



AESD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 12, 2018 | NOON – 3:00 P.M.

ESD 123, Pasco, WA

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2017-2018 MEETING DATES

June 27, 2017 NEWESD
September 18, 2017 PSESD
November 16, 2017 Bellevue
February 7, 2018 PSESD
April 12, 2018 ESD 123
June 26, 2018 NEWESD

SUPERINTENDENTS

Mike Dunn NEWESD
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Tim Merlino ESD 112
Dana Anderson CRESO
Greg Lynch OESD
John Welch PSESD
Darcy Weisner ESD 123
Michelle Price NCESD
Larry Francois NWESD

LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS

Melissa Gombosky

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AESD Statewide Initiatives

Dr. Gene Sharratt

I. WELCOME

President Rick Anthony called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2018. The meeting was held at ESD 123 in Pasco.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

The following persons were present:

ESD Superintendents

Anderson, Dana, ESD 113
Chase, Kevin, ESD 105
Dunn, Dr. Michael, ESD 101
Francois, Larry, ESD 189
Lynch, Greg, ESD 114
Merlino, Tim, ESD 112
Price, Dr. Michelle, ESD 171
Weisner, Darcy, ESD 123

ESD Board Members

Anthony, Rick, ESD 113
Coe, Gary, ESD 101
Henkle, Marcia, ESD 171
Houser, Rainer, ESD 112
Johnson, Carl, ESD 114
Kirkley, Merle, ESD 189
Meuret, Cathy, ESD 171
Wildfang, Bruce, ESD 123
Zurfluh, John, ESD 121

Others Present

Endres, Logan, WSSDA
Gombosky, Melissa, AESD Executive Services
Sharratt, Gene, AESD Executive Services
Wall, Eldene, AESD Executive Services

II. CONSENT AGENDA

After review, a motion was made by Gary Coe to approve the items listed on the consent agenda without change. The motion was seconded by John Zurfluh and approved unanimously without discussion. Chair Anthony introduced Eldene Wall, who is sitting in on today's meeting.

Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of February 7, 2018 meeting minutes

III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Melissa Gombosky, AESD Executive Services, provided the committee with her legislative update.

The AESD legislative agenda progressed quickly during this session. One big win that Melissa noted was that the AESD is working to engage in better relationships with legislators. Now that session is over, legislators are turning to the fall elections – lots of changes to come next session. It is anticipated that there will continue to be a democratic majority. Working on setting next year’s legislative session – how can we better support districts and what do we need from legislators to do so?

McCleary: What’s the prospect/change of thinking from the supreme court based on the last legislative session? The supreme court didn’t like the original timeline for full funding. The Legislature responded by appropriating additional money and the thought is that the supreme court is going to dismiss the case. One item to note is that there are still significant gaps in Special Education with the budget funding it at approx. \$24 million statewide while the expected need is over \$200 million.

Finally, the committee thanked Melissa for her work throughout the session.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Gene Sharratt, AESD Executive Services, provided the committee with his Executive Director update.

AESD Website:

Gene is modifying the AESD website to make it easier to navigate and to use it as a repository for “all things AESD.” Gene then walked the board through the AESD New Member Orientation document. The purpose of this document is to orient new ESD board members as well as the general public to the work and platforms of the AESD.

AESD Strategic Plan:

Gene shared the current draft of the 2018-21 AESD Strategic Plan, and his plans to post it on the AESD website. AESD Executive Board members are encouraged to provide feedback to Gene and Eldene via email within the next few weeks. An updated draft will be brought to the September AESD Executive Board meeting.

Statewide Computer Science Grant:

ESD 113 submitted a single statewide application on behalf of all nine ESDs for the Statewide Computer Science Grant. A special thank you was given to Dana for leading this effort. AESD was awarded the grant, earning approximately \$36K per ESD. OSPI also provided language regarding a “1 to 1 match.” AESD was able to provide \$3.1 million, making the total dollar amount awarded \$6.2 million.

Coordinated Services Agreement:

Normally the AESD Executive Board has seen the CSA by this point in the year. This year, it will be an agenda item on the June Board meeting to be approved. The CSA is taking longer to surface this year as OSPI is re-writing it to add more services. On another note, the money available to the ESDs will most likely be doubled, as per Kathy Taylor and Tennille Jeffries-Simmons, Assistant Superintendents at OSPI.

State Initiative Leadership Team (SILT):

SILT is another workgroup led by OSPI. The next meeting will be in May and will focus on the ESSA roll out, specifically on special education content/integration. An update from this meeting will be provided in the future.

V. 2018-2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Rick reviewed the budget with committee members, explaining the major differences in the budget. With no questions from board members, this will move forward to the general AESD membership with do-pass recommendation at the AESD Business Meeting this Saturday.

VI. AESD STRATEGIC GOALS

President Rick Anthony reminded the Executive Committee of the AESD Strategic Goals and recommended reviewing/discussing them regularly. Rick would like the strategic goals to be reviewed when creating meeting agendas and providing updates to the committee. It was also mentioned that the annual business meeting should feature an update on the annual goals.

After review, a motion was made by Mike Dunn to approve the AESD Strategic Goals without change. The motion was seconded by Rainer Houser and approved unanimously without discussion.

VII. AESD BOARD NOMINATING DISCUSSION

There will be a report presented at the first general session at the AESD Conference announcing the nominees for AESD President. The floor will then open for “nominations from the floor.” Regardless, if no other floor candidates come forward, the vote will be decided at the business meeting on Saturday.

