

**KAMSA – BOD Minutes
September 20, 2016**

**1. Introductions – Jerry Meier & Mary Wright
2. Additions to the Agenda – Mike Maurer**

- Added discussion about the Kansas Teacher of the Year representative. Moved by David Reiser, seconded by Amy Hastert, unanimous approval.

3. Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2016 – John Sanborn

- Approved minutes from previous session. Moved by Chad Krug, seconded by Jerry Meier, unanimous approval.

4. Financial Report – Mike Maurer

- Approved financial report as presented. Moved by Jess Herbig, seconded by Steve Woolf, unanimous approval.

5. KAMSA Memberships – Mike Maurer

- Memberships have begun to trickle in, but typically this time of the year is light and increase close to annual conference time. Free memberships are available, board members are encouraged to hold recruitment meetings and KAMSA will cover the cost. Contact Mike Maurer if putting one together as he would like to attend.

6. Executive Director Change – Mike Maurer

- Made official the change of director from John Sanborn to Mike Maurer.
- Discussed the altering of the practice of fronting the cost of meetings and conferences. Potential exists for USAKS to assist in providing a credit card associated with KAMSA to allow for the payment of expenses.
- Discussed potential future meeting locations, will stick with normal yearly rotation with a rotating site for the January meeting. Goddard Challenger Intermediate was determined for the January 2017 meeting.
- Moved to accept changes by Steve Woolf, seconded by Amy Hastert, unanimous approval.

7. Board of Director Changes – Mike Maurer

- Discussed vacancies on the board. Specifically, District 1 and 10 are open. Attempted to determine specific candidates, but difficult to do so as some areas are beginning to move to 6-12 or K-9 configurations. Potential candidates will be contacted by Mike Maurer. Also discussed the importance of attendance at board meetings by board members as it is important for group operation.

8. News Letter Articles – Mike Maurer

- Discussed submission of newsletter articles by the group. Mention made that length is a non-factor. Additionally, not only administrators can submit, but teachers can as well. Discussion also included the potential for the disbursement of newsletters through email as opposed to mail. Mike will look into potential opportunities.

9. Spring Conference – Jerry Meier

- The annual spring conference will be on **May 5th** at Washburn Rural Middle School. Consensus amongst the group was that the preference would be to contract with one speaker, instead of a collection of speakers. Additionally, discussion was had about the Celtic Fox mixer the night before and the potential ideas for gaining more attendees.

10. KAMSA Award Programs

- Discussed who is responsible for evaluating the awards this coming year. Tried to evaluate whether or not electronic forms would be viable for submission and what it would take to implement it. Also discussed having executive director present individual awards in person at school buildings.

11. USA Report/Updates – Ryan Jilka

- Financials of USAKS are doing well, increased sponsorship has definitely helped. Consideration is being given to moving the annual summer conference from Wichita to Kansas City. USAKS has decided to emphasize the six principles of school funding as a way to address the ongoing school finance litigation in front of the Supreme Court. USAKS is not looking to endorse candidates or justices, but instead emphasizing the importance of the judicial process. USAKS has also encouraged members to talk about local importance of state finance decisions instead of being directly critical of a particular group or going into in-depth educational finance law. USAKS and others are encouraging all districts to turn in school funding opinions to the governor as soon as possible so that it can be considered.

12. KAMSA/KAMLE Update – Jerry Meier

- Jerry has indicated that there will not be a conference this year, but that they are gearing towards **October 20th of 2017**. The conference will be held at Washburn Rural on that date and Jack Berkemeyer could be the potential speaker. KAMLE is going through by-law changes and taking steps to make it a viable organization again. Finances of the group are in good order.

13. Items from Members present – Mike Maurer

- Decision was made to continue having a table at the Kansas Teacher of the Year event. Amy Hastert was selected as the representative member from KAMSA to serve on the selection committee and will chair the table at the event. So moved by Joe Sample and seconded by Vicki Kline, passing unanimously.
- Steve Woolf presented a new initiative that has been developed at Erie concerning a club that is aimed at getting students into the outdoors and being active. The group is called WILD and promotes conservation and environmental education. Partnerships with several commercial sponsors has occurred, allowing for many opportunities to utilize resources. Additionally, state agencies are involved to enhance the effect of the club. The idea has spread too many communities within and outside of Kansas.

14. Roundtable Discussions – “Where do you want me to take this organization” – Mike Maurer

- Mike indicated that he would like to gather information from the group as to what he needed to make his priority as he comes into the role of executive director.

Discussions in-person, over the phone and through email are all welcome as he would like all information needed to assist him in his decision making.

15. Adjourn to Lunch

David Reiser moved, Karla King seconded, passed unanimously.