

AESD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 7, 2019 | 12:00 Noon – 3:00 P.M.

(Lunch Provided)

Puget Sound ESD

Renton, WA

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

President Rainer Houser called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m., led the pledge of allegiance, established a quorum, and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Bruce Wildfang motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented and John Zurfluh seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

President Rainer Houser noted the budget discussion needed to be moved up on the agenda to and would be given after the update on recruitment for a new executive director.

III. SUPPORTING BOARD MEMBERS: Reflections on AESA

Rainer Houser led discussion on board member experiences at the AESA annual conference that took place in Colorado Springs. Rainer suggested the AESD Network submit a proposal to present a work session collectively at the next conference. The group brainstormed possible topics that could be shared:

- Overview of the AESD Strategic plan, goals and bodies of work that have been developed.
- Accreditation
- School Construction
- Communication collaborative being developed across the ESDs
- New Board Member Orientation

Rainer planned to discuss the idea over the next few meetings and determine a topic and possible presenters.

IV. SUPPORTING BOARD MEMBERS: New Board Member Orientation Materials

Gene Sharratt shared the status of materials created to support new board members. The resource will be available to all ESDs and frames the orientation that will be provided at the AESD Annual Conference in April.

- Gene and Rainer will conduct a 45 minute training for new board members at the AESD Annual Conference.
- New member orientation materials currently available on the AESD website for superintendents and boards to use.

V. STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS: 2019 Legislative Session

Melissa Gombosky summarized the AESD focal points in the 2018 legislative session. Discussion was held regarding the 2019 legislative session and points of emphasis for the AESD.

- The session begins on January 14 and is scheduled to run 105 days. Democrats have gained a majority in house and senate so leadership in both will be changing.
- The Governor's budget identifies new sources of revenue/taxes.
- McCleary fix funding bill – there is fatigue around education funding priorities. Top areas of focus will be SEBB, Special Ed funding, Local Levy funding, and Safety initiatives.

- Finding a fix for the SEB funding challenges and passage of a Safety Bill top priorities are AESD's top priorities.
- AESD will continue to support work of coordinators at ESDs, computer science and other PD work.
- Also working with WASA to fix the experience factor requirement this hurting many districts.

VI. STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS: Governors Education Ombuds

Carrie Basas, JD, MEd, provided a report from the Governor's Education Ombuds office:

- Carrie explained the history of the office. The small staff focuses on casework, trainings, outreach and policy.
- She was interested in how her office could work with and be responsive to the needs of the ESDs and the districts they serve. She requested ESDs contact her with suggestions.

VII. GROW THE NETWORK: Filling the Executive Director Position

Dana Anderson provided an update to the board regarding the process and timeline for filling the executive director position being created by Gene's retirement.

- Dana shared the position had been posted. Input was received from the current executive director, OSPI and superintendents. ESD 113 is running the posting and application process. ESD superintendents, fiscal officers, and an OSPI representative have been selected to be part of the screening and interviews. The plan is to complete application screening by the end of January, hold interviews in February and offer by mid-February. The position will be housed at the ESD where the selected candidate resides.

VIII. AESD BUDGET

Dana Anderson shared a draft budget framework for the 2019-20 fiscal year. He reminded the group that the budget needs to be presented to the full membership at the regular member meeting in April.

- A vote will need to be held on the budget at the AESD conference business meeting.
- Superintendents will review and discuss budget policies regarding areas of investment, how to divide revenue amongst the ESDs and how to distribute expenditures. They will discuss at future meetings and make a recommendation to the board in April.
- Dana reported that all remaining funds, \$86,000.00, held by WSSDA had been transferred.

IX. GROW THE NETWORK:

McCleary Toolkit

Tim Merlino provided a briefing to the group regarding the school funding toolkit created by ESD 112. Resources and information can be found on the website at: www.esd112.org/schoolfunding

School Safety

Greg Lynch briefed the board on the status of school safety efforts across the Network, future legislative requests and planned activity to grow the capacity of all ESDs to support school safety needs.

- Reviewed status of School Safety Bill. If passed will establish a state-wide network to enhance student safety.
- School safety center will be established by OSPI. Each ESD will house a RSSC and must provide technical assistance, mental health support, threat assessment support and crisis coordination with community partners. Washington State School Safety and Security Update
- Additional duties may be to develop collaborative relationships with community

organizations, private schools, businesses, and others interested in supporting safe schools and work with emergency responders to provide assistance to, and facilitate communicate between emergency responders, schools and school districts impacted by emergency situations.

X. TELLING OUR STORY: Strategic Plan and Goal 3 Update

Gene Sharratt briefed the board on progress made toward the AESD goal of “Telling our Story”. Included in this briefing was Gene’s thinking about keeping the strategic plan alive over the next 2-3 years. Board discussion ensued:

- Michelle Price is scheduled to provide testimony to the legislator on January 15 and will provide examples of collaboration.
- Gene encouraged weekly visits to the AESD website to see updates.
- Topic of the next SILT meeting will be continuation of special needs inclusion and best practices within content areas.
- Climate Science Advocacy- Gene recently met with representatives from the Climate Science Community-Based Organizations to begin legislative advocacy work for climate science teacher professional learning expansion. Students will be presenting to Governor Inslee on February 27, as part of the STEM Education Innovation Alliance meeting in Olympia.
- Gene continues to update the 2018-21 strategic plan monthly. Superintendents plan to review this spring to make sure it is accurate.

XI. TELLING OUR STORY: 50TH Anniversary Celebrations

Rainer Houser and Gene Sharratt updated the group on activities being scheduled to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of ESDs:

- A celebration is scheduled at the Capitol Rotunda in Olympia on February 11 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Gene provided a template invitation for ESDs to send to their board and other dignitaries they would like to invite to participate. He also reviewed the agenda and proclamation being proposed to the Governor’s office. He requested feedback be sent to him by Friday, January 11.
- Gene also requested each ESD send him names of guests they have confirmed will be attending.

XII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rainer Houser asked the group if there were other topics to discuss. The group shared the following:

- Schools are still applying for accreditation; enrollment number in the low 30s.
- Mike Dunn shared their new facility is nearing completion. Invitations for an Open House will be sent out soon.
- Rainer requested superintendents send him the names of their new board members.
- Bruce Wildfang announces his retirement.

XIII. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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