

# AESD EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

January 29, 2020 | 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Puget Sound ESD, Renton, WA

## Meeting Minutes

### **I. Welcome/Introduction**

Meeting opened by President Johnson, lead the pledge of allegiance, established a quorum and welcomed everyone.

### **II. Consent Agenda**

*Action: Board meeting minutes from last meeting approved*

Motion by John Zurfluh, second by Terry Brandon to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **III. AESD Executive Board Vacancy Update**

Carl Johnson asked Merle Kirkley and June Sine to serve on nominating committee, had teleconference and came to decision for nominating. Committee appointed by Carl several months ago: Merle as chairperson and June as a member. This shall be announced to the AESD qualification committee.

### **IV. Strategic Plan Update & Next Steps in Supporting Board Member Needs**

Reviewed document "summary of input from ESD boards" and AESD Strategic plan

Jessica - More focus on telling our story component

- AESD must have a communication plan.
- She has been working with communication dept at various ESD's.
  - They are implementing plans on website and providing other forms of marketing and communication.
- Questions or reflections

Dana - Discussed with ESD Superintendents

- AESD - board developed association.
  - Goal 1 - develop relationships
    - Identify share strategies, networking opportunities,
    - (want to focus on how each ESD work with school districts)
  - Goal 2 - grow the network
    - Inward facing - new board member orientation, how this group is advising and informing for association and partner with each 9 ESD.
    - Expanding board members
  - Goal 3 - Tell our Story
    - Crafting and supporting focus programs, briefing documents
    - Providing supports to other partners
- Questions & thoughts
  - Merle - thinking about how to help orient new board members. Maybe should be up to board directors also helping to make it work. Most board members do not what goes on at ESD's, would be helpful to help them understand the partnership between school districts and ESD's.

- Darcy - suggest we have these trainings at the statewide AESD meetings.
- Talked about having it standard at the state meetings.
- There are 2 different tracts for ESD board members and SD board members.
- Our role has changed from what it was earlier. Important for new members to understand the legislative piece. Superintendent role has also changed.
- AESD Conference burden lies with each ESD when their time comes every 4 years.
  - New concept - what about AESD oversees it and just allow the local ESD to provide some support.
  - Reviewed template for future AESD Annual conference content map.
    - Thursday: AESD/OSPI, Exec Board. AESD, Regional
    - Friday: AESD, Regional
    - Saturday: AESA, AESD, Regional
    - Thoughts on this new plan
      - Create coherence through this along with national conference.
      - ESD pick the theme, AESD support the theme.

#### ***V. AESD Annual Conference Updates & Planning***

- Registration open on 1/31/20 thru PDenroller. Website will be up soon. Plenty of rooms blocked for hotel stay.
- Finalizing details - Mayor and Superintendent of Tacoma School District will speak.
- Theme: Building Racially Just and Humanizing School Systems
- Keynote Speaker: Shakti Butler
- Performance by Living Colors – they have performed at PSESD during our All Staff Events. This production will be done by Dior Davenport, a staff member here at PSESD.
- Students coming in - talk about experiences at school, may have questions and answer section. Will use our student interns and partnering with students in Tacoma.
- President's award and reception location- Historical Museum. President's award - can be a board member or superintendent. Joan Wade from AESA is invited and will provide opportunity to speak.
- Fishbowl with students on Sat, also will still have gift baskets auction.
- Greg Lynch suggested have a teleconference to discuss additional items related to conference.

#### ***VI. AESD Budget Planning***

Dana provide view of budget, regarding revenue and expenses.

- Fiscal planning for year ahead – Expenses & Revenues.
- Petco has been partnering but has had a change in bargaining
  - Will be supporting us
- Discussed 2 places where we invoice ourselves

*Action: The Board was asked to approve the budgeting parameters and approach for 2020-21.*

- Motion by John Zurfluh to approve the budgeting parameters and approach for 2020-21. Seconded by June Sine, Motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. Network Updates**

Jessica Vavrus lead discussion regarding Region 16 Comprehensive Center Overview/Update on Washington State Efforts.

### 3 Goals of CCNetwork (Comprehensive Center Network)

- 1. Provide high quality, intensive, capacity-building services to states.
- 2. Promote effective instruction in classrooms and schools.
- 3. Provide families and students with access and opportunities for high-quality education that meets their individual needs.

The Basics:

- 29 educational service agencies in AK, OR, WA
- 5-year contract with US Department of Education (~\$3.3M/Year)
  - We are one of the few states who has a robust system.
  - Believe AESD can grow capacity helping us with this.

Larry and Dana - appreciate her leadership on this piece, was not a part of her work upon hiring. Encourage everyone to read Supt Reykdal letter - he seems to get out in front and his outlook is non-negotiable.

Larry Francios encouraged all to look at the Accreditation document in their packet and consider participating. We are at 42 percent saturation with accreditation, 16% across state are with other accreditation system and remaining are unaccredited.

NW ESD has gathered information from schools not accredited and our goal is to get to 50% of the state.

Michelle, Larry, John and Helene working to develop Aspiring Academy of Superintendents. Working with WASA state national organization with curriculum. Launched last year but not enough participates. Will launch again this spring and hope we can get launch in conjunction with AESD conference.

## **VIII. Legislative Updates**

Melissa Gombosky delivered update via Zoom.

Day 17 of 60-day session

Cutoff date will be in February

- New speaker of house - Majority
- First women of the house
- In the House Democrats lead 57-41 in the senate, Democrats lead 28-21
- Disappointing - not a lot of interest in k-12 spending
- Push back occurred, legislators tracking inequities assured us they would bring back
- Questions and thoughts
- What we are doing
  - Related bills to SEBB policy
    1. SEBB
    2. Special Education
    3. Levy Bills
    4. Specific Bill numbers
  - Told there won't be changes to any new policies
  - We asked that pause in policy occur.
  - 3 Priorities:
    1. Early learning - secure a coordinator for each of the ESD's

- Last year Senator Wilson came back as advocate for Early Learning
  - Around House feeling less optimistic
- 2. Finish work on School Safety
  - But need revenue to get up and working. Senator Dolie working toward that.
- 3. Educational Funding Fixies - want it shifted to state fund, had meeting with ways and means chair and felt good about the funding change.
- Signed on 2 letters regarding Early Learning and Vaping.
  - There are 54 school-based health centers currently.

***IX. Good of the Order***

- Carl lead the group with a quick round robin for “good of the order” sharing. Each person provided various updates within their ESD and board.

***Meeting adjourned at 1:38pm.***

*Minutes submitted by Renee Hill, Executive Assistant, Puget Sound ESD*