

**AASB Board Report
For
December 5, 2023
NWABSD Board Meeting**

AASB Annual Conference/Association of Alaska School Board

Thursday, November 9, 2023 I attended the Resolutions Committee meeting with Alice Adams, Margaret Handson and Joanne Harris which was chaired by Margo Bellamy, AASB President-Elect and had the privilege of presiding the next three days of the AASB's 70th Annual Conference. The highlights of the conference were the Friday Keynote speaker, Troy Hutchings on professional ethics, educator misconduct and frameworks for ethical teaching practice. And Kristi Swett, NSBA's 2023-2024 President and a member of Utah's Salt Lake City School Board, has been a tireless advocate of public education for the past 30 years.

I also had the privilege of making a presentation on the late June Nelson to the Youth Leadership Friday afternoon. Friday evening, I attended the June Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser and I want to thank the NWABSD for the awesome donations for the auction. What a fun night!

Another highlight was the joint meeting/dinner with the NSBSD and the sharing of our Legislative Priorities. How proud and grateful I am for our district board members for accepting the invitation to sing, "Aarigaa!" Quyanaq, Joanne for taking the lead. Throughout the day, several attendees complimented and thanked us for singing this special song.

Monday, November 13, 2023 I attended the board of directors meeting which was presided by President Margo Bellamy. AASB board officers are Robyn Burke, Secretary-Treasurer; Dana Mock President-Elect and myself as the Past President. We are also the Executive Committee up until November, 2024.

The board meeting included reports from the committees, approval of the 2024 Legislative Priorities, the 2024 AASB Budget, and approved Andrea Watts of Watts Advocacy as the AASB first Lobbyist who will be working with Norm Wooten and Lon Garrison throughout the 2024 Legislative session. And I have been assigned to Skagway, Tanana and Yupiit School Districts for the Board Liaison Networking.

The next AASB board of directors meeting will be held April 19-20 in Anchorage, Alaska. And very happy to report the July Summer board meeting will be held in Kotzebue July 18-21st. Thank you, Madam Superintendent for making this work for the summer AASB board meeting to be held in our district.

National School Board Association

The NSBA board of directors are continuing to discuss forming the Rural Strand and have scheduled the first Rural Strand the day before the NSBA 2024 Annual Conference and Exposition which is scheduled for April 6-8th in New Orleans, LA.

I will be attending the virtual NSBA Rural Education Virtual Summit which will be “addressing unique challenges and opportunities in rural education. Participants will hear thought-provoking discussions and learn innovative strategies to foster a supportive network that empowers rural communities to enhance educational outcomes and promote equitable access to quality education.” This is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9 a.m. and registration is free.

Quyanaq, for your support to represent our district on the AASB board of directors. Truly a privilege.

Marie N. Greene