1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Dates to Remember
   November 21  State of the Schools Luncheon 2019 – Huron Event Center – 12:00 noon
   November 25  School Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. - IPC
   November 27  Early Release
   November 28-29  Holiday Break – No School
   December 2  Legislator/School Board Luncheon – Madison 2-3 Center – 11:30 a.m.
   December 4  Early Release
   December 9  School Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. - IPC
   December 23-31  Holiday Break – No School

6. Community Input on Items Not on the Agenda

7. Conflict Disclosure and Consideration of Waivers - The School Board will review the disclosures and determine if the transactions or the terms of the contracts are fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest. A disclosure submitted for the purpose of notifying the School Board of a direct benefit from a contract that was previously approved, requires disclosure and no action by the Board. A disclosure submitted for the purpose of notifying the School Board of an interest in a contract will not require Board action. Disclosure information will appear on the agenda and in the meeting minutes.

Disclosure Reflecting a Direct Benefit from a Contract (Requires Board Action – Roll Call Vote May be Needed):
Administrator
   a)  Superintendent Terry Nebelsick – DB2020-12

8. CONSENT AGENDA
The superintendent of schools recommends approval of the following:
   a) Approval and/or Correction of Minutes of Previous Meetings
   b) Consideration and Approval of Bills
   c) Approval and/or Correction of the Financial Report
   d) Board Approval of New Hires
   As was mentioned previously, classified personnel, substitute teachers/classroom aides, and volunteers must be approved in order to be covered by our workers’ compensation plan.
   1) Romana Olivo/Volunteer – DI
   2) Kristin Wheeler/Volunteer – DI
3) Diana Nebelsick / Substitute Teacher - $120 per day / Substitute Para-Educator - $14.88 per hour / Volunteer
4) Brenden Schlader / Substitute Teacher - $120 per day / Substitute Para-Educator - $14.88 per hour
5) Toni Harp / Substitute Teacher - $120 per day / Substitute Para-Educator - $14.88 per hour
6) Vanya Wagemann / Math Tutor – JDC – 40-80 minutes per day based on enrollment / $44.33 per hour
7) Samara Contreras / Para-Educator-HMS / $15.03 per hour

e) Contracts for Board Approval

1)  
f) Resignations for Board Approval

1)  
g) Intent to Apply for Grant Funding

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(The consent agenda may be approved with one motion. However, if a board member wishes to separate an item for discussion, he/she may do so.)

9. CELEBRATE SUCCESSES IN THE DISTRICT:
CONGRATULATIONS:

➢ Laura Beck – 5th Grade Band Director – for receiving the South Dakota Music Educators Association Meritorious Service for 25 years.
➢ Huron High School Students who participated in the 67th annual SD All-State Chorus and Orchestra event Saturday evening, November 2nd.
➢ Cooper Fryberger (12) – 2019 All ESD Football Offensive Team.
➢ Hayden Hegg (12) & Kobe Busch (12) – 2019 All ESD Football Defensive Team.

THANK YOU TO:

➢ Buchanan K-1 Center would like to thank the following for their winter gear/clothing donations: Helping Hands, Stephanie Dickson, Lisa Gogolin, Jenn Bragg, Huron Public Library, and the Riverview United Methodist Church.
➢ Washington 4-5 Center would like to thank the Riverview United Methodist Church for donating coats, hats, and gloves for the students.

10. REPORTS TO THE BOARD
a) Business Manager’s Report
b) Superintendent’s Report

11. OLD BUSINESS
a)}
12. NEW BUSINESS
   a) Select Legislative Action Network Representative
   b) Change Order PCO #001 - Huron Arena Handrail
   c) 2020 ASBSD Legislative Resolutions
   d) 2020 ASBSD Standing Positions

13. ADJOURNMENT
**Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Date: __November 6, 2019________________________

Name of the School Official submitting the conflict of interest disclosure:
Superintendent
Terry Nebelsick_____________________________________

The disclosure is for the purpose of notifying the School Board of
_____ a direct benefit from a contract:

Identify the following:
(1) all parties to the contract
   **Diana Nebelsick - Spouse**
(2) the person’s role in the contract
   **Seeking board approval to substitute for paras or teachers**
(3) the purpose(s)/objective(s) of the contract
   **Work for the district as para or teacher substitute.**
(4) the consideration or benefit conferred or agreed to be conferred upon each party
   **Sub rate set by policy.**
(5) the length of time of the contract
   **Indefinite – as subs do not sign contracts.**
(6) any other relevant information
   **Board previously approved subbing in business office.**

If the disclosure relates to the School Official deriving a direct benefit from a contract, explain how the terms of the contract are fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest such that authorization should be granted by the school board.

Signature of School Official: ________________________

**THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT**
Huron School District
New Hire Justification

Date: November 5, 2019

Applicant Information
Applicant Name: Vanya Wagemann
Address: 1139 Kansas Ave. SE Huron, SD 57350
Phone: 350-2146
Education: Masters of Science
Experience: 28 years
References: Shari Lord, Brandi Fitzgerald, Russ Forrest

Reason for New Hire
New Position: JDC Tutor
Replacement: Addition

Position Information
Department:
Position: Math Tutor
Supervisor: Laura Willemssen

Responsibilities: Tutor students in JDC in the area of math
Hours: 40-80 minutes per day/ depending on enrollment

Hiring Information
Wages: $44.33 per hour
Classification:
Wage Justification: Hourly based on enrollment
Start Date: November 12
Requested by: Laura Willemssen (Administrator)
Huron School District
New Hire Justification

Date: November 5, 2019

Applicant Information
Applicant Name: Samara Contreras
Address: 926 Wisconsin Ave. SW, Huron, SD 57350
Phone: 350-4179

Education:

Experience: I year as para educator at HHS
References: Dawn Marshall, Rodney Mittelstedt, Dianne Tapken

Reason for New Hire
New Position: MS para
Replacement: addition

Position Information
Department: science/math/history/ELA
Position: para educator
Supervisor: Trisha Jons

Responsibilities: General Education Para-Educator

Hours: 24 hours/week

Hiring Information
Wages: 15.03/hour
Classification: Class A
Wage Justification: Step 1
Start Date: November 12, 2019
Requested by: Laura Willemssen (Administrator)
INTENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Any person or group applying for grant funds is expected to complete this form prior to submitting any grants or requesting funds that will impact the Huron School District.

