NDAESP Mission Statement
The mission of the NDAESP is to assist, support, and serve elementary and middle school principals in order to provide quality education for all children.

I. CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENT DAVE WEGNER
   a. President Dave Wegner called the meeting to order.
   b. Approval of the agenda was completed by President Wagner. Additions were to add under Old Business item d, Photo Directory.
      • Motion by Sherri Libis to accept the agenda
      • Seconded by Dave Hanson
      • Motion Carried
   c. Candidates for Open Position – Dave Wegner
      • Vice President
         • Dave Steckler
         • Jason Hornbacher
      • Secretary/Treasurer
         • Kieith Leintz
         • Dave Saxberg
      • State Representative
         • Gail Kalenze
         • Mike Forsberg

II. SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT - DAVE STECKLER
   a. Secretary’s report was presented by Dave Steckler
      • Motion by Lynn Sabbe to accept the report
      • Second by Gail Wold
      • Motion carried
   b. Treasurer’s report was presented by Dave Steckler
      • September 2006 Total Assets: $59,107.98
      • Motion by Jeff Holm to accept the Treasurer’s report
      • Seconded by Pat Slotsve
      • Motion Carried

III. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION
   a. Awards Committee Update – Ann Porter
      • The Awards Committee is currently looking at other options and guidelines concerning the process of how awards are recognized and announced.
      • The Service to Children Award will be recognized in the “VOICE”.
      • Bell Ringer Awards will be announced during the luncheon on Thursday of the Mid-Winter Conference to help shorten the evening banquet. All other awards will be recognized during the banquet Thursday evening.
      • The NDAESP Executive Board agreed to recognize nominees for National Distinguished Principal for the 2007-2008 school year or 2008 conference.
b. NAESP Report
   • Terry Brenner is serving as the Zone VII director. He is also on the Vision 2001 Advisory Committee and has been selected to assist in the search for a new Executive Director. Dr. Vince Ferrandino has resigned effective the end of March 2007.
   • Dave Hanson will serve on the Credentials’ Committee at the National Convention in Seattle in March.
   • NAESP Convention is in Seattle on March 29 – April 2, 2007. The North Dakota Delegation will be staying at the Grand Hyatt Seattle. This is one of the headquarters hotels for the convention. Members attending are encouraged to sign up for a shift in the booth. Also, door prizes are needed for the booth. Please send those items to President Dave Wegner or President Elect Sherry Libis. The Zone VII Breakfast will be hosted by Nebraska, Sunday, April 1 at 7:00 a.m. at the Seattle Convention Center. The 2008 Convention site will be Nashville and the 2009 Convention Site will be New Orleans.
   • NAESP has gained 29 new NAESP members from June 1 – January 31, 2007. Our NAESP goal is 203 members and we are currently at 180 members. If you would like to join, please contact your regional representative today!
   • Beth Randklve will end her term in July of 2007. She would like to thank all of you for allowing her to serve you. The NDAESP Board would like to thank Beth for her outstanding commitment and service these past years as the State Representative for all of us. Best of luck Beth!

c. Editor’s Report – Dave Hanson
   • Due Dates
     • August 31st
       • NDAESP Membership Drive Information
       • Executive Board Members/Contact Information
     • December 1st
       • Include Candidate Bio Information
       • Last big push for Mid-Winter Attendance/Information
     • March 20th
       • NAESP Candidate Information
       • Spring Region Meeting Dates/Times Push
     • May 1st
       • Service to Children Award
   • Please refer to the NDAESP Website for any information.
   • If you would like to be added to the NDAESP List-Serve, please contact Dave Hanson.
   • State Leaders Convention will be in July in Washington D.C.

d. NDCEL Report – Buster Langowski
   • Dr. Jim Stenehjem was hired to take over as the Director of ND LEAD.
   • Doug discussed with the board some legislative issues pertaining to the funding bill, full day kindergarten, property tax relief, child abuse and neglect, calendar days, highly qualified, and after school programs.
   • The summer conference is scheduled for June 13-15 in Williston. The conference focus is declining population of schools.
e. Federal Relations – Jason Hornbacher
   • Senator Dorgan, in his third term, is the chairperson of the influential Democratic Policy Committee, Chairperson of the Committee on Indian Affairs, and member of the Appropriations Committee, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
   • Senator Conrad, first elected in 1986, is chairperson of Committee on Budget, member of Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Committee on Finance and Committee on Indian Affairs.
   • Congressman Earl Pomeroy, first elected in 1992, is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, and Agriculture Committee.
   • Dr. Vince Ferrandino, NAESP Executive Director, and Dr. Sally McConnell, NAESP Associate Executive Director for Government Relations met with U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings on January 16 to discuss the upcoming reauthorization Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
   • The Bush administration on Monday sought a 4.9 billion, or 8 percent, cut in education, training, employment and social services grants but estimated that overall outlays to state and local governments would rise slightly.

IV. OLD BUSINESS
a. Regional Boundaries
   • There was a short discussion about the regional boundaries with NDAESP, NDASSP and Joint Powers. Regional Representatives have been visiting with their regional principals to get their feedback on this issue. There was no further discussion or decision as to where this was going.

b. Strategic Plan – Dave Wegner
   • The Strategic Plan will be reviewed during the April NDAESP Executive Board Meeting.

c. Mid-Winter Conference Rotation
   • 2008 – Fargo/West Fargo
   • 2009 – Bismarck
   • 2010 – South Dakota (Spring) – No Midwinter
   • 2011 – Dickinson

d. Photo Directory – Gail Wold
   • The Photo Directory of ND Principals will be available this spring. Photos from the 2007 Mid-Winter Conference will be used since Lifetouch is doing the Photo Directory.

V. NEW BUSINESS
a. NDCEL Representative Position
   • Currently, there is nothing in the Constitution pertaining to NDCEL Representatives. This will be reviewed during the April NDAESP Executive Board Meeting.
   • Buster Langowski is currently serving as the NDAESP Representative on the NDCEL Board. However, he needs to be replaced as the NDAESP Representative. This will be decided during the April NDAESP Executive Board Meeting.

b. Voting On-line – Dave Wegner
   • There was a short discussion about voting on-line for NDAESP Board Positions. However, there was not a decision made to move to an on-line voting system.
c. Election Results for Positions
   • Vice President – Dave Steckler
   • Secretary/Treasurer – Dave Saxberg
   • State Representative – Mike Forsberg

d. Future Meeting Dates
   • Spring Meeting – Mandan
     • Friday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. (Seven Seas)
   • Summer Conference in Williston
     • June 13-15, 2007
   • NDAESP will provide refreshments for the summer conference in Williston.

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING
   • A motion was made by Lynn Wolf to adjourn the meeting.
   • Seconded by Wayne Strand.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY PRESIDENT DAVE WEGNER.

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED AT THE NEXT GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING IN OCTOBER, 2007.