

**North Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals**

Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
Johnny Carinos, Bismarck

**NDAESP Mission Statement: The mission of the NDAESP is to assist, support, and serve elementary and middle school principals in order to provide quality education for all children.**

**Members Present:**

Aimee Copas - NDCEL	Anna Sell - Oakes	Chris Bastian - Casselton
Deb Follman - Devils Lake	Janis Gerding - N. Shore-Plaza	<del>Jason Hornbacher - Bismarck</del>
Jenn Arlien - Minot	Jeremy Mehlhoff - Williston	<del>Jerry Standifer - West Fargo</del>
John Alstad - Bismarck	Jon Dryburgh - Hillsboro	Kristin Mitchell - Rolla
Nancy Kochmann - Kindred	<del>Dan Girard - Ellendale</del>	Shawn Oban - Bismarck
Tim Schaefer - Tioga	Tonya Hunskor - Granville	Tracy Lecoe - Dickinson
Russ Ziegler - NDCEL	Stacy Murschel - Beulah	Amanda Meier - Wilton

**1. Call to Order - Shawn Oban**

- a. President Shawn Oban called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

**2. Introductions - Shawn Oban**

- a. Everyone introduced themselves.

**3. Approval of Agenda - Shawn Oban**

- a. Nancy Kochmann made a motion to approve the agenda. Anna Sell seconded. Agenda approved.

**4. Secretary/Treasurer Report - Jenn Arlien**

- a. Jenn Arlien presented the meeting minutes from October 17, 2018. Jeremy Mehlhoff motioned to approve the minutes. Janis Gerding seconded. Report approved.
- b. The Treasurer's Report was presented. Stacy Murschel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tim Schaefer seconded. Report approved.

## **5. Reports and Discussion**

### **a. NAESP - John Alstad**

- i. There are 337 elementary principals in ND. 272 are NDAESP members and 179 are NAESP members.
- ii. National Conference will be held July 10-12 in Spokane. Alaska is hosting the Zone 7 reception. In 2021, the national conference will be held in Chicago.
- iii. NAESP Vice President vote will be coming up: Julie Bloss, Sharon McNary, Paul Wenger are running for the position. A vote will take place through email.
- iv. Dues Merger Discussion: Under the by-laws, it states that a vote must take place at a business meeting and needs 2/3 of the votes cast in favor of it to pass. An online vote took place in 2018 that indicated 72 members were in favor of merging NDAESP and NAESP and 18 opposed. Discussion took place on the possibility of creating a membership bundle that would include memberships to NAESP, NDAESP and NDCEL.

### **b. Editor's Report - Chris Bastian**

- i. The next edition of The Voice will include award winners from the midwinter conference.
- ii. Members received an email introducing the three candidates that are running for NDAESP Vice President. The vote for this will take place online February 8-12, 2019.
- iii. If you have anything neat going on in your school, please send that information to Chris.

### **c. NDCEL - Tonya Hunskor**

- i. NDCEL has had a hand in writing some bills in education and a few bills were briefly discussed.
- ii. Aimee Copas is hosting weekly legislative updates on Friday afternoons at 3:30 to update members on the progress of bills. These sessions are also archived.

### **d. Federal Relations - Jason Hornbacher (absent)**

- i. K-12 overview of recommendations were reviewed: 2% per pupil payment, on-time funding, Teacher Leader Incentive Fund.
- ii. Jason Hornbacher was recently named the Bismarck Superintendent to this position will be open until filled in August. Jason will not be attending the National Leader's Conference in March.

**e. Region Reports - Regional Representatives**

- i. Each region representative shared what they have been doing at their region meetings.
  1. Region 1 - Tim Schaefer -
    - a. Spring book study is planned.
  2. Region 2 - Janis Gerding -
    - a. Principals shared what they were focusing on in their buildings this year.
  3. Region 3 - Kristin Mitchell -
    - a. Continuing to gather contact information principals in their region. They had a good turnout for their last meeting.
  4. Region 4 - Jon Dryburgh -
    - a. Focus has been on planning for midwinter conference.
  5. Region 5 - Jerry Standifer -
    - a. Fall and spring meetings have been planned. Jerry's term will be up so this region will need to find a replacement.
  6. Region 6 - Dan Gerrard
    - a. 5 members attended the last meeting.
  7. Region 7 - Amanda Meier
    - a. Great turnout for meeting. Door prizes were an incentive.
  8. Region 8 - Tracey Lecoe -
    - a. Tracey's term will be up so this region will need to find a replacement. Ideas for the 2020 midwinter conference were discussed.

**6. Old Business**

- a. NDCEL/NDAESP Dues Merger -
  - i. Nancy Kochmann moved that "We combine membership for NDAESP and NAESP as originally proposed and was voted online be brought to the general meeting tomorrow." Deb Follman seconded. (1 -no, 14 -yes votes) Motion passed.
  
- b. National Leader's Conference - March 2019
  - i. Jason Hornbacher, Chris Bastian, John Alstad, Nancy Kochmann, Jeremy Mehlhoff, and Shawn Oban are registered to attend the conference.
  
- c. National Conference - July 10-12, 2019
  - i. Jeremy Mehlhoff, Jason Hornbacher, Jenn Arlien, Chris Bastian, John Alstad, Jon Dryburgh, Nancy Kochmann, Shawn Oban, and Russ Ziegler are registered to attend the conference.

- d. Alternative Principal's Credential -
  - i. Aspiring principals can now start a principal position without the 8 initial credits that were required initially.

7. **New Business**

- a. NDAESP/NDASSP Region Boundaries
  - i. Russ presented maps showing regions for elementary principals, secondary principals, and superintendents. Maps were reviewed to see which one would allow elementary and secondary principals to collaborate easier.
  - ii. Jeremy Mehlhoff made a motion "That the elementary association support Option C." Nancy Kochman seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
  
- b. Dakota Prairie - Would like to move to region 4. Members may attend either region 4 or region 3 meetings to ease travel time.
  
- c. Legislative Focus Group -
  - i. Currently there are no principals on the legislative focus group. The focus group assists with legislative tasks. The focus groups looks back at the delegate assembly and helps Aimee make decisions on what to do.
  
- d. NDCEL Legislative Update
  - i. Aimee provided clarification on the "Tenure" bill and the status of the "Gun" bill.
  
- e. Boot Camp
  - i. Tonya Hunskor made a motion to "Table this topic until the summer meeting." Jeremy Mehlhoff seconded.
  
- f. Other
  - i. Kirsten Baesler is asking NDCEL to support the PK bill. Amanda Meier and Deb Follman will draft a letter on behalf of their schools in support of PK.
  
- g. Next Meeting: June 12, 2019.
  
- h. President Oban adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

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