Date: 11-6-19  Contact Person: Lori Weblander

Group Applying: Special Programs

Name of Grant/Award: Establishing Transition Programs for Students with Disabilities Ages 18-21

Dept of Human Services

Name of Funder: Division of Rehabilitation Services  Contact Person: Katie Gran

Amount to be Requested: TBD  Funder’s Submission Due Date: Dec. 20, 2019 Due 11/16/19

Prepare secondary students with disabilities to enter their adult lives capable

Project Focus: of self-advocacy with emphasis to make choices about work and career, and living as independently as possible.

How awarded amount received? ___ Full amount up front  ___ Reimbursement

Are any follow up reports required? ___ Yes ___ No  If yes, when are they due?

Is any District funding, resource, or in-kind commitment required now or in the future? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please list by dollar amount and/or in-kind service/support. Please be specific.

Please note:

- Each school/individual will be responsible for submitting and following through on the grant application process unless other arrangements have been made.
- A copy of the completed grant application must be available upon request.
- The person or group applying will need to submit the following documentation to the business offices:
  - If and when the grant is awarded, a copy of the award letter.
  - If any follow-up reports are required, a copy of the report.

A copy of this request with signatures will be returned to the contact person above when the application is reviewed, allowing the application to proceed.

Signature: ____________________  11-6-19

Lori Weblander  Building/Department Administrator

Signature: ____________________  11-6-19

Linda Christ  Date

Linda J Pietz, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Signature: ____________________  11-6-19

Kelly Christopherson, Business Manager  Date

Presented to School Board:
ASBSD Legislative Action Network (LAN) Member appointment

Overview:

The ASBSD Legislative Action Network is designed to activate designated members of local school boards to represent the positions of the Association and their local board and communicate those positions to legislators that represent their district at the state level.

Every school board appoints a board member as its ASBSD Legislative Action Network (LAN) member to attend to legislative issues. LAN members and ASBSD are the link between state legislators and their local school district. Designated LAN members will periodically be contacted by ASBSD asking them to contact their legislator(s).

Appointed member:

School District Name: ________________________________

LAN Member Name: ________________________________

Telephone Number: ________________________________

E-mail address: ____________________________________

Please complete the form and return your appointment information to Tyler via email to tpickner@asbsd.org, fax to 605-773-2501 or mail to 306 E Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.
Prime Contract Change Order #001: Final Change Order

TO: Huron School District 2-2  
150 5th Street SW  
Huron, South Dakota 57350

FROM: Puetz Corporation  
PO Box 968  
Mitchell, South Dakota 57301

DATE CREATED: 10/31/2019

CREATED BY: Eliott Coughlin (Puetz Corporation)

CONTRACT STATUS: Approved

REVISION: 0

DESIGNATED REVIEWER: Eliott Coughlin (Puetz Corporation)

REVIEWED BY:

DUE DATE: 10/31/2019

INVOICED DATE: 
PAID DATE: 

SCHEDULE IMPACT: EXECUTED: Yes

CONTRACT FOR: 1.Huron Arena Handrail Prime Contract

TOTAL AMOUNT: ($258.20)

DESCRIPTION: Final Change Order including RFP#1, RFP #2, and RFP #3, RFP #4-6 were rejected.

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Subtotal: ($258.20)
Grand Total: ($268.20)

The original (Contract Sum) $168,327.00
Net change by previously authorized Change Orders  $0.00
The contract sum prior to this Change Order was $168,327.00
The contract sum will be decreased by this Change Order in the amount of ($258.20)
The new contract sum including this Change Order will be $168,068.80
The contract time will not be changed by this Change Order.
Puetz Corporation  
PO Box 968  
Mitchell, SD 57301  
Phone: (605)-996-2276

Date: 9/30/19  
Project: Huron Arena Handrail  
RFP #1

Scope of Work:

Per RFI#001, in lieu of wall mount handrails, tread and riser mount handrails will be used.

Credit for Wall Mount Handrail

- Material
  - Deduct $450 for handrail brackets (30 ea)
  - Deduct $360 for mounting handrail brackets to handrail (30 ea)

- Labor
  - Deduct $580 for mounting of wall mount handrail (30 bracket locations)

Cost for Tread and Riser Mount Handrails

- Material
  - Add $1,400 for post material & base plates
  - Add $1,600 for fabrication labor to weld and polish
  - No change in anchor costs

- Labor
  - Add $1,280 for welded/bolted installation of tread and riser mount handrails (25 locations)

Total: $2,890.00
Excise Tax: $58.98
Total Change Order Amount: $2,948.98
Puetz Corporation
PO Box 968
Mitchell, SD 57301
Phone: (605)-996-2276

Date: 9/30/19
Project: Huron Arena Handrail
RFP #2

Scope of Work:
Per RFI#002, provide 1-1/2"x1-1/2" aluminum angle along the bottom of the existing wall panels where the new handrails occur only

Cost for Aluminum Angle
- Material
  - Add $490 for 140' of 1/8"x1-1/2"x1-1/2" aluminum angle
  - Add $170 for labor to drill holes in aluminum angle during fabrication
  - Add $65 for fasteners
- Labor
  - Add $720 for installation of aluminum angle

Total: $1,445.00
Excise Tax: $29.49
Total Change Order Amount: $1,474.49
Puetz Corporation
PO Box 968
Mitchell, SD 57301
Phone: (605)-896-2276

Date: 10/29/19
Project: Huron Arena Handrail
RFP #3

Scope of Work:

Per RFP #3, provide credit for handrail vertical attachment to risers.

