

**Association of Educational Service Districts  
Executive Board Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 21, 2005  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Red Lion Templin's Hotel  
Post Falls, Idaho**

**Call to Order**

The AESD President, Gordon Griggs, called the meeting of the Executive Board to order at 1:12 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  
Monte L. Bridges, Puget Sound ESD 121  
Bruce Hawkins, ESD 123  
Rich McBride, North Central ESD 171  
Dr. Jerry Jenkins, Northwest ESD 189

**ESD Board Members**

Robert Bauer, ESD 101  
Maggie Perez, ESD 105  
Ann Campbell, ESD 112  
Bill Graham, ESD 112  
Bill Bauman, ESD 112  
Howard Coble, ESD 113  
Jean Wasson, ESD 114  
Ken Seng, Puget Sound ESD 121  
Brad Gingerich, ESD 123  
Randy Johnston, North Central ESD 171  
Gordon Griggs, Northwest ESD 189

**Others Present:**

Martharose Laffey, WSSDA Executive Director and AESD Executive Secretary  
Jill Jacoby, WASA Executive Director  
Eldene Wall, Executive Assistant, North Central ESD 171  
Cindy Sands, WSSDA Staff Liaison

Norm Wisner was unable to attend due to his involvement in the legislative session.

**Quorum**

A quorum was declared.

### **Introductions**

President Griggs introduced and welcomed new WSSDA staff liaison, Cindy Sands, to the board. The members re-introduced themselves to each other.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

President Griggs suggested adding a subsection under the legislative update and place it under the New Business item, to discuss ESD representatives to serve on some of the newly-authorized legislative advisory boards.

Moved/Seconded/Carried to approve the agenda, as revised.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The last name of one of the attendees of February's meeting was added, "Jada Rupley" thus making the minutes complete.

Moved/Seconded/Carried to approve the February 28, 2005 minutes, as corrected.

### **Old Business**

#### **Executive Board meeting schedule**

President Griggs suggested that the incoming president coordinate with the Walt Bigby, chair of the superintendent's association, in setting next year's meeting schedule.

### **Committee Reports**

The Resolutions Committee reported that there have not been any resolutions this year.

Ken Seng updated the board on Resolution #1. He will make comments on the 2004 Resolution #1 at the general membership meeting tomorrow. He added that they are exploring a board strand that will run through the conference in Savannah. They are looking for pre-conference sessions for the western members of the ASEA.

The Nominations Committee reported the officer nominees for 2005, which are:

- President – Maggie Perez
- President-elect – Howard Coble
- Vice president – Robert Bauer

These names will be announced at tomorrow's general meeting. Walt Bigby offered to serve as Parliamentarian during tomorrow's meeting.

### **Discussion on AESD Web site**

President Griggs asked for further input in the idea of an AESD website. Rich McBride stated the importance of creating a "presence" for the AESD. McBride talked about the natural link between the AESD Dispatch newsletter and a Web site. All nine ESDs would be accessible from the AESD home page. Additionally, the AESD Web site could contain the Executive Board minutes and other contact information. Estimated cost assumptions were maintenance costs of approximately \$100/year per ESD (\$900), plus original set up costs of \$500, and \$75 for the domain name.

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Ann Campbell asked if the Web site would replace the newsletter --- or could the newsletter be posted (in *pdf* format) on the Web site. It was stated that even if someone does not have web access, the newsletter could be printed upon request thereby reducing printing costs.

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Coble/Perez to authorize the North Central ESD to proceed with development of an AESD Web site, as set forth in their proposal.

Walt Bigby stated that the costs for the Web site maintenance could be placed under the Dispatch line item.

### **Constitution Update Project**

President Griggs reported that the major change in the Constitution is to extend the president's term to two years. This would allow for continuity and would coincide with the superintendents' president's term. Griggs stated that any changes in the Constitution must be circulated to the membership in advance of changes.

### **AESD Strategic Plan**

It was the consensus of the board to defer work on the strategic plan until after the legislative session adjourns.

### **New Business**

Legislative Update. A legislative update was provided to the board. While Norm Wisner was unable to attend the executive board meeting, he will provide an update at the general meeting on Friday.

