

KAMSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 23, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. • Colbert Hills Golf Course Club House, Manhattan

The KAMSA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. September 23, 2014, by President David Reiser, at Colbert Hills Golf Course Club House, Manhattan.

Directors present: David Reiser (President), Mary Wright (President-Elect), Jennifer Bessolo (Vice President), John Sanborn (Executive Director), Jess Herbig (Intermediate School Representative), Chad Krug & Jarrod Stoppel (Dist. 2), Ron Wilson & Keith Hoffman (Dist. 5), Pat Reinhardt (Dist. 4), Brent Garrison & Karla King (Dist. 7), Mike Wolgast & Jerry Meier (Dist. 8), Matt Meek (Dist. 9), Becky Murray & Brad Miner (Dist. 10), Bruce Krase (Past President), Dave Novack (Past President), Steve Woolf (Past President), Randy Heatherly (Past President), Guests Present: Joe Handlos (Ft. Riley), Gaylon Walter (Russell), Rebecca Morrissey (Topeka), Amy Hastert (Paola), Joe Samples (Baldwin).

Directors absent: Terrell Davis (Large District Rep.), Robert Sattler & Robb Ross (Dist. 1), Chris Look & Tavis Desormiers (Dist. 3), Michael King (Dist. 4), Matt McKee & Kevin Logan (Dist. 6), Carmen Schaefer (Dist. 9), Jill Dickerson (Past President).

Minutes of the June 4, 2014 KAMSA BOD meeting were approved. Motion to approve made by Randy Heatherly and 2nd by Karla King. The current treasurer's report was approved. Motion to approve made by Randy Heatherly and 2nd by Karla King. As of August 31, 2014 the KAMSA checking account was \$3,785.09 money market account was \$7,052.51, and certificate of deposit \$7,315.55. Total account balances: **\$18,153.15.**

Joe Sample, Baldwin JH Principal, was selected as KAMSA Vice President beginning in January, 2015.

John Sanborn will produce and mail KAMSA Newsletter in January, 2015. KAMSA District Reps. please email your articles to John Sanborn by December 1, 2014. All reps are encouraged to submit an article.

Jerry Meier gave a report on the proposed KAMSA 2015 Spring Conference. The dates and location have been set. The Conference will be held in Topeka with a social at the Celtic Fox on Thursday evening April 1, and the Conference at the KASB Building on Friday, May 1, 2015. The program is yet to be finalized.

Dave Reiser indicated that the KAMSA "Executive Assistant(s)" awards will be handled the same as last year. Application was included in the packet of information and also available on the KAMSA Website. Joe Handlos indicated that Inter-State Studio again will sponsor the award.

The Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year committee is chaired by Mary Wright and she will be assisted by Joe Handlos, Bruce Krase and Samantha Glover. The deadline for applications has been extended.

With the changes in assessments, etc. for the coming year changes will need to be made in the criteria for the KAMSA High Performing School awards. Committee Chair Jennifer Bessolo, assisted by Matt McKee and Ron Wilson will continue to work on this process. Jennifer presented a plan that included the 5 R's. It was suggested that we needed to simplify the process so schools would feel they had time to complete the application process. The consensus was that we include the Middle School of the Year application as part of the High Performing School Award. Jennifer will rewrite Part II of the Middle School of the Year program and that will be used for the High Performing School Award. If a school wants to be considered for Middle School of the Year Award they will also complete Parts I and III of the application process. Schools, as in the past, may compete for both awards.

David Reiser was directed by Jay Scott to secure four middle level volunteers to be a part of the KSDE Individual Plan of Study Committee. Volunteers included: Becky Murray, Karla King, Jennifer Bessolo and Brent Garrison.

Randy Heatherly (KAMSA USA Rep.) gave a brief report of activities concerning USA. USA was disappointed in the attendance of Regional USA Meetings. USA plans to move its location to the KASB building in the future. They are asking for ideas to help their member organizations (like KAMSA) how they can be of additional service to them.

District Reps were encouraged to plan a district activity for their KAMSA District Middle Level Administrators. KAMSA will pay for the cost of meals at any of those events.

The NAMSP (National Association of Middle School Principals) was discussed by NAMSP Regional Mike Wolgast. KAMSA Member schools recognized by NAMSP this year were Olathe-Pioneer Trail Middle School being named as NAMSP Middle School of the Year and Seventh Place went to Hesston Middle School. Several changes have occurred in NAMSP and the next location for their award program presentations will be in Corpus Christi, Texas in June, 2015.

Membership continues to be stressed by District Reps. Please contact middle level administrators in your KAMSA Districts that have not yet joined. Each District Rep. is still allowed to give a free membership to someone who has never been a member of KAMSA.

Future Meeting Date: Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting – **Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at “NEW” El Dorado Middle School.** (10:00 a.m.) – Lunch provided.

Meeting adjourned for the provided Lunch Buffett at 12:00 p.m.