Do we need written ballots if they are only two candidates?

If there are no additional nominees, why don't we vote when candidates are announced? It is in the Bylaws that the vote happens at the Saturday business meeting. Recommendation from Rick would be to review/update the AESD Constitution.

VIII. NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION PACKET

During his ED Update, Gene Sharratt shared the updated new board member orientation packet with the Executive Board. A motion was made by John Zurfluh to approve the new board member orientation packet without change. The motion was seconded by Kevin Chase and approved unanimously without further discussion.

IX. UPDATE ON THE WSSDA AGREEMENT

The AESD Executive Board gave direction in the fall to tell WSSDA this is the last year with our contract. AESD staff met with WSSDA Executive Director, Tim Garchow, to walk through this discussion. The AESD is appreciative of WSSDA's support but the network has grown and has the ability to handle its own services moving forward. The organizations are on track to end arrangement by August 31, 2018. Once books close, the remaining dollars will be transferred to ESD 101. The AESD has been building up a small reserve and estimates it to be around \$100,000. The AESD Board thanked Logan for providing them support this year and noted that they wanted to continue to partner with WSSDA moving forward.

Next Steps: Who will be taking the minutes moving forward? Who will publish the AESD Directories? This needs to be on the agenda for the June meeting.

X. AESD STRATEGIC GOALS DISCUSSION

Gene's update as to where we are on each goal was outstanding. It should not be all on Gene to keep track of where we are, this should be a shared responsibility between the ESDs. We need to create a strategy to make sure this continues to be a living document. Rainer is impressed in the work that has gone into these goals. Would like regular reporting on an on-going basis on key issues around the strategic goals.

XI. AESD ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Darcy shared a brief update regarding the conference. We want to make sure the facility meets your needs, staff out and about for logistics/getting around tomorrow. Engaging and meaningful event – highlighting the new facility. If you need anything please let Darcy know

XII. UPDATE ON ACCREDITATION

Larry shared an update regarding accreditation. Thank you to all who agreed to serve on the accreditation panels. We are getting 6-year renewals – schools are starting to cycle around to the beginning of the process. We are not the only player in the arena for schools who are seeking accreditation. It is also important to note that school districts are not required to seek accreditation. Begin strategizing for next year based on the updates provided in this document. Capacity of AESD to do this – first year highest 55 initial reviews // 55-60 is the max capacity. Mid-40's right now. Need to start having coaching transition/succession planning discussions. If we want to increase #s we need to increase coaching capacity.

XIII. STUDENT & STAFF SAFETY AND SCHOOL SECURITY:

Greg Lynch shared an update regarding strategy on how to advance the school safety agenda in WA.

In February the ESD Superintendents met with State Superintendent Chris Reykdal to discuss school safety. Proud of 2543 & 6410 – the OSPI legislation re: regional safety centers. AESD has been able to make change within OSPI based on the formal letters submitted to the State Superintendent from the ESD Superintendents. The new Assistant Superintendent who oversees school safety at OSPI is taking a new approach to this work at the state level. It is important to note that there has not been significant movement in financial resources.

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School Safety Challenges for AESD:

- No statewide accepted definition for school safety
- School safety costs are not part of basic education
- No state short/long range plan to address and fund school safety requirements
- No state process to identify, reach consensus, prioritize, and resource effective school safety and security supports across all state agencies
- The grant based state school safety funding system isn't adequate or equitable
- There are a number of ongoing or proposed legislative initiatives that must be aligned with other school safety efforts
- Bottom line: no single state leader responsible for school safety who can efficiently and effectively coordinate and communicate all school safety needs

School Safety "In the News":

- Legislators are motivated by what's on TV
- Legislators will be advocating for \$100 million for SROs in the upcoming legislative session
- Analytical study has been released regarding costs to "harden infrastructure" in schools (e.g., metal detectors, surveillance systems, bullet proof glass, etc.)
- Need to address mental health issues – increasing number of student suicides

AESD Focus- Regional School Safety and Security Center Focus, Purpose, and Priorities:

- Mental health support
- Threat assessment
- Communications and technology

ESD Regional School Safety Center (RSSC) Purpose:

- Unified systemic safety support
- Support in all phases of a crisis/disaster
- Staff/teacher training
- Preparing school and SD safety plans
- Installing/sustaining a threat assessment process
- Working with first responders to integrate plans
- Assisting with the purchase of materials and tech
- Supporting staff, and the community following a crisis

Legislative \$\$ for Regional Safety Centers:

AESD/OSPI are discussing as a collective what the rollout of the \$722,000 OSPI grant dollars for Regional Safety Centers really looks like.

What can AESD Executive Board Members do to promote school safety?

- ESD Board to School District Board Communications
- Legislative Engagement & Advocacy
- Suggest "school safety" as a Potential WSSDA Legislative Priority
- Integrate our school safety work into the AESD Strategic Plan

Next Steps Relative to AESD Executive Board:

- How do we incorporate student/school safety into the strategic plan? Come up with goal and strategies
- How can we better coordinate as an organization on these efforts?

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Gary Coe will not serve on the Board after this meeting. Chair Anthony thanked Gary for his leadership and support on this board. A new board member from ESD 101 will be starting in June.

It was mentioned that ESD 121 is featured in the April 20 issue of People Magazine.

Thank you Rick for your leadership as President.

X. ADJOURN

President Anthony adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting: June 26, 2018 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at NWESD 101 in Spokane.

Minutes submitted by: Logan Endres, Legislative Coordinator/Government Relations, WSSDA