Legislative Update

Legislative Liaison Norm Wisner distributed a report of his main focus on the hill. He explained the legislative process. There are several bills proposing community colleges classes to high school students who are not going to be graduating with their peer group; however, dropouts are not addressed in the bills. He emphasized that there are currently anywhere from 60,000 to 80,000 students who are not going to graduate or who are going to drop out of school.

HB 2582 and 3241; and SB 6821. Wisner reported he had testified in support of HB 2582, 3241 and SB 6821. He explained that providing positive support was important so the ESDs can have input into implementation of them, should they pass. He especially supported the importance of SB 6821, which is a study that the ESDs need to support.

Dr. Munther reported on ESD 101's "dropout retrieval program" an effort to find dropouts, get them connected with social services and other interventions to get them back into school. However, in order for such an effort to continue, they will need funding. One vehicle to fund the program is through interlocal agreements with school districts. Grants are also needed to help provide the infrastructure for this program.

Other bills of interest – HB 2964 – This bill creates a department in the Governor's office which coordinate with the non-profits on much of the operations of early learning activities. There is a lot of support for this concept; and, it will change how many of the ESDs do their business.

SB 6747 is the requirement that districts create a safety plan — revived from last session. It's currently sitting in Senate rules and may or may not survive.

HB 3098 and SB 6436 address the duties of the State Board of Education. These began as companion bills, but have each changed. Many of the current SBE activities are being recommended to move under the control of OSPI. Two examples are school facilities, school accreditation and boundaries. The ESDs' position is to let the new board get seated and have them make a recommendation. He suggested putting accreditation back into the bill.

Moved/Seconded/Gingerich/Bauer for approval of the AESD legislative report.

Executive Director Proposal

President Perez appointed the following ESD superintendents to serve on the subcommittee who will work on the Executive Director position: Rich McBride, Jane Gutting and Walt Bigby; the ESD Board members appointed were Bill Bauman, Howard Coble and Brad Gingerich.

Bigby distributed a draft executive director description, composed by him, Twyla Barnes and Jerry Jenkins. It was clarified that Bigby will continue to take the lead on this project. A conference call involving the Executive Director Subcommittee will be held prior to the next legislative conference call, on February 28 at 8:30 a.m. (The Legislative Conference call will occur regularly at 9:30 a.m. on February 28).

ESD Superintendent's Report

Bigby then reported on the ESD superintendent's five goals, and progress on them, which are as follows:

- #1 – Expand partnerships of those involved in the welfare and services of children birth through grade 13.
- #2 – Build a funded, regionally-delivered statewide system to support school and district efforts for improving student success.
- #3 – Build a regional academic (intervention) model for students in the class of 2008 and beyond.
- #4 – Develop an AESD communications plan used by all members to advocate for AESD systems, goals and strategies.
- #5 – Study the feasibility of AESD executive services.

2006 AESD Annual Conference

Bigby reported on the progress of the upcoming April conference, hosted by Olympic ESD 114, and that registration materials have been mailed. He reviewed the draft agenda details with the group.

AESA Conference

Jackie Smith reported on the AESA conference that was held in December of 2005 in Savannah, Georgia. The preconference strand was good; however, there is the issue of taking an extra day off work for some to attend. It was suggested to keep board oriented sessions weaved in with the other sessions that are offered.

Other Business and Announcements

Twyla Barnes reported on the importance of communications. Additionally, she stated they had decided not to go forward with a request for core funding, since this is the short, non-budget year for the legislature.

WSSDA Report

Martharose Laffey was not in attendance.

WASA Report

Jill Jacoby spoke of the advantages of the Eduportal system and its potential as a central depository for summer schools. She said it is an excellent vehicle for 15 organizations to be able to communicate statewide.

Since Jacoby is leaving WASA as executive director, the AESD thanked her for her many years of service to the AESD and on behalf of education.

AESA Report

Jane Gutting reported that the state of Washington had provided much leadership nationally because of our members' connections and relationships. She recognized Dr. Terry Munther's recent election/appointment to the AESA council position and recognized that he will do an outstanding job.

It was announced that Dr. Mark Kondo had retired from the board of ESD 101 recently; and last week the board appointed Gary Livingston as his replacement.

It was also announced that Jean Sheridan has left her position in ESD 113.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sands
Recording Secretary

Maggie Perez, President