



**AESD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017 | NOON – 3:00 P.M.**

**Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

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Merle Kirkley NWESD

**2016-2017 MEETING DATES**

June 28, 2016 NEWESD  
September 19, 2016 PSESD  
November 9, 2016 Portland  
November 16, 2016 Spokane  
February 13, 2017 CRESO  
April 20, 2017 NWESD  
June 27, 2017 NEWESD

**SUPERINTENDENTS**

Mike Dunn NEWESD  
Kevin Chase ESD 105  
Tim Merlino ESD 112  
Dana Anderson CRESO  
Greg Lynch OESD  
John Welch PSESD  
Darcy Weisner ESD 123  
Rich McBride NCESD  
Larry Francois NWESD

**LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS**

Jim Shoemake  
Marcia Fromhold  
Melissa Gombosky

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**AESD Statewide Initiatives**

Gene Sharratt

**I. WELCOME**

President Rick Anthony called the meeting to order at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017. The meeting was held at the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood.

Cathy Meuret introduced the new superintendent of ESD 171, Dr. Michelle Price. She will be replacing Dr. Rich McBride.

**II. ATTENDANCE RECORD**

The following persons were present:

ESD SUPERINTENDENTS

Anderson, Dr. Dana, ESD 113  
Chase, Kevin, ESD 105  
Dunn, Dr. Michael, ESD 101  
Francois, Larry, ESD 189  
Lynch, Greg, ESD 114  
McBride, Dr. Rich, ESD 171  
Merlino, Tim, ESD 112  
Weisner, Darcy, ESD 123  
Welch, John, ESD 121

ESD Board Members

Anthony, Rick, ESD 113  
Asakura, Vicki, ESD 121  
Coe, Gary, ESD 101  
Houser, Rainier, ESD 112  
Johnson, Carl, ESD 114  
Kirkley, Merle, ESD 189  
Meuret, Cathy, ESD 171  
Wildfang, Bruce, ESD 123

Others Present

Fromhold, Marcia, AESD Executive Services  
Gombosky, Melissa, AESD Executive Services  
Powell, Morgan, WSSDA  
Price, Dr. Michelle, ESD 171  
Shoemake, Jim, AESD Executive Services  
Sharratt, Dr. Gene, AESD Executive Director of Statewide Initiatives  
Wall, Eldene, ESD 171

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

After review, a motion was made by Merle Kirkley to approve the items listed on the consent agenda without change. The motion was seconded by Bruce Wildfang and approved unanimously without discussion.

Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of February 13, 2017 meeting minutes

#### **IV. AESD REPORT**

Gene Sharratt began his report by encouraging everyone to take a look at the AESD website because a lot of work has been done and it looks great. He also shared that the ESD superintendents all signed the Coordinated Services Agreement between OSPI and AESD earlier today. Chris Reykdal will sign tomorrow, then Gene will send a PDF out to everyone so it can be shared with ESD boards. The CSA will also be available on the website. The network is also working on determining the best approach to program evaluation to show effectiveness in the network's ability to move learning to scale. If AESD doesn't have proof that they are effective in positively impacting student learning, it will be difficult to ask the legislature for funding. AESD will be contracting with Kauffman and Associates for third party evaluation of network investments. Kauffman will provide good, solid program evaluation around professional development and hopefully show us that professional learning leads to positive student outcomes. Merle Kirkley asked if the superintendents have talked about funding for the evaluations. John Welch said superintendents have talked about it extensively; there was a decision made to have program evaluation administered by PSESD. For network investments, there will be a third-party evaluator (Kauffman and Associates). For this year, a budget was built of \$200,000 for program evaluation. \$150,000 will come from WSIPC and the other \$50,000 will be shared among the nine ESDs. Moving forward, there are a couple of funding options such as a grant with the Gates Foundation and money from legislature appropriations. Gene finished his report by sharing that there are currently 804 teachers who are trained by AESD coordinators to ensure that content is moving forward. AESD is working on a new application for fellows who will represent the network and the assistant superintendents have done a marvelous job of putting together a new vetting process.

