

## Executive Board

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Michelle Price	NCESD 171
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## Legislative Liaison

Melissa Gombosky

## Executive Director, AESD/OSPI Network

Jessica Vavrus

### I. **Welcome/Introduction** - Lead: President Elect, Terry Brandon *Welcome, Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance, Review of agenda*

The meeting was called to order at 12:19pm. Terry led the board in the pledge of allegiance. The attendees went around the room and introduced themselves.

### II. **Consent Agenda** - Lead: President Elect, Terry Brandon Terry asked if the board had reviewed the agenda and minutes from the 6/28/22 AESD Executive Board meeting, and if they had any changes. No changes were requested.

#### **Actions:**

June Sine motioned to approve the agenda. Dale McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion Passed

[All meeting materials can be found here](#)

### III. **AESD Network Initiative Deeper Dive: Region 16 Comprehensive Center**

Lead: Tim Merlino, Jessica Vavrus

Guests: Bernie Sorenson, R16CC Director; Beth Geiger, R16CC WA State Director

For reference: [The presentation is available here.](#)

Bernie Sorenson and Beth Geiger presented an overview of the work of the Region 16 Comprehensive Center. Bernie invited the board to discuss with each other what they know about Regional Comprehensive Centers, what work the Region 16 Comprehensive Center had accomplished that they knew of, and why this work might be funded by the U.S. Dept. of Education. The Board and Superintendents discussed with each other. Bernie then gave an overview of the Regional Comprehensive Center network and the Region 16 Comprehensive Center role, mission, vision, and history. Region 16 works within multiple circles of stewardship including the Tribal Advisory Board, Advisory Board, and Community of Stewards. R16CC has overarching goals and then each state, WA, OR, and AK, has an individual State Service Plan that supports the center work.

Upcoming professional development events include: The Fall Professional Book Study, the Winter Professional Book Studies, Equitable Collaboration of Students, Families, and Communities, quarterly convenings of Leaders in Native Education, and a Learning at Lunch series.

Beth Geiger shared the progress and history of the Washington State Service Plan, emphasizing the relationship-building that was crucial to the work. The WA arm of R16CC works closely with the WA Tribal Advisory Board and OSPI. Key Region 16 WA projects

include the Share Our Voices, Hear Our Stories listening sessions, the Circles of Reflection pilot, database research project, consultation handbook, Tribal sovereignty and consultation training, Native student supports research, Indigenous school improvement research, tools and training for indigenous educators and educators of indigenous students, and supports for indigenous educator recruitment. Much of the Year 4 goals are focused on connecting people, agencies, and resources.

Beth and Bernie took questions from the board. Kevin Chase and Terry Brandon reflected on the positive changes the relationship-building efforts have created. Jessica shared that the proposal for the next grant cycle is underway.

#### **IV. Legislative Updates - Lead: Melissa Gombosky (virtual) / Terry Brandon**

##### **AESD Legislative Update**

Melissa reminded the Executive Board that we are in the middle of election season, which is a hard time to get lawmakers focused on policy. The revenue and forecast council and predicting a stable budget for the state. Melissa shared a few top-of-mind policies for legislators, including special education, transportation, and budgets. There is also interest in the capital budget. The OSPI 2023-25 Decision Package includes dual language expansion, work experience contributing to graduation, universal free school meals, dual credit support, credit flexibility, (add the rest)

##### **AESD Legislative Priorities**

- Safety & Student Well-Being, \$2.1 M per year
- Sustain and expand student mental and behavioral health services for schools and students, \$7.8 M per year
- Early Learning

##### **Group Discussion with guiding questions:**

- How do ESD Boards' Legislative Representative connect with AESD priorities?
- What is the role of ESD Board Legislative Representatives?
- Are these individuals the same as Executive Board Reps?