Credit for Vertical Attachment

- Material
  - Deduct of $122 for welding gas
  - Deduct of $341 for welding wire
  - Deduct of miscellaneous welding supplies $140
  - Deduct of $840 for stainless tabs
- Labor
  - Deduct of ($3,145)

Total: ($4,588.00)
Excise Tax: ($ 93.67)
Total Change Order Amount: ($4,681.67)

APPROVED
By Chris Brockevelt at 4:10 pm, Oct 29, 2019
Overview

ASBSD Resolutions are policy statements adopted by the ASBSD membership that guide your Association’s advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. A subcommittee of the ASBSD Board of Directors – called the ASBSD Policy and Resolutions Committee – develops draft policy statements for consideration by the full membership at the ASBSD Delegate Assembly.

A. Achievement and Equity

1. PRESCHOOL STANDARDS (PROPOSED DELETION)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports the South Dakota Early Learning Guidelines for voluntary preschool education programs.

RATIONALE
Preschool is defined as any public education program for children under age 5. Research points to clear short and long-term benefits of pre-k (pre-school) programs. It’s widely accepted that early experiences form vital connections in a child’s brain and influence how a child learns and develops throughout life. According to research, quality pre-k (pre-school) programs reduce the number of students in need of special education services and the number of students that have to repeat grades. Research has also documented long-term efficiency of pre-kindergarten (pre-school) programs through a reduction in the juvenile crime rate and lessening later reliance on public assistance programs.

ADOPTED: 2008
REVISED: 2019

Proposed Deletion: The concepts of resolutions A1. Preschool Standards and A2. State Funded Preschool have been condensed into resolution A2. thus no need for both.
A. Achievement and Equity

2. STATE FUNDED PRESCHOOL (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports state funding of public voluntary preschool education programs so long as it does not jeopardize or repurpose current funding of public K-12 education.

RATIONALE
State funding for voluntary pre-school programs, consistent with the SD Early Learning Guidelines, would be a welcome addition to the public K-12 funding model. However, that funding would need to be a supplement to the current funding model, not utilized to supplant it, in any way. Any adjustment to the current funding model, which did not add new money to the model, would jeopardize academic opportunities currently in place in public school districts.

ADOPTED: 2017
REVISED: 2019

3. COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports compulsory school attendance in public school to age 18 or until a student graduates.

RATIONALE
In today's global economy, every South Dakota student deserves the lasting benefits of a high school diploma. Maintaining compulsory attendance age until 18 will make public school policy mirror BIE policy, minimizing the potential for students to transfer to public school in order to drop-out of high school.

ADOPTED: 2008
REVISED: 2019

4. SOUTH DAKOTA ACADEMIC CONTENT STANDARDS, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND STATE ASSESSMENT EXAMS

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports South Dakota academic content standards, with sufficient financial resources and professional development for school staff, to facilitate implementation of the standards and graduation requirements as well as the full participation of students in state assessment exams.

RATIONALE
South Dakota academic content standards and graduation requirements serve as expectations for what students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade level and upon graduation. The review, revision, development, and feedback process involves stakeholders throughout the state of South Dakota and is an ongoing and critical component to ensure South Dakota students in every classroom receive current and relevant learning experiences. The goal is that all students will graduate college, career, and life ready.

ADOPTED: 2010
REVISED: 2018
A. Achievement and Equity

5. EXTRA AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - FREE PARTICIPATION

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports extra and co-curricular activities as an important component of South Dakota's system of public education and opposes legislation that will in any way establish fees for participation in extra and co-curricular offerings.

RATIONALE
The South Dakota Constitution guarantees a free public education to all students. Extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, though not always offered for academic credit, are a valuable part of a child's education and should remain free to all public school students.

ADOPTED: 2010
REVISED: 2014

6. SCHOOL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports continued commitment by the legislature to enhance the ability to attract, recruit and retain quality personnel in South Dakota public schools.

RATIONALE
To ensure public schools can recruit and retain quality employees, the state must maintain a long-term financial commitment to our schools in order to provide competitive salaries for their school employees.

ADOPTED: 2013
REVISED: 2018

7. ADDITIONAL STATE TESTING REQUIREMENTS (NEW RESOLUTION)

RESOLUTION
Beyond what is already required in state and federal law, ASBSD opposes legislation that would exempt any student in a public, private or homeschool from state assessments.

RATIONALE
Should an additional testing requirement be deemed reasonable and necessary by the South Dakota Department of Education, ASBSD believes all students should be included in the requirement. All groups of students, whether in public, private or homeschool education programs, should be required to demonstrate knowledge at a similar level to that of their peers residing in a different educational path.

ADOPTED: 2019
B. Local Governance

1. STUDENTS RECEIVING ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION (HOME SCHOOL INSTRUCTION)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports state guidelines for evaluating the academic progress of students receiving alternative instruction, the establishment of effective state regulations to ensure exempted students receive a high-quality education and the right of the local public school board to decide criteria for allowing alternative instruction students to participate in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

RATIONALE
School boards and the Department of Education are responsible for the education of students receiving alternative instruction. State guidelines and regulations would provide school boards with criteria to determine if revocation of an application is warranted. When issues of participation in public school activities arise, the authority to determine who may participate should rest solely with the local public school board.