#### **V. LEGISLATIVE SESSION – 2017 SESSION**

Melissa began the legislative update by sharing that this year's session is scheduled to be 105 days and we are currently on day 102. The current discussion in the legislature is about whether or not new revenue is needed to fund the budget. There is speculation that the legislators will wait until the next revenue forecast on June 15<sup>th</sup> to see if there is additional revenue. Both budgets maintain the ESD's core funding. There is also money in both budgets for school districts to do lead testing in school pipes; the Senate is asking for ESDs to be involved in that work. Melissa also shared that Chris Reykdal has withdrawn OSPI from the lawsuit that Randy Dorn filed regarding use of levy dollars for basic ed compensation. However, as long as one district has a parent that stays a part of the lawsuit, the suit could move forward. Marcia Fromhold said it would be very difficult for a district to testify that they are not using levy money for compensation. If one parent stays a part of the lawsuit, there will be a hearing scheduled.

#### **VI. 2017 AESD CONFERENCE UPDATE**

Larry Francois thanked everyone for coming to the conference; NWESD is pleased to be able to host this year. The Saturday morning presenters will include Chris Reykdal from OSPI and Dan Steele from WASA. Basket drawings will not occur until Saturday morning so don't leave early!

#### **VII. AESD GOALS**

Rick shared that the Executive Board has been working on coming up with the vision, outcomes, and strategies of the network by formulating three goals. Those goals will ideally be completed by the end of the Executive Board meeting in June. The ESD Superintendents will then meet in August and go through those goals to determine a timeline for beginning work. The group broke out in three groups to continue goal discussion.

The group reconvened to discuss progress on goal development. Darcy Weisner began with their group's work on Goal 1: Develop Strategic Relationships. Their group discussed the need of districts around the state to have something to understand and act on data regarding attendance and behavior. This is something that AESD can assist districts with. AESD can also be an asset in teaching the teacher and assisting districts with teacher recruitment and effort. Their groups biggest takeaway was thinking about the most efficient way that the network can come up with business models to assist districts. John continued with their group's work on Goal 2: Tell Our Story. The group's overarching vision was to increase awareness and perception that AESD is valuable. They came up with a number of strategies including recognizing school board directors as an audience. Working with WSSDA to attend their conference and be involved in new board member boot camp would also help in working toward this goal. In addition, WSSDA has regional meetings where AESD board members and superintendents could potentially present. The AESD website also helps in achieving the goal of telling the AESD story. The next steps could involve social media. The legislature is also an important audience, and AESD should continue with presentations to both the House and Senate. Dana Anderson finished with their groups work on Goal 3: Grow the Network and Provide Needed Service. Their group discussed the total cost of the network and the goal of covering those costs through the

provision of services. They would like the network to identify three value added services that are new to AESD which will then be discussed by the superintendents at their August retreat.

**VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Bruce mentioned that ESD 123 is getting ready and excited for the 2018 conference in the Tri Cities. Darcy said that if any district has a need for a structure that can be set up and taken down quickly, to contact him. Larry reminded the group that the conference reception begins today at 4.30, there will be entertainment by Kamiak High School's string quartet. Carl Johnson asked the group how they felt about the tradition of each ESD bringing a basket to the conference. More were in favor than opposed to the basket tradition. Gary Coe mentioned that NWESD is expanding their facilities and doing some re-modeling. He also asked about the issue that was brought up at the last Executive Board meeting of jurisdictional issues between the State Board of Education and OSPI. Melissa responded by saying that there is a bill that directs OSPI to sit down with the State Board to decide which duties belong to which organization. The House is asking for a more formal work group that would involve legislators, WSSDA and WASA. Merle expressed his appreciation for being the recipient of a leadership award from ESD 101 for his leadership in education.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

President Anthony adjourned the meeting at 2.41 p.m.

Next meeting: June 27, 2017 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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