

KAMSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 7, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. • KWU – Student Activities Center, Room 202, Salina, KS

The KAMSA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 7, 2010 by President Bruce Krase at KWU in Salina, KS.

Directors present: Bruce Krase (President), Kristy Ellis (Vice President), John Sanborn (Executive Director), Rob Sattler & Robb Ross (Dist. 1), Jason Johnson & Neal George (Dist. 2), Greg Koelsch (Dist. 3), Michael Couch & David Reiser (Dist. 4), Mary Wright (Dist. 5), George Leary & Kevin Logan (Dist. 6), Brent Garrison & Mark Whitener (Dist. 7), Jerry Meier (Dist. 8), Matt Meek (Dist. 9), Dave Novack (Past President), Cheryl Semmel (USA Liaison)

Directors absent: Jill Dickerson (President Elect), Tavis Desormiers (Dist. 3), Ron Wilson (Dist. 5), Steve Fleeer (Dist. 8), Tony Heward (Dist. 9), Brad Miner & Randy Heatherly (Dist. 10), Doug Baber, Jim Krone, Mike Maurer, & Steve Woolf (Past Presidents), Karla Denny (KSDE Liaison), Ray Tucker (College and University Liaison).

Minutes of the January 27, 2010 KAMSA BOD meeting and the current treasurers report were approved. Motion to approve made by Robb Ross, seconded by George Leary. As of May 31, 2010 the KAMSA checking account was \$1,121.03, money market account \$2,836.57, and certificate of deposit \$6,965.88. Total Assets: \$10,923.48

Dave Novack made the motion to approve the renewal of the Executive Director's Agreement and seconded by Robb Ross. It was also decided to approve the payment of \$750 to supplement the Executive Director's salary and to pay an additional \$500 not paid on the salary last year. KAMSA showed a profit of approximately \$750 this year and made a profit of \$2,253.70 on the KAMSA Spring Conference.

Board of Directors Changes included: Neal George (Scott City Middle School) replaced Mike Hall in District 2; Michael Couch (Pratt Middle School) replaced Mike McDermeit in District 4; George Leary (Santa Fe School-Newton) replaced Vance Unrau in District 6. George Leary also will replace Ray Tucker as the KAMSA representative on the Kansas Learning First Alliance (KLFA).

Fall news articles are to be sent to President Elect Jill Dickerson by October 1, 2010. Directors from the "odd" districts are responsible for the articles.

Principal of the Year/Assistant Principal of the Year Committee members were assigned as follows: Jill Dickerson (Chair), Mary Wright, Robb Ross, and Dave Reiser.

High Performing Schools Committee members were assigned as follows: Kristy Ellis (Chair) and Mark Whitener.

John Sanborn indicated the KAMSA Website (kamsaks.org) will continue to be operated by Chapman High School Technology Class at a cost of \$400. Fox Business Systems, Manhattan, KS will be paid \$360 for the site.

Cheryl Semmel reported on several items concerning the activities of the United School Administrators (USA). Cheryl added to the information provided by George Leary concerning KLFA. 21st Century Learning and making learning relevant, plus giving a different meaning to "Choice" – alternative vision vs. charter schools, vouchers, etc. She defined the past Legislative session as extremely challenging but more productive than anticipated. The USA Convention, held in January in the past, will probably take a different direction in the future. The time frame for the 2011 Convention will remain the same as in the past. Lobbying still remains what most individuals view as the number one priority for USA.

Bruce Krase and John Sanborn led a discussion concerning NAMSP (National Association of Middle School Principals). Mike Hall, Former KAMSA BOD member, is the Executive Director for the national association. At this point the primary direction of the organization appears to be to help new State Middle School Organizations (such as KAMSA) develop. Only two states currently have such organizations with Kansas being one of them. Nebraska is currently developing one and Colorado is also in the process.

Matt Meek made a motion, seconded by Kristy Ellis, that KAMSA Past Presidents may serve in that capacity as long as they are KAMSA members and not be restricted to the current three year limitation. This Constitutional issue will be voted on at the Fall KAMSA BOD meeting.

The 2011 KAMSA Conference Committee will include: Bruce Krase (Chair), John Sanborn, Jill Dickerson, Kristy Ellis and Jerry Meier. A discussion concerning the time frame, location, etc. was very productive. The consensus of the group was that it should continue in Topeka with a Sunday afternoon – Monday morning format. Possible locations could be to return to Washburn Rural Middle School, Washburn University, etc. Dave Novack will continue to be the Golf Scramble Chairperson.

KAMSA has been given two free registrations for the First Nebraska Middle School Conference in Omaha October 7-8, 2010. KAMSA provided free Registration to the KAMSA Conference to a couple of Nebraska Middle School Principals last May. They were in the process of developing the Nebraska Middle School Administrators Association.

Future Board of Directors Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 – Chapman Golf Course Club House

9:00 a.m. – Conference Committee

10:00 a.m. – Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 – 2:00 p.m. – Wichita-USA Meeting

Roundtable Discussion – State Testing dates that were discussed with Diane DeBacker at the Conference Roundtable in May and ended up being the topic of the discussion. President Bruce Krase will send a letter to Acting Commissioner DeBacker with the thoughts of the KAMSA organization on this topic.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Motion to adjourn made by George Leary and seconded by Greg Koelsch