ADOPTED: 2008
REVISED: 2017

2. SCHOOL FINANCES

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports local governance in the management of district funds.

RATIONALE
Control of school finances should rest with the local public school board within the district.

ADOPTED: 2009
REVISED: 2012

3. CHARTER SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION
ASBSD opposes any new legislation that creates charter schools.

RATIONALE
Any legislation that has the potential to introduce charter schools and could take funding from public schools, receive waivers from state standards of accreditation and teacher certification, be selective in the students who may enroll, and be detrimental to local public school districts, should be opposed.

ADOPTED: 2012
REVISED: 2018

4. PUBLIC FUNDING FOR NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION

RESOLUTION
ASBSD opposes any law that diverts public dollars to fund non-public education in any manner.

RATIONALE
Legislation that diverts public dollars to non-public schools would be detrimental to the public education system.

ADOPTED: 2015
REVISED: 2016
B. Local Governance

5. PRIVATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

RESOLUTION
ASBSD opposes state law allowing tax credits from the insurance company premium and annuity tax to fund a private school scholarship program and permits contributions made by the insurance companies to remain anonymous.

RATIONALE
The state law allowing the diversion of public dollars to non-public schools is detrimental to the public education system and, in the opinion of ASBSD, is unconstitutional. In addition, the scholarship program is based on an antiquated school funding system and may result in the program no longer remaining fiscally neutral for the state. Permitting contributions made by insurance companies to remain anonymous places their special interests above their tax obligation to the state and undermines transparency established in other state laws. ASBSD supports amending SDCL 13-65 to require contributions to the scholarship fund to become public information. ASBSD also supports amending SDCL 13-65 to require any school receiving funds under SDCL 13-65 to follow all state requirements that public schools follow, including (but not limited to) accepting students under the State’s Open Enrollment statutes and requiring the school to continue educating all accepted students until tuition/scholarship dollars are no longer paid or the student is expelled pursuant to State law.

ADOPTED: 2016

6. SCHOOL DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION SYMBOLS

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports the local control by public school boards, and encourages them to seek input from community stakeholders on matters that involve symbols and events they believe uniquely identify their school.

RATIONALE
Public school districts are sensitive to the representation and depiction of all people through the use of mascots, nicknames, logos or other symbols and school events. Public school boards are open to discussion with local Native American tribes, community organizations and members on the utilization of these symbols and maintain their local control to make determinations on usage based on these discussions and what is best for the district, as a whole.

ADOPTED: 2016

7. USE OF BATHROOM, LOCKER ROOM AND OTHER FACILITIES DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY REGARDING TRANSGENDER LEGISLATION (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports the judgment and integrity of local public school boards and school districts to act in the best interest of all their students, school and community and show respect for all students, staff and other individuals including using bathrooms, locker rooms and other facilities transgender persons, within the parameters of existing law.

RATIONALE
Public school boards, as elected leaders, are responsive and accountable to local citizens, and, as noted by Gov. Dennis Daugaard in his 2016 veto message of House Bill 1008, “can, and have, made necessary restroom and locker room accommodations that serve the best interests of all students, regardless of biological sex or gender identity.” Local public school boards and districts who have been met with these matters previously have prudently reached a decision that works best for all parties involved.

ADOPTED: 2016
REVISED: 2019
B. Local Governance

8. LEGAL AND FINANCIAL PROTECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW  
(PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports provisions in law that would require the South Dakota Attorney General's office to represent a public school district, should it face a lawsuit while complying with the state law, and indemnify the public school district for any financial liability incurred by the district rising out of the lawsuit.

RATIONALE
Public school districts respect the letter of the law and implement statutory requirements handed down to them by the legislature. Should a district face litigation for complying with state law, ASBSD believes a legal and financial partnership with the State of South Dakota is necessary. There is precedent in law related to this request as SDCL 13-34-25 and 13-24-24 states the attorney general would represent a school district at no cost should it be sued for complying with state statute related to use of textbooks, and we believe this right should be extended to all laws requiring school district compliance with state law.

ADOPTED: 2016
REVISED: 2019

9. BEHAVIORAL and MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports additional State and Federal resources for schools to support the behavioral and mental health of students in K-12 public schools.

RATIONALE
Public schools are experiencing a growing need for support in mental health resources including, behavior specialists and social workers, which most schools cannot afford. An increasing number of students with behavior and mental health issues have taxed the resources available in schools. Learning and instruction are disrupted and hindered if a student’s behavioral or mental health problems are not addressed. Support from state and federal funds is essential to providing the resources needed.

ADOPTED: 2018
B. Local Governance

10. SAFE SCHOOLS RESOURCES (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports additional State, Federal, and local resources for schools to create a safe learning environment for all students in K-12 public schools.

RATIONALE
Recent incidences of violence in schools is causing a revelation of school safety. School safety plans are continuously evolving and essential to ensuring a safe environment, thus additional resources are needed to:

a. Dedicate more resources to community efforts to “wrap services around” students. This starts at the district and school building level with programs that nurture students’ social and emotional needs and growth. Through this support, communities can implement threat assessment and help students in need of intervention;

b. Provide sustained and flexible funding for comprehensive school safety planning and implementation. School boards may consider building improvements and school climate programs to enhance safety which can require capital outlay funds;

c. Fund more collaborative projects between schools and local law enforcement. ASBSD believes the best option to ensure school safety is through partnership with local law enforcement agencies, specifically in the form of school resource officers being in schools.

