

AESD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

July 2, 2019 | 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

(Lunch Provided)

NEWESD 101

Spokane, WA

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

President Rainer Houser called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m., led the pledge of allegiance, established a quorum, and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Carl Johnson and seconded by Rick Anthony to approve the consent agenda as presented. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

III. NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tim Merlino introduced the new AESD executive director, Jessica Vavrus. Jessica will officially begin her position on August 1, 2019.

IV. 2019 LEGISLATIVE DEBRIEF

Melissa Gombosky provided an update on results of the 2019 AESD legislative priorities and highlighted the current priorities for 2020.

- AESD Successes: ESDs were exempted from joining the SEBB until 2024; received funding for Regional Safety Centers; funding also received to support Career Connected Learning and climate science positions.
- Melissa felt there was positive relationship building with legislators.
- Superintendents are working on a draft legislative agenda for 2020. Top issues were:
 - Work to change ESD funding model
 - Finish work to fully fund regional safety centers
 - Add early learning coordinator at each ESD

V. OPSI LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dave Mastin, Executive Director for Government Relations at OSPI reported on the legislative session from OSPI's perspective:

- Shared OSPI Vision, Mission and Values
- Reviewed 2019 legislative session. The top 3 issues were: K-12- Special Ed Funding, local effort assistance and hold harmless
- 60 education bills were passed
- HB-1599 Multiple pathways to graduation
- School Safety received only 1/3 of money expected.
- Enrichment levies increased
- SPED funding increase in multiplier to .995. Also an increase in Safety Net funds and eligibility
- Hold harmless
- 2020- target dollars for students in poverty

VI. ACCREDITATION PANELS

Larry Francoise provided an overview of the Accreditation panels and encouraged board members to participate.

- Migrated Accreditation website with the Washington AESD Website.
- Created a promotional video. All ESDs have been provided a tool kit and have been asked to post on websites and promote the program.
- Marketing plan for distribution of videos. Sent to partner agencies such as AWSP, WASA, SBE, etc.

VII. SAFETY LEGISLATION

Greg Lynch provided an update on Regional Safety Centers.

- HB 1216 created school safety network. Policy is now in place. Important legislative relationships were developed that will help further strengthen safety initiatives going forward. ESDs need to identify a safety champion and executive sponsor.
- Threat Assessment is still a priority and federal dollars received provide two years of funding.
- Work is continuing on the delivery model.

VIII. 50th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE EVALUATION RESULTS

Tim Merlino distributed and reviewed survey results from the AESD Annual conference held at Skamania Lodge on April 11-13, 2019.

- 50 responses were received from approximately 150 participants.
- Encouraged the board to review and use feedback when planning future conferences.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT / STRATEGIC PLAN DEBRIEF

Gene Sharratt provided a report on statewide initiatives.

- Department of Education grant – Gene had worked in partnership to submit a regional comprehensive education (Region 16) grant on behalf of Oregon, Washington and Alaska. If awarded the grant will be managed by the ESD in Alaska. Gene provided an executive summary of the proposal and recommended the AESD Network apply to become a 501c3 so they would be eligible to apply for grants directly in the future.
- Computer Science Grant from OSPI- 9 ESD collaboration- \$250,000.
- AESD 2018-2021 Strategic Plan – 3 SMART goals were developed from feedback received at AESD annual conference. Gene suggested holding off additional work on the strategic plan until the August retreat.
- The group viewed the Climate science video now posted on the WAESD.org website.
- Career Connect Washington, School Safety, Climate Science, Computer Science, etc. work is ongoing.
- Career Connect Washington job description is being finalized by OSPI.
- Gene encouraged the group to review names on the point of contact list and bring changes to the Superintendents' retreat in August.
- Gene and Eldene ensured the AESD website is current.
- Gene was thanked by the group for his hard work and dedication as the AESD executive director.

X. FILLING VACANCIES

Rainer Houser

- Introduced new chair – Carl Johnson
- Nominating committee structure-Carl will need to create a nominating committee to propose

new officers for next year.

- Rick Anthony announced he will be leaving in September because he is moving. Rick was appreciated for his work over the years. Eldene Wall was recognized and appreciated for her service after 29 years.
- ESD 112 board member, Steve Wrightson, will serve as the ESD 112 representative on the AESD executive board next year.

XI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Board members supported the idea of creating a 501c3.
- Larry Francoise shared information about the aspiring Superintendents' Academy created in partnership with WASA.

XII. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Wendy Niehaus, Executive Assistant, ESD 112