

AESD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

June 26, 2018 | 12:00 Noon – 3:00 P.M. *(Lunch Provided)*

Educational Service District 101

4202 S Regal St, Spokane, WA 99223

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

President Rainer Houser will call the meeting to order at 12:19pm, led the pledge of allegiance, established quorum, and welcomed folks to the meeting.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Bruce Wildfang motioned to approve the consent agenda and Rick Anthony seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

II. AESD 'The Network' and AESD 'The Association'

Rainer will provide an introduction to the plan for the year's meetings and explained the difference between AESD 'The Network' and AESD 'The Association'. Thinking ahead, board members were asked what they want to learn about, and what stories do they want to tell over the year ahead? More discussion to come later in today's agenda.

III. AESD 'Interlocal'

Dana Anderson presented a proposed revision to the AESD interlocal to the Board. Revisions are proposed to address the changed relationship with WSSDA and the designation of ESD 101 as the fiscal agent for AESD.

A motion was made to accept changes to the AESD Interlocal Agreement, designating ESD 101 as the AESD fiscal agent by Merle Kirkley and seconded by Rick Anthony. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. ESD Boards will each need to take action to authorize the ESD Superintendent to sign the updated Interlocal Agreement.

IV. Strategic Relationships: 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION/AESD Priorities

Legislators are preparing for the upcoming election. The full House of Representatives and half of the State Senate is up for election. Thankful for Senator Wellman (Senate Education Committee Chair) addressed each ESD on the following:

- Early learning
- Broadband Access
- Career Connected Learning
- School Safety

A focus moving forward should be to keep moving forward with providing new learning

Other Legislative Priorities:

- Early Learning Coordinator at each ESD
- Career Connected Learning – continue to build relationships and align asks between the AESD Network, OSPI, and Governor Inslee
- School Safety – Kevin Chase and Dana Anderson will be meeting with Senator Wellman soon to begin drafting a regional safety center concept bill
- AWSP may be requesting that a "principal coordinator" position be created at each ESD to provide regional support to principals
- ERNN is doing a great job at keeping superintendents updated regarding bargaining
- Looking down the road... when districts don't have money... how can we as ESDs prepare for this?

IV. **Telling Our Story: School Accreditation**

Larry Francois provided an update on the school accreditation process. If you are interested in joining this work, look into how you can get involved with the spring panels! The AESD is recognized by the State Board of Education as a school accreditation provider.

There is a large population of accreditation-eligible schools that are not involved in our process... how can we change this? What's the place at which accreditation can be a self-sustaining service? As schools come up for renewal, it's very important to continue their enrollment with AESD accreditation.

The focus on school accreditation is on the teaching and learning work of the school. It was also noted that it is extremely important to maintain a relationship/general communication stream with the Association of Washington School Principals.

The AESD is currently navigating potential opportunities for an external partnership with the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE).

Conditional accreditation can be placed – want to see how schools perform. Are we discriminating against a school that could have been approved but wasn't due to OSPI behind so far behind?

Overall, schools are seeing this work as valued and instrumental to moving forward.

Bruce Wildfang moved to require that private schools or private learning academies seeking AESD Accreditation have been approved by OSPI and Merle Kirkley seconded. If OSPI has yet to approve a district's application, provisional accreditation will be granted pending resolution of their application. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Telling Our Story: What Next?**

Rainer led a discussion with the board regarding topics of interest for future board meetings, asking what do we want to learn about, and what stories do we want to tell over the year ahead? School Safety and Accreditation are two major issues. What other issues are there?

- Career Connected Learning
- How we work together across the AESD Network
- Legislative advocacy
- Finances – what is the AESD Network costing the ESDs? How can we be more innovative?

V. **Grow The Network: AESD Executive Director Report**

Gene will provide an overview of recent Network initiatives including an update on the recent computer science grant.

Climate Science: The Legislature recently awarded four million dollars for climate science teacher training. Three million dollars will go to the ESDs and one million dollars will go to community-based organizations. This breaks out to approximately \$275-300k per ESD. The Legislature also allocated an additional approximate \$100k to each ESD out of the community-based organization budget. Gene shared his thanks to regional ESD Science Coordinators as well as Ellen Ebert, State Science Director at OSPI.

Computer Science: The AESD is working through year two of this work. Each ESD will receive an additional \$20,150 this year to support this work. More information is available in a packet provided by Gene.

CSA: OSPI is still incorporating ESSA into the agreement. Gene will present it to the AESD Board for review and approval (by Rainer) at the September AESD Board Meeting.

Strategic Plan: The AESD goals (and progress made towards them) is tracked on a weekly basis by either Gene or Eldene Wall. Gene will provide an update re: the strategic plan/goals at the September AESD Board Meeting.

VI. Grow The Network: School Safety

Senator Wellman visited each ESD during her statewide school safety tour over the past few months. It was noted that ESDs are seen by the Senator as information delivery centers by OSPI. When discussing student/school safety it is important to remember that it is not just about school shootings... we are in an opioid crisis, are dealing with mental health issues, etc. Partially funded by the ESD safety dollars from the last legislative session, the key items related to the safety discussion moving forward are threat assessment and mental health. School districts are sensitized now that ESDs are working on this at a regional level. OSPI and the AESD Network have a great partnership moving forward. Any questions re: safety can be directed to Greg Lynch, ESD 114.

XIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rainer led a quick round robin re: information to share for the good of the order. Rainer also thanked Logan Endres and the rest of the WSSDA team for providing their support to the work of this board.

XIV. ADJOURN

President Rainer Houser called the meeting to a close at 2:32pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Logan Endres, Legislative Coordinator, WSSDA