

AESD Executive Board Regular Meeting
Seattle Westin Hotel – Olympic Suite
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
November 17, 2005

MINUTES

The AESD President, Maggie Perez, called the meeting of the Executive Board to order at 7:30 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
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, ESD 189

ESD Board Members

Robert Bauer, ESD 101
Maggie Perez, ESD 105
Ann Campbell, ESD 112
Howard Coble, ESD 113
Jean Wasson, ESD 114
Ken Seng, Puget Sound ESD 121
Gordon Griggs, Northwest ESD 189

Other ESD board members

Bill Bauman, ESD 112
Bev Abersfeller, ESD 123 (alternate for Brad Gingerich)
Ed Daling, North Central ESD 171 (alternate for Randy Johnston)

Others Present

Norm Wisner, AESD Legislative Liaison and Facilitator
Eldene Wall, Executive Assistant, North Central ESD 171
Jill Jacoby, WASA Executive Director
Martharose Laffey, WSSDA Executive Director
Cindy Sands, WSSDA Staff Liaison to AESD

Guests

Dr. Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Mary Alice Hueschel, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Maggie Perez. All present were welcomed and gave introductions.

The Minutes from the April and September, 2004 meetings were adopted.

The agenda was amended to omit the report by Terry Munther and Norm Wisner since they were reported earlier at the work session.

Old Business: Howard Coble announced that the updates to the AESD Constitution were in progress. He suggested if members had comments or suggestions to email them to Bill Keim by December 15th. A report will be given at the February meeting.

Resolutions Committee: There were no reports by the resolutions committee.

WSSDA Report: Martharose Laffey expressed her appreciation for the ESDs and their relationship with WSSDA and especially for the services they provide to the small school districts. She apologized to those who were unable to participate at the noon luncheon. Laffey reported that the Association plans to reinstitute its Leadership WSSDA (L-WSSDA) program. Although expensive to maintain, Laffey explained the importance of providing intensive, quality leadership training to board members. The cost per participant is \$1,400, which does not cover the cost of the program. It's a year-long program and is comprised of five weekend training sessions. Laffey commended Rich McBride for his decision to fund one-half of the tuition for three of their board members. Laffey also reported that WSSDA is committing \$5,000 to the Rural Education Center project on the teacher recruitment and retention study. Laffey then reported on a new WSSDA service being offered: BOARD DOCS. This is a paperless board meeting service that many school board associations, among county and city governments, are using. This service is available to ESD boards also. WSSDA has begun implementation of the recent tribal history bill, HB 1495 and offered three conference sessions on tribal-related issues. WSSDA will be collaborating between Native American tribes and boards and are hopeful the ESD can offer their facilities as a venue. WSSDA members will be asked to vote on topics as the focus of task forces. A task force will be developed to see what WSSDA can do to assist boards in ensuring students achieve higher standards. One last resource Laffey reported on is the new conference center. It has the ability to accommodate 80 folks and is available to ESDs.

WASA Report: Jill Jacoby reported that WASA's 2006 legislative platform supports the use of the supplemental budget in supporting the ESDs. She stated her appreciation of the partnership between the regional meetings and the ESDs. Additionally, a study is forthcoming on the cost of implementing the NCLB. SIRS - WASA has worked with 29 districts and will work with WSSDA on the board's role. A communication toolkit is being developed to communicate the importance of achievement to those who do not have children in the district. It will be available during the WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference. She suggested that the ESDs may want to take advantage of this resource.

ESD Superintendents Report: Walt Bigby reported that he had met with the executive director of the K-20 network. Their focus is working on the improvement of the WSSIPSI governance structure; identification of the capacity of each ESD to perform certain needs; a statewide student information system. They are working with Marty Daybell on this effort. Bigby distributed the 2006 AESD April Annual Conference brochure, along with the proposed conference budget.

Moved/Seconded/Carried/Coble/Seng to approve the conference budget for the 2006 AESD Annual Conference. The conference will be held April 20-22 in Bremerton.

AESD Conference Update: Ken Seng reported on the upcoming AESA Conference in Savannah. Seng reported that after two years of effort, leadership training is being offered for board members. Unfortunately, Seng reported that the publicity has been less than adequate on this conference. There are approximately 90+ registered. An agenda has been developed and plans for next year's conference will begin at this year's conference. The preconference will address teambuilding and leadership skills between board members and superintendents. Dr. Bergeson stated she'd be glad to give information to the other chief state officers on the AESA conference.

AESD budget: Walt Bigby reported that there is approximately \$18,500 in the budget. However, the dues for this year and the reimbursement (meeting assessment) for last year's committee expenses have not been receipted and are therefore not reflected yet. The next budget update will be at February's meeting.

Guest speaker: Dr. Bergeson commended the ESDs for its various efforts. She reported that the Governor is supportive of the issues that OSPI has raised. She then reported on the work of Washington Learns. Bergeson stated that she is requesting support for remediation; for a student information system; career navigation; continuing graduation requirements; college in the high school; apprenticeship trade programs; and, early learning.

There is \$42 million for summer school programs for students who missed a standard in the WASL. There is regional money for mathematics help; the summer school program will be implemented regionally, and will include professional development for teaching writing, reading, math and science. The main focus will be on the Level 2 kids, those who can be bumped up to Level 3 with some assistance, in about 5 weeks. Retakes will be held in August or late summer. A training design will be announced at the OSPI January conference. There will be a three-day local training for the district's teachers, followed by five weeks with students, composed of four hours with kids and two hours with teachers. There were many questions about how the money will be driven out. Currently, it would go directly to school districts; Dr. Bergeson stated that the LAP distribution method may not be the best way to distribute funds.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sands

Approved:

Maggie Perez, 2005 President