ADOPTED: 2018
REVISED: 2019

11. ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports state law granting legislation granting school boards the authority to approve or deny investigate local alternative instruction programs and rescind homeschool exemptions requests.

RATIONALE
Many parents and guardians provide effective alternative instruction for their students in legitimate settings, with capable home instructors. However, public schools have experienced an increasing trend of parents or guardians utilizing alternative instruction laws as a way to circumvent compulsory attendance, or remove their children from school all together. Using alternative instruction exemptions for inappropriate purposes harms those students and the alternative instruction community who use the exemption for its intended purpose. School boards should have the authority to approve or deny alternative instruction exemptions based on identified criteria, if they have reason to believe the application will not lead to viable instruction. Investigations need to address sufficient evidence, defined in legislation, to support a revocation of an alternative instruction program.

ADOPTED: 2018
REVISED: 2019
B. Local Governance

12. SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING POLICY (NEW RESOLUTION)

RESOLUTION

ASBSD supports the right and responsibility of locally elected school boards to establish policy outlining the requirements for initial training and continuing education of their school board members.

RATIONALE

Initial and continuing education of school board members is important in order to enhance their knowledge base resulting in strong and effective leadership for the district. Initial school board member training and continuing education is also important as it sets a good example for students, administrators, staff and community members, and shows the local school community and the State that local school board members are deeply committed to their public service and responsibilities.

ADOPTED: 2019
C. School Finance

1. SCHOOL FUNDING

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports a state education funding system that provides adequate aid for public schools to deliver a high-quality education to all students, competitively compensate district employees and allow local management of funds.

RATIONALE
The revamped funding system, which was implemented in 2016, has evolved in the brief time since it was put in place and will continue to do so, but the foundational belief remains the same that the school funding system must provide districts with adequate funding in order for public schools to provide quality education to their students.

ADOPTED: 2008
REVISED: 2018

2. CONSISTENT SPARSITY FUNDING

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports consistent district-level funding provided by the state for sparse public school districts as defined in SDCL 13-13-78.

RATIONALE
The state’s sparse funding has provided much needed resources to the state’s smallest and most rural schools. However, since the funding has been instituted, the amount of funding delivered to districts has declined and has been threatened for repeal. Given that sparsity funding amounts to more than 10 percent of the operating budget in some rural districts, the state’s smallest most geographically isolated districts deserve consistent state supplemental funding.

ADOPTED: 2009
REVISED: 2014

3. SCHOOL FUNDING – TWO YEAR ENROLLMENT AVERAGING (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports reinstating two-year enrollment averaging or current enrollment, whichever is larger, in place of the fall enrollment count for the state aid formula calculation.

RATIONALE
With the passage of SB 134 The provision in the state aid formula that allowed for two-year averaging of school district enrollment was eliminated. With year to year fluctuations in student enrollment, public schools depend on two-year averaging to provide stability in their budgeting process.

ADOPTED: 2016
REVISED: 2019
C. School Finance

4. CAPITAL OUTLAY ADJUSTMENTS (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports legislation changing the Capital Outlay statutes specifically designed to set the Capital Outlay growth cap at 3 percent, repealing the $2,800 cap on Capital Outlay funds in SDCL 13-16-7.2 and setting the maximum limits in SDCL 13-16-7, to allow a school district to levy up to $3 per $1,000 of valuation.

RATIONALE
Since the implementation of the Capital Outlay growth caps, schools have experienced growing pressure on the Capital Outlay fund. Adjusting the inflationary index to provide schools with a limit of 3 percent, but without a floor, Repealing the additional $2,800 cap on the fund and allowing school districts to levy up to $3 per $1,000 of valuation would help minimize this pressure.

ADOPTED: 2018
REVISED: 2019

5. GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports legislation allowing a school bond to be approved by a simple majority vote.

RATIONALE
With the growth caps placed on Capital Outlay, schools are finding it increasingly difficult to fund major Capital Outlay projects, such as facility construction. School districts need the ability to pass bonds on local construction whereby a majority vote of the electorate is enough for it to pass. Under current law SDCL 7-24-2 county bonds only require a simple majority, while school related bonding requires a 60 percent vote to pass. Thus, the change would be consistent with another government subdivision requirement.

ADOPTED: 2018

6. PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTION

RESOLUTION
ASBSD opposes legislation exempting parents or guardians who provide alternative instruction from property taxes.

RATIONALE
Exempting specific tax payers from the need to pay for public education defeats the purpose of taxation of the general public to provide the constitutionally mandated support for public schools. Parents and guardians utilizing alternative instruction have made a choice when it comes to exempting out of the public school system and that choice should be respected, however, forgiving their tax obligation to fund public education is a dangerous precedent that would lead to any government service being provided on a use basis. Government cannot function in that model.

ADOPTED: 2018
C. School Finance

7. STATE AID INFLATION FACTOR

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports adherence to the State Aid inflationary index by the Governor and the Legislature in the event dollars above what is distributed in the index factor cannot be provided and changing statute to state: “3 percent or inflation, whichever is greater.”

RATIONALE
Since the change in the state funding formula in 1995, the concept of an inflation factor to increase the state aid formula over time has been based on 3 percent or CPI-W, whichever is less. The inflationary index has been appropriated by the Legislature each fiscal year, with the exception of FY 2011, 2018 and 2019. The inflation factor is critical to schools in order for them to maintain a consistent revenue source. There is growing concern when state dollars are limited, the inflation factor is optional and the legislature is not required to adhere to the law. Schools need the index factor and the Legislature needs to fund at least the minimum index requirement. School districts must be appropriated at least the index factor to pay for the growing needs to:

a. to provide salary increases to teachers, as well as maintain salaries for all personnel
b. meet inflationary increases in the operation of the schools,
c. maintain safety and health related services
d. provide current technology and instructional materials

The inflation factor cannot be optional. Appropriating funds for public schools is a constitutional requirement and education should be a state budget priority. There are strong reasons to have an inflationary index and the law must be followed.

