



ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT AND MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

MINUTES

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THE PARK VISTA DOUBLETREE HILTON HOTEL AT GATLINBURG

MOUNTAIN VIEW A & B

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017, 1:30 P.M. (EDT)

BOARD MEMBERS

SCOTT BENSON, PRESIDENT

MELANIE MILLER, PRESIDENT ELECT

MIKE BROWN, PAST PRESIDENT

GARY LILLY • SANDRA HARPER • EDDIE PRUETT

BRIAN BELL • JOHN AITKEN • JEANNE BARKER

Presiding: President Scott Benson

I. Lunch

- Welcome Members, Guests, and Lunch Sponsor

President Benson welcomed members, guests, and the AIMS lunch sponsor Public Risk Insurors and asked Board Member Jeannie Barker to offer thanks for the lunch.

- Recognition of Lunch Sponsor:

Public Risk Insurors (PRI)—Laura Jungmichel, Dave Williams, and
Butch Twyman

President Benson thanked Public Risk Insurors for sponsoring today's lunch and introduced Laura Jungmichel and Butch Twyman.

II. Member Introductions:

President Benson recognized new directors of schools:

- Norma Gerrell, Paris SSD
- Wes Kennedy, Union City
- Tim Haney, Trenton SSD
- Robert Greene, Dayton City
- Steve Barnett, Johnson City
- Dwain Arnold, Kingsport

Following new director introductions, President Benson asked that all current directors introduce themselves.

III. Thanks~~Retiring Directors

Even though retiring directors were acknowledged and given a gift from AIMS at the April Retreat held at Fall Creek Falls State Park, President Benson again thanked 2017 retirees for their many contributions to education throughout their tenure and for their participation in AIMS while serving as superintendents:

- Gary Houston, Union City
- Richard Bales, Johnson City
- Mike Brown, Paris SSD
- Sandra Harper, Trenton SSD

IV. Calendar

- February 13, 2018, 11:30 a.m. (CST), AIMS School Board Member Lunch: Nashville Room, DoubleTree Hotel Nashville Downtown (Sponsor: PRI)
- April 17-19, 2018, AIMS Spring Retreat, Montgomery Bell State Park, Burns

President Benson asked members to note the change of venue for the annual AIMS Retreat emphasizing that it would be held at Montgomery Bell State Park in 2018.

V. Legislative Update

• AIMS Lobbyist/Attorney Chuck Cagle mentioned some of the issues of the 2017 legislative session including discussion of seat belts on busses and the added cost (\$18 million), PC305, vouchers, \$100M being spent annually on testing yet the return of information continuing to be untimely. He mentioned Governor Haslam's promise to increase teacher salaries and that the 2018 session may be short since the speaker is running for governor. He ended his remarks by saying that five members of the senate are going to retire or take other positions.

VI. Membership approval of 2017-18 nominees for *Board of Directors*:

President Benson presented the 2017-18 nominees for *Board of Directors* to the full membership and asked for a motion to approve. On motion by Dan Lawson, second by Neel Durbin, AIMS members unanimously approved those listed below as their 2017-18 *AIMS Board of Directors*.

NOMINEES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2017-18

OFFICERS

President	Melanie Miller	Athens City Schools
President-Elect	Eddie Pruett	Gibson County SSD
Past-President	Scott Benson	Lebanon SSD

DIRECTORS

Gary Lilly	Bristol City Schools
Brian Bell	Alcoa City Schools
John Aitken	Collierville Schools
Jeanne Barker	Lenoir City Schools
Versie Hamlett	Humboldt City Schools
Lee Wilkerson	Manchester City Schools

VII. Recognition of Retiring Board Members Sandra Harper and Mike Brown

President Benson presented engraved awards to board members Harper and Brown acknowledging their dedication, commitment, and service to AIMS.

VIII. Recognition of Past-President Mike Brown (Waterford Crystal Lighthouse)
Executive Director Marilyn Mathis presented a Waterford Crystal Lighthouse to Past President Mike Brown as a symbol of his leadership during the past two years as President and Past President of AIMS.

IX. Recognition of President Scott Benson (award of service recognition)
Executive Director Mathis presented an engraved crystal award to outgoing President Scott Benson commemorating his service, dedication, and leadership to AIMS.

X. Passing of Gavel from outgoing 2016-17 President Scott Benson to incoming 2017-18 President Melanie Miller
As a symbol of the changing of officers, outgoing 2016-17 President Scott Benson passed the gavel to incoming 2017-18 President Melanie Miller.

XI. Adjournment
Before adjournment, lunch sponsor Laura Jungmichel, (PRI), held a drawing for an iPad Mini 4. Director of Schools Cindy Blevins, Richard City SSD, won the door prize.

President Melanie Miller greeted members as the incoming 2017-18 AIMS president mentioning that she looked forward to serving and working with them. She adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45 p.m.

~~Mission~~

"Promoting, protecting, and maintaining Tennessee's city and special school districts"

