

KAMSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 25, 2012 – 2:00 p.m. • Hyatt Hotel (Maple Rm. – 205) Wichita

The KAMSA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., on January 25, 2012, by President-Elect Kristy Ellis at the Hyatt Hotel, Wichita, KS. President Jill Dickerson was unable to attend so Kristy began her duties as President one day early.

Directors present: Kristy Ellis (Acting President), Randy Heatherly (President-Elect), David Reiser (Vice President), John Sanborn (Executive Director), Robb Ross (Dist. 1), Tavis Desormiers & Greg Koelsch (Dist. 3), Pat Reinhardt & Mike King (Dist. 4), George Leary & Kevin Logan (Dist. 6), Eileen Dreiling (Dist. 7), Jerry Meier (Dist. 8), Matt Meek (Dist. 9), Becky Murray & Brad Miner (Dist. 10), Cheryl Semmel (USA Liaison). Bruce Krase, Jim Krone, Dave Novack & Steve Woolf, Past Presidents. Guests: Tim Hayden (Andover Central), Mike Maurer (Haysville), Karla King (El Dorado), Alan Stein (Hill City).

Directors absent: Jill Dickerson (President), Rob Sattler (Dist. 1), Jason Johnson & Neal George (Dist. 2), Ron Wilson & Mary Wright (Dist. 5), Brent Garrison (Dist. 7), Steve Fleeer (Dist. 8), Carmen Schaefer (Dist. 9).

Randy Watson (Supt. - McPherson) asked to speak with KAMSA about the “Kansas College and Career Ready” (CCR) ideas being presented. A discussion followed with questions and ideas coming from the BOD for Randy to consider.

Minutes of the September 27, 2011 KAMSA BOD meeting were approved. Motion to approve made by George Leary and seconded by Jim Krone. The current treasurer’s report was approved. Motion to approve made by Robb Ross and seconded by Jerry Meier. As of December 31, 2011 the KAMSA checking account was \$2,642.04, money market account was \$2,042.41, and certificate of deposit \$7,146.87. Total Assets: \$11,831.32.

Cheryl Semmel, USA Executive Director, gave a report on the activities currently going on in USA. USA is using various schools throughout the state to present their programs to the Legislature. Several issues are on the table in the Legislature including: Bullying (responsibilities of the Principal), Retention of Students, and several “School Finance” plans. USA will try to stay on top of all proposed education issues.

A current membership list (approximately 150) was made available and a discussion was held concerning ideas to increase membership. KAMSA BOD were reminded that they are allowed to give a free KAMSA membership to someone in their KAMSA District as an incentive to become a paying member in future years. Names of free membership given should be sent to John Sanborn.

John Sanborn reported that the KAMSA Website (kamsaks.org) was up to date and was still under the direction of website manager Judy Smith of Chapman.

Jerry Meier gave the report for the KAMSA Spring Conference Committee. The Conference will be held on Sunday, May 6 and Monday, May 7. The program will include a forum with Joan Wagnon, Kansas Democratic Party Chair, and Amanda Adkins, Republican Party Chair. Also on the agenda will be several break out topics: “ELL Issues,” “Common Core,” and “What is a growth model and what would it mean for us?” KAMSA awards will again be presented at the KAMSA Luncheon on May 7. Jason Johnson will be in charge of the Golf Scramble and Dave Novack will be responsible for the details.

Committee Chair Kristy Ellis reported that Dave Reiser of Great Bend Middle School was named the KAMSA Principal of the Year and Chris Kase of Atchison Middle School was named KAMSA Assistant Principal of the Year. Selected as KAMSA Exemplary Principals of the Year were: Brad Miner of Royster M.S.-Chanute, Pat Reinhardt - Hoisington MS, and Mike Wolgast – Pioneer Trail MS-Olathe.

Matt Meek indicated that the applications for KAMSA Middle School of the Year are on the KAMSA Website with an application deadline of March 1, 2012. They should be sent to John Sanborn.

Randy Heatherly reported on the High Performing School Awards. The application is currently on the KAMSA Website and qualifying schools need to send their application to Randy by March 15, 2012.

Fall Newsletter Articles need to be sent to Randy Heatherly by the end of the month of February. Even District Reps are responsible for sending articles for the Spring Newsletter.

THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING CONSISTED OF A ROUNDTABLE ON THE TOPIC OF "WHAT IS A MIDDLE SCHOOL."

Jerry Meier led the discussion using the following questions:

1. What are the developmental characteristics of middle level students?
2. What are the transitional needs of these students?
3. What is the mission/focus of middle schools?
4. What challenges do the students/staff face at this level?
5. What would the state board of education need to know about middle schools?

Jerry will compile the suggestions and give KAMSA a report on the findings. The results will also be forwarded to Brad Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner of KSDE, so he can better inform the State Board about middle schools. (most are not well versed on the middle level) The roundtable was very productive with all in attendance able to voice their opinions on the various questions.

Future Meeting Dates:

Sunday-Monday, May 6-7, 2012 – Washburn Rural Middle School, Topeka

June 6 or 7, 2012 - Salina