ADOPTED: 2018

8. ACCOUNTABILITY WAIVER PROCESS

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports the waiver process option for school districts to seek relief from accountability requirements, including, but not limited to, meeting the target teacher compensation and the general fund reserve cash caps.

RATIONALE
There must be a balance between accountability and flexibility regarding funds for enhancing teacher salaries and general fund cash reserves. Each school district faces unique challenges and situations and the waiver process is an important component in guaranteeing flexible options for schools to meet the teacher salary targets and general fund cash reserve caps.

ADOPTED: 2018
C. School Finance

9. PROTECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATIONS (NEW RESOLUTION)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD opposes legislation that would reduce any property valuations without the inclusion of a hold harmless clause for school districts.

RATIONALE
ASBSD believes protecting property valuations to support school funding must be a priority in South Dakota. Any legislation that significantly reduces property valuations without a hold harmless for schools would have a drastic negative effect on school finance.

ADOPTED: 2019
D. Taxation

1. SALES TAX EXEMPTION REVIEW (PROPOSED DELETION)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports the review of current statutes which address sales and use tax exemptions and consider rescinding those that could contribute to the state's general fund.

RATIONALE
The continual pressure on State government to fund needed services, especially public education, has forced the need to examine all sources of funding. With more than a billion dollars in exemptions to sales tax in South Dakota, serious consideration should be given to which exemptions are essential and which can contribute to sales tax revenue.

ADMITTED: 2018
REvised: 2019

Proposed Deletion: Reason for deletion is ASBSD does not believe this is an issue that needs a position statement.

2. COMMITMENT TO THE HALF PENNY SALES TAX RATIO

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports continued adherence to the original ratio of funds from the half penny sales tax established in HB 1182 (SDCL 10-58-7) in 2018 dedicated to funding teacher salaries.

RATIONALE
ASBSD believes the State must continue the revenue distribution ratio implemented when the half-cent sales tax was approved in order for schools to maintain funding teacher salaries at the rate required by state mandates attached to the additional dollars and to fulfill the purpose the original statute intended.

ADMITTED: 2018

3. SCHOOL FUNDING – PARTRIDGE AMENDMENT (NEW RESOLUTION)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports legislation giving the legislature the authority to decide whether or not to reduce the state's sales tax rate by one-tenth of a percent should the revenue collected from the remote seller's tax – the tax collected by the state on Internet sales – exceed the previous calendar year's revenue collection from the tax by $20 million.

RATIONALE
Revenue collections must be suitable in order for the state to meet its financial obligations, such as providing the statutorily required increase in state aid to education. The legislature, as the government stewards of the state budget, should be allowed the latitude to decide if lowering the state's sales tax rate is feasible based on whether or not revenue collections, as a whole, will meet the state's financial obligations to public education.

ADMITTED: 2019
E. Personnel

1. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports a local public school district’s ability to develop hiring, evaluation and compensation policies to develop performance and market-based compensation mechanisms that support local efforts to recruit and retain quality staff.

RATIONALE
School boards, administrators and teachers are in the best position to decide whether the school district has the financial resources, personnel, data systems and desire to implement local policy. Districts should have the flexibility to adopt effective hiring, evaluation and compensation policies.

ADOPTED: 2010
REVISED: 2012
F. Unfunded Mandates

1. STATE EDUCATION MANDATES

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports legislative action to require the State to adopt a fiscal note associated with and providing funding for all mandates placed on local public school districts.

RATIONALE
When state mandates place additional burdens on school boards, funds should be allocated to compensate expenses incurred. Therefore, it should be the policy of the State Department of Education to adopt fiscal notes and request funding from the legislature, prior to the passage of all mandates placed on local public school districts.

ADOPTED: 2008
REVISED: 2017

2. FEDERAL MANDATES

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports full funding for all federal mandates.

RATIONALE
When federal policymakers enact laws intended to foster higher levels of school performance and academic achievement, Congress must adequately fund federal mandates to avoid causing local school boards to shift local resources to meet the demands of federal education policies.

ADOPTED: 2008
REVISED: 2016
G. Federal Relations

1. MEDICAID SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports the continuation of federal Medicaid Service provided to public school K-12 for providing health services to Medicaid-eligible students.

RATIONALE
Public schools play a key role in identifying eligible children for Medicaid, connecting children to needed services in schools and communities. Medicaid service reimbursement funds help South Dakota public school districts provide outreach and coordination services that ultimately helps eligible children receive health services in a timely manner.

ADOPTED: 2008
REVISED: 2012

2. SCHOOL NUTRITION

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports flexibility in federal law for state and local food service personnel to adjust the nutrition requirements including changes to the calorie maximum, to ensure they are providing school meals that meet the needs of their diverse student body in their communities.

RATIONALE
A one-size-fits-all policy ties the hands of local public school lunch providers. According to recent report, the USDA’s new regulations have led to hungrier students, wasted food, and increased costs for schools.

ADOPTED: 2010
REVISED: 2016

3. E-RATE

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports action by Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to strengthen the E-Rate program and improve the quality and speed of Internet connectivity in our nation’s public K-12 schools.