It was reported that simple majority did not survive. Of the 30 education-related bills that survived, 20 of them are making their way back across the aisle to receive concurrence. All three budgets contain funding for I-728 and I-732. Levy equalization has been either reduced or cut. Reading Corp has been cut or reduced. Additionally, the readiness-to-learn and early learning are eliminated. The legislature did create an Early Learning Council which is an advisory committee to the Governor. The K-12 Funding portion of the education finance study will be chaired by Dr. Bergeson. There is a serious effort to have advisory input by education groups. Griggs said he would be willing to delegate the duty of finding proposed representatives to the superintendents, since they are connected to education directly.

Jill Jacoby thanked Bill Keim for his work on the ample funding study, especially relative to the use of levies/maintenance of effort issue. She also thanked Terry Munther and Norm that the ESD budget was not cut.

### **AESD Annual Conference.**

Robert Bauer and Terry Munther reported on the annual conference, reporting that this year's theme is relationships. Munther noted that all the keynote speakers are from eastern Washington. There are 139 people registered. This evening begins with a river cruise in honor of President Griggs. Their sponsors have been generous.

President Griggs announced that the Business meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. (not 1:15 p.m. as suggested on the Business Meeting Agenda).

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**WSSDA Report** – Martharose Laffey, WSSDA Executive Director, reported on WSSDA activities. Laffey discussed the survey results of the members which were positive overall, with the exception of some dissatisfaction by new members and members from the smaller school districts. Accordingly, this is addressed in WSSDA's three-year strategic plan, made available on the WSSDA Web site.

The Board recently eliminated the advisory committees (small schools, Diversity-Multicultural Advisory and Urban) standing committees. The trend in associations is to move towards using a Task Force structure over a standing committee to address issues. The Board decided to try that and look at the results. Thus, each Task Force appointed will have a charge or objective to accomplish, within limited time constraints. Currently, there are three Task Forces: Weighted Vote, Nutrition & Fitness, and Trust Lands. Also, a Small Schools Task Force is underway to survey boards serving students under 2,000 to see how WSSDA can address their needs.

Currently, 12 WSSDA regional meetings are planned for the spring and 12 in the fall. Next year, WSSDA plans to increase those meetings to 17 in the spring and fall, with the objective of offering a meeting where no one has to travel more than one hour to attend a meeting.

Laffey also reported on the Hispanic Opportunities Conference, the August board candidate workshops, the May nutrition workshop, and the Annual Conference (Westin-Seattle). She encouraged ESDs to submit proposals for presentation.

The tribal history bill was discussed. Laffey reported that WSSDA is encouraged to hold meetings (beginning in 2006) to coordinate tribal members and board members to address the achievement gap. The bill also encourages schools to adopt tribal curriculum along with general Native American history. WSSDA is required to report to the legislature, yearly beginning in 2008. She requested assistance from the ESDs in this endeavor. She also thanked the various ESDs for their assistance in helping WSSDA by providing facilities for some of the regional meetings.

Laffey also requested, that in order to stay better informed, that she be invited to each ESD superintendent meeting once yearly.

Chair Griggs referred the group to a proposed contract for management services

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Campbell/Coble to authorize the contract as presented.

**WASA Report** – Jill Jacoby gave examples of the work that had been accomplished between the different groups that work together: the Simple majority coalition; Learning First Alliance, and the Ample Funding study. There are plans to disseminate information so the public can understand the issue. SIRS assists schools via OSPI that are struggling to meet AYP. She thanked the ESDs for their assistance and discussed the regional delivery approach.

### **AESA Report**

Twyla Barnes reported on the efforts of the Resolution.

### **Financial Report**

**2004-05 Year-to-Date Budget Status.** Walt Bigby stated that at its last meeting, the board decided to simplify the financial statements so they would be easier to understand.

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Bigby reported that the conference's sponsors have covered much of the conferences' costs. However, he noted that the expenditures have gone through the ESD bookkeeping and not the AESD's bookkeeping. He informed the board that they will need to approve a conference budget in September for the following year.

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Seng/Gingerich that the AESD approve the 2005-06 proposed budget and that the executive board recommend its approval at Friday's meeting.

**Other New Business**

Bigby stated that the AESD should be more efficient in working with WSSDA, WASA and OSPI. He suggested that contracting for an executive director would help in this area.

President Griggs asked that the upcoming officers stay to discuss transition of the positions.

Seng also mentioned that their ESD office will be moving to the Renton area.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Signed:

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Cindy Sands, Staff Liaison

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Gordon Griggs, AESD President