

Association of Alaska School Boards

Report

Since the last regular board meeting in March, I have attended the March 13, 2023 Special Executive Committee meeting to approve the proposal for the Congressionally Directed Spending through Senator Murkowski's programmatic funding request to improve post-secondary outcomes. And Executive Director, Lon Garrison gave an Advocacy update.

I attended the NSBA 2023 Annual Conference and Exposition March 31-April 3, 2023 with the AASB board officers. The concurrent work sessions I attended were Curriculum Adoption and the Science of Reading. National School Law News Every Public School Leader Should Know, Empowering All Schools through the Continuous Improvement Process, An Indigenous Community Rebrands its Schools, and Shows Progress and Digitalizing EdCamps: Connecting to Innovate and Professionally Develop. I was impressed with the number of sessions being offered. I also attended the general assembly and NSBA Delegates meeting.

April 15, 2023 AASB Spring board meeting included planning for the 2023 Annual Conference November 9-12, 2023 at Anchorage Hilton. Each year, AASB strives to offer sessions on a variety of topics during its Annual Conference. Using the Board Standards Framework, and suggested topic ideas from board members as a starting point for a balanced program.

Topic ideas captured from the 2022 conference evaluations will be considered including board development, culturally responsive practices, education funding, family engagement and school law and many other suggested topics.

The AASB board is currently completing the Executive Director evaluation and board self-assessment. Fifteen June Nelson Memorial Scholarships were approved which included two from our district!

As a member of the AASB Policy Committee, I attended the meeting May 25, 2023 and the agenda included policies on Eligibility of Board of Directors, Authorized Board Travel and Expenses, Updated the Drug-Free Workplace policy, Preparation of the Annual Budget, Approval of Grants, and the policy on Annual Audit.

May 30, 2023 the Executive Committee met for approval of the AASB FY2023 budget revision to include new grant income and expense and a few new positions, including the payroll position, grant administrator, and policy & superintendent search manager.

We also approved the Raffa Investment Advisors, Investment Management Agreement to consolidate the 10 separate cash accounts totaling 1.7 million in cash assets upon the advice of the AASB Sustainability Committee into one single non-discretionary account.

The next scheduled AASB board meeting is scheduled for July 12-14, 2023 in Anchorage. Agenda items include Board Self Evaluation, Executive Director Evaluation, 2022 Audit Report, staff reports and update on the planning for the 2023 Annual Conference.

This concludes my report. Thank you for your support to represent you and our district on the AASB board. It is a privilege.

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