RATIONALE
The E-rate program, officially called the Schools and Libraries Program Universal Service Fund, provides significant discounts to schools and libraries to help them build technology infrastructure and provide telecommunications and Internet services for students in low-income and rural areas. The program is a vital source of funding to maintain and improve Internet connectivity in public K-12 schools. Expansion of the federal E-rate program would improve access to technology for public K-12 schools and students.

ADOPTED: 2010
REVISED: 2012
G. Federal Relations

4. EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD supports the federal education policy emphasizing the importance of local governance, providing states with more control over education standards and strengthening support for local control in managing school administration, budget development and related operations for public school district responsibilities.

RATIONALE
ESSA affirms state control of education standards by allowing them to set their own benchmarks for student achievement in math and reading. In addition, ESSA reaffirms the importance of local governance as state education standards will be up for peer review by public school board members, administrators, parents and other groups. A local governance measure included in the bill strengthens support for local control which will enhance the local district’s goal of consistent student achievement.

ADOPTED: 2016

5. REPURPOSING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL CHOICE EXPANSION (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

RESOLUTION
ASBSD opposes the repurposing of federal funds in order to expand non-public school choice options.

RATIONALE
The repurposing of federal funds to expand non-public school choice options would have lasting effects on public school programs that originally received these funds. The use of public funds to expand school choice damages public schools by removing dollars dedicated to these schools to support students in a multitude of programs.

ADOPTED: 2017
REVISED: 2019
OVERVIEW

Standing positions are broad policy statements that reflect the core beliefs of South Dakota's locally elected public school board members. Standing positions provide your school board association with general direction and guidance on a range of education policy issues.

DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

School boards are encouraged to recognize the needs and strengths of all students. School boards should provide resources that will facilitate access to a high-quality, safe, and supportive education that prepares students for success. ASBSD urges local school boards to promote and support the significant benefits of learning in racially, ethnically, and socio-economically diverse settings, to commit to equity and excellence for all students, and to support the needs of English-language learners.

Adopted: 2018

HEALTH & WELLNESS

ASBSD believes that wellness is related to staff and students overall well-being and their readiness to teach and learn. A growing body of research links student wellness to positive academic results, affirming the important role school wellness plays in student achievement.

ASBSD believes local public school boards should work with community stakeholders in a coordinated approach to promote policies and practices that encourage and enable wellness, including healthy food choices, nutrition education, and regular physical activity.

Comprehensive local policy includes multiple aspects of student/staff well-being, including drug resistance, suicide prevention, violence prevention and all forms of bullying.

ASBSD urges local public school boards to adopt policy that promotes healthy lifestyles and student safety, but opposes state mandates, whether funded or unfunded, which would limit the authority of local public school districts to design appropriate wellness programs that reflect school and community standards.

Adopted: 2008
Revised: 2015
INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

ASBSD believes devoting public funds to elementary and secondary education is an investment in the social and economic future of our children, our communities, our state and our nation.

In South Dakota, public schools deliver an outstanding return on investment. The personal and economic benefits of a quality education have a direct and dramatic impact on individuals, families and communities. Investments in the public education system serve multiple ends, but none are more important to the economic future of our country than ensuring every child graduates from high school ready for the postsecondary education or the workplace.

ASBSD believes investing in elementary and secondary education leads to improved student outcomes, particularly when investments strengthen teacher quality, improve access to high quality public K-12 programs and provide extended learning opportunities for students at-risk.

South Dakota’s Constitution prescribes the commitment to public education in Article 8, Section 1; “The stability of a republican form of government depending on the morality and intelligence of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature to establish and maintain a general and uniform system of public schools wherein tuition shall be without charge, and equally open to all; and to adopt all suitable means to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education.”

State law (SDCL 13-13-10.1) mandates funding for public education in South Dakota must be increased by the percentage of growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) or 3 percent, whichever is less. This law requires a minimum increase in the investment in public education be made by the state each year and is the only such legal requirement amongst the state’s institutions.

Adopted: 2011
Revised: 2019

LOCAL GOVERNANCE (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

Public school districts are governed by elected leaders, who are responsive and accountable to local citizens. An informed, active citizenry is essential to our democratic and representative form of government.

Local boards, within guidelines parameters established by state law, are vested with authority to make local education decisions. Local board members, as the elected representatives closest to the students, families and communities in which they live, are best positioned to understand student needs and identify effective solutions. A local public school board cannot delegate statutory duties and responsibilities. State law must allow governance flexibility to ensure all school boards are positioned to meet the needs of their community and the changing public school environment.

Public school boards are accountable to students, citizens and staff for: providing education programs; striving for excellence; identifying needs; adopting clearly defined written policies; measuring program success; and interpreting and disseminating information to the public; and setting the school calendar that best fits their district.

Public school boards function best in a non-partisan, broadly representative, team-spirited manner while putting district needs ahead of partisanship and special interest - be they political, racial, religious, geographic, economic, social, civic or any other form. The board and superintendent, along with other key personnel, serve as a local governance leadership team that works together to effectively and efficiently operate a public school district.

ASBSD supports the judgment and integrity of South Dakota public school board members and opposes initiatives or legislation that impedes a school board’s ability to govern.

Adopted: 2007
Revised: 2019
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION

A range of statistical indicators reveal persistent and dramatic achievement gaps between Native American Indian students and their peers, depriving a significant portion of South Dakota’s children of an equal opportunity to claim a more prosperous personal, social and economic future.

All students can face barriers to learning, but many of South Dakota’s Native American Indian children are surrounded by a concentrated and generationally pervasive poverty that jeopardizes an individual’s health, safety and personal belief in the value of education.