The board discussed how different ESDs approach this role. Dale McDaniel shared how the ESD 113 rep keeps the board informed, John Welch shared that ESD 121 has two reps that are voted in each year that advocate in the legislature and at events. ESD 112 is the same as ESD 121. ESD 101 does not have a legislative rep but is willing to work with the Superintendent if needed to lend voice to regional priorities. ESD 105 has one elected legislative rep with a minimal role and has hired Melissa Gombosky to lobby directly for ESD 105. Terry Brandon is the legislative rep for ESD 123 and does not have much guidance for the role.

#### **V. Network Redesign Work: Updates/Interlocal Revision Proposals/Process/Strategic Plan Follow-up**

Lead: Tim Merlino, Michelle Price, John Welch

##### **Interlocal Revision Proposals**

Michelle Price gave an overview of the interlocal redesign process. The overall goals of this process include:

- Detangle AESD Association from AESD Network
- Revise AESD Interlocal Agreement to create one document that defines and contains all agreements/tenets of the AESD/ESD Network

- Clarify and centralize AESD governing structures, roles, processes, decision making between AESD Executive Board and Leadership Council

### **Work Group Updates**

- Workgroup (ESD Supts) met and reviewed the interlocal territorial agreement and decided it is ready to go. The agreement will be sent to all ESD boards for consistency.
- A big shift is the creation of an administrative ESD that provides infrastructure, fiscal, and staff support, and would manage the AESD Network budget.
- There is a historical precedent for dues and running a small budget for Network needs, different from the carryover from the Annual Conference. It is legislatively authorized to have a WSSDA-like organization to support the AESD boards.
- The group suggested a staggered first and second reading approach. The first reading will occur in November. It was suggested to have a board study meeting after the 1<sup>st</sup> reading so local boards are informed prior to the annual budget adoption.
- This process provides opportunities for setting best practices, and for closer alignment of member boards.

### **Strategic Plan**

The board discussed the strategic plan with the following questions:

How do these goals relate to the AESD Network and how might these be different for the Association? The goals are more representative of the Network than Association, should the board consider the goals should be the same, or keep different and have the Association only focus on Board Member development? What are the advantages to detangling the Network strategic plan from the Association strategic plan?

#### **Actions:**

Terry Brandon will draft goals for people to respond to.

***For Reference:*** AESD 2019-2021 Strategic Plan, [4a. Interlocal revision](#)

## **VI. Board Business - Lead: President Elect, Terry Brandon**

### **1. 2022/23 Executive Board Meeting Schedule**

The board discussed adjusting the AESD Executive Board November meeting time and date after the November 2022 Superintendent meeting date/time was changed to 3pm 11/17/22 at NEWESD 101 to allow attendees to attend pre-conferences at the WSSDA conference in the morning.

#### **Actions:**

The Board agreed to change the November 2022 Executive Board meeting to occur *VIRTUALLY* at 11:45-2pm on 11/16/22

### **2. 2023 Annual Meeting Design Sub-Committee - Lead: Jessica Vavrus**

The dates and venue are secured for April 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington. There is a strong desire to work collaboratively to develop the program. The board invited members to serve on the conference committee.

**Actions:**

The following people will serve on the 2023 AESD Conference Committee.

- Mehret Tekle-Awarun, ESD 121 Chair
- Joanne Seng, ESD 121 Board Vice-Chair
- Marcia Henkle, AESD Executive Board President and NCESD 171 Board Vice-Chair
- Terry Brandon, AESD Executive Board President-Elect and ESD 123 Board Vice-Chair

There will be a planning session scheduled before Thanksgiving.

**VII. Good of the Order & 2022/23 Meetings - Lead: Terry Brandon / All**

- ESD 101: No update
- ESD 105: No update
- ESD 112: No update
- ESD 113: Working to secure more building space and has already purchased 1 building and are looking at least one more
- ESD 114: Has a full board
- ESD 121: No update
- ESD 123: No update
- ESD 171: No update
- ESD 189: No update

**XII. Adjourn**

President Elect Terry Brandon adjourned the meeting at 2:14pm