South Dakotans must continue to work toward solutions, which include but not limited to the Native American Achievement Schools Grant Program and the Paraprofessional Tuition Assistance Scholarship Program, while embracing the pride, heritage and dignity of Native American Indian culture and fostering collaboration and establishing long-term commitments to improving educational outcomes for Native American Indian students.

Adopted: 2010
Revised: 2016

OPEN GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPARENCY (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

As public bodies, school boards operate in a transparent manner that promotes active civic engagement and public discourse. Effective and efficient governance respects the public’s right to observe, respectfully record a board meeting and petition government while operating under the legal framework of school board, state and federal policy. Public school boards, as government entities closest to citizens, provide a wealth of public information, including thorough financial records.

ASBSD believes it is incumbent upon each public school board member to have a working knowledge of both open meeting laws and privacy laws.

ASBSD supports state policies and potential legislation allowing public school boards the local option to post official minutes and public notices online.

ASBSD supports full disclosure of conflicts of interest as prescribed by law (reference SDCL 3-23-6 through 3-23-9).

Adopted: 2009
Revised: 2019

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE

ASBSD believes South Dakota’s public education system, through South Dakota’s open enrollment laws, should provide parents and students the choice to attend any of South Dakota’s public schools.

ASBSD supports open enrollment laws that work to promote cooperation among public school districts that help meet the educational needs of ALL students and families.

Adopted: 2007
Revised: 2016
SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

ASBSD believes South Dakota public school students deserve to learn in a safe and secure school environment.

A growing body of research has linked student achievement and behavior, as well as staff morale, to physical building conditions. Every child deserves a safe, technologically-ready school facility designed for student learning.

ASBSD believes local public school boards are responsible for the adoption of plans to prevent and respond to situations that threaten the safety or well-being of students and staff. School districts are encouraged to work with a variety of state and local government agencies, public safety and officials, and other first responders to prepare effective emergency response plans.

State and local government agencies are encouraged to inform and collaborate with school districts to obtain and utilize appropriate resources that will enhance the safety and security of school buildings.

ASBSD believes local public school boards, acting in compliance with federal and state law, must have the authority to enact and implement policies and procedures that maintain safe, orderly schools and create supportive learning cultures.

ASBSD supports current laws designed to keep convicted criminals from employment in schools and illegal drugs and weapons away from school buildings.

ASBSD urges parents, businesses and communities to work with local school boards to provide safe, crime-free schools.

Adopted: 2010
Revised: 2019

SCHOOL FINANCE (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

South Dakota's public school students deserve a comprehensive school finance system. School finance decisions, whether at the local, state or federal level, should build the capacity of the public education system to expand learning opportunities for students. Policy makers at all levels should fulfill commitments and obligations to public schools before providing financial support to non-public schools.

ASBSD supports a school finance system that:

- Provides necessary equitable, predictable and timely funding; and
- Provides equal opportunities to all public school students while addressing South Dakota's diverse student needs; and
- Provides judicious funding based on relief for enrollment fluctuations; and
- Provides locally elected public school boards the authority and responsibility to prioritize and allocate funding, within the mandates and parameters of each fund set in state statute, to best meet student needs; and
- Provide additional funding to meet state and federal expectations.

Adopted: 2007
Revised: 2019
SCHOOL REORGANIZATION

ASBSD believes school district reorganization, resource sharing and cooperative arrangements are in the best interest of South Dakota’s public school students when:

- Educational outcomes, measured in expanded educational opportunities with expectations for improved achievement, is the most important consideration; and
- Geographical issues are considered, including the amount of student travel time and allowing for continued community participation; and
- Reorganization is voluntary – initiated and voted upon by the school board, or by the citizens of the public school districts.

Adopted: 2006
Revised: 2014

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

One of a local public school board’s core responsibilities is to develop, adopt and oversee policies focused on improving student achievement and eliminating achievement gaps between low achieving students and students performing at or above grade level. Every student, regardless of individual differences, can achieve at high levels when the state, local public school boards and communities establish high expectations for students and provide necessary resources and support.

Today’s public school boards strive to develop instructional policy that provides for multiple paths to knowledge that moves students to develop more critical thinking, collaborative problem solving and self-reliance skills.

As community leaders, public school board members focus on providing programs and working collaboratively with other agencies.

Student achievement should be gauged using an accountability system based on multiple assessments that are valid, reliable, defensible, credible and diagnostically meaningful to a variety of stakeholders.

ASBSD urges policymakers at all levels to support programs that promote high level skills such as digital literacy, innovative thinking, and interactive communication to engage learners leading students to succeed in today’s highly competitive, global economy.

Adopted: 2010
Revised: 2016
TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION (PROPOSED AMENDMENT)

Technology has an essential and expanding role in our global society. Emerging information and communication technologies will reshape how students learn and how they apply their knowledge, skills and abilities.

ASBSD believes technology is transforming public K-12 education. The infrastructure, hardware, software, and platforms are either available or being developed that will continue to change the nature of how we teach our children in profound and far-reaching ways.

ASBSD believes technology is a powerful, important tool for public education to be used in combination with proven teaching and learning strategies to ensure a high-quality education.

ASBSD supports technology initiatives that are focused on improved student outcomes and that reflect the need for ongoing support and renewal in the ever-changing technological landscape. Digital technology using virtual learning strategies, blended learning, and other cutting edge teaching coupled with quality training, will advance our students in the highly competitive global environment.

South Dakota's public school systems should embrace technology as a catalyst to improve teaching and learning. School district staff need support, through high-quality, embedded professional development, to integrate technology into their instruction. Technology integration is a critical tool to prepare our students for a digital world that is transforming around them.

Adopted: 2012
Revised: 2019