

**Aleutians East Borough School District
 Regular Meeting of the School Board
 January 10, 2007 – 7 p.m.
 Meeting was held by Videoconference at Each School Site**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson, Shelley Yatchmeneff.

Call to Order

Shelley Yatchmeneff	King Cove	Present
Shirley Brown	Sand Point	Present
Demetri Tcheripanoff	Akutan	Present
Hillary Smith	Sand Point	Present
Allen Hill	Sand Point	Present
Sherry Chesley	Nelson Lagoon	Present
Jacki Bendixen	King Cove	Excused
Nicole Hoblet	False Pass	Present
Dawn Lyons	Cold Bay	Present

Roll Call &
 Establishment
 of Quorum,
 Introductions

A quorum was established.

Others in attendance at Sand Point: Bruce Lee, Activities Director, Jason Fastenau, Science Teacher, Kathleen Harper, Language Arts Teacher, Jenni Burr, 6th Grade Teacher, Conrad Detering, Principal, Bill Burr, Technology Director, Randall Swenson, Superintendent, and Sophie Mack, Executive Secretary.

Others in attendance at Akutan: Allan Swanborough, Principal/Teacher

Others in attendance at Cold Bay: Ty DeVault, Head Teacher.

Others in attendance at False Pass: Ernest McKay, Head Teacher.

Others in attendance at Nelson Lagoon: Joan Eddy, Principal/Teacher.

King Cove: Karen Yeager, Elementary Teacher and Mary Lou Smart, Principal.

Hillary move to approve the agenda as presented. Demetri second.
 Roll Call: Dawn-yes, Nikki-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Approval of
 Agenda

Shirley move to approve the minutes of December 7, 2006 and

Approval of
 Minutes

November 21, 2006. Hillary second. Roll call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Nikki-yes, Dawn-yes. Motion carries.

Superintendent, Randy Swenson went over the following correspondence items:

A letter from Mary Lou regarding the fencing for the new school, she also included three different options for the fencing. Randy thanked Mary Lou for getting this together.

An article in the November issue of Alaska Magazine, "Remote Village School up for Grabs on E-bay".

Copies of Newsletters from Alaska Works Partnership. Randy reported that Bob Juettner has contacted them and set up a meeting for next week about possibly offering some training here in the Spring. Other Correspondence items include Principal Reports and ASC Minutes.

Business Manager, Carl Warner reported:

The General Fund Budget printout has not yet been updated, so line item deficits still appear, but most of them will be cleared up upon Board approval. A \$33,000 deficit exists for maintenance services because of the plumbing services at Sand Point School, which the Borough is expected to reimburse. Food Service will be included as part of the FY08 budget, at which time the program may be discussed for next year. Also, Pat West with the State Department will be coming out soon to perform a follow-up audit on the Sand Point lunch program. The one Cold Bay student has cancelled for Close-up. Sand Point currently has an account balance of \$11,311 from fund raising, and a shortfall of \$3,921. No fund raising receipts have been recorded for King Cove at this time. King Cove Principal, Mary Lou Smart, reported that there are 7 students participating this year and they have raised \$4,400 in fundraising, with the help of donations from Peter Pan, Alaska Commercial, The Aleut Corporation and Aleutian Housing Authority. She also reported that one student has applied for a \$3,000 scholarship to help with Close-up costs. Carl reported that the scholarship is limited to two applicants, one from Sand Point and one from King Cove. Carl reminded the principals about close-up registration. The FY07 Budget Revisions are in good shape for this year's budget. The FY08 Budget 1st Draft will be presented at the next meeting. Nikki asked about the Cold Bay supplies, we budgeted for \$6,000 and \$21,000 was spent. Carl stated that he would look into it and get back to her. Shelley thanked Carl for the report. Hillary moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Allen second. Roll Call: Dawn-yes, Nikki-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

District
Correspondence

Treasurer's
Report

Superintendent Randy Swenson reporting the following:

I have been working with Bruce Johnson of the Association of Alaska School Boards in getting ready for the Superintendent Search. Bruce has made all of the corrections to the posting that the Board requested. I attended the AASB Boardsmanship conference along with Hillary and Allen. We caught up on all the current issues and learned more about negotiations. We have purchased a new ¾-ton Ford pick-up truck for Sand Point from Seattle and should ship on January 19th. We had it undercoated and sprayed the bed liner. We plan to surplus the old red truck. I met with Aleutian Housing Authority to get updated on the grant for a 4-plex for educators in Sand Point. I got some questions answered, but it is still an on-going project and there are some issues that have to be dealt with including rezoning the land for the 4-plex. I have been attempting to get to False Pass, Cold Bay and Nelson Lagoon, but the weather has not been cooperative. I will keep trying to get out to those sights. I have a meeting set up with Alaska Works. Next week Bill and I will be attending the NCLB conference and also spending a day with SERRC in working with the Federal Programs.

Bill Burr, Technology Director reported that most of the student laptops have been received and I am working on getting those out to the sights as soon as possible. I have also been working on the e-rate application. Bill read his report that was included in the packet addendum.

Bruce read his report that was included in the packet addendum. Shelley asked why both girls' basketball teams were sent to Unalaska and they did not get to play each other and she also asked why there were empty back hauls. Bruce explained that the home team sets up the schedule and that is why they did not get to play each other and there were no empty back hauls. Shelly asked, that in the future we request that our teams get to play each other. The Board thanked Bruce for his report.

Superintendent, Randy Swenson reported that the Special Ed Report from Carl Dirkers is included in the packet addendum. The important highlight is that the plan for improvement should be done. Randy also noted that he would be attending the State Special Education Conference along with Carl Dirkers and Pam Goodman.

The student reports for the leadership and AASG conferences were included in the packet. Shelley requested that students attend the meetings to give their reports in the future in case there are questions.

Nikki move to approve the Consent Agenda. Hillary second. Roll call: Dawn-yes, Nikki-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Public
Comments

Ty DeVault, Cold Bay Head Teacher, requested that the School District consider purchasing a new school vehicle for the Cold Bay School. He stated that the one they have now is sixteen years old.

Negotiations

Chairperson, Shelly reported that the Board has started the process of Negotiations with the staff. Allen stated that the Board met with the negotiator last night in executive session.

Chairperson, Shelley stated that the Board wants to inform everyone that they are in the process of the Superintendent Search. Hillary added that the closing date for applications is February 23, 2007, the screening of applications will take place on March 5, 2007, and the top three candidates will visit March 14th and 15th, 2007, they will visit Cold Bay, King Cove, and end up in Sand Point for a community potluck.

Superintendent
Search

The Board reviewed the annual scholarship announcement. Hillary move to add a closing scholarship application date of April 23, 2007. Nikki second. Roll call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Nikki-yes, Dawn-yes. Motion carries. Discussion: Principals that have graduates should send letters to seniors and parents regarding the scholarship program. The scholarship announcement will be posted on the district website, posted in schools and communities.

Scholarship
Program

Randy Swenson, Superintendent explained that Resolution 07-01, is in support of Aleutian Housing Authority's educator 4-plex housing project. Hillary moved to accept Resolution 07-01. Allen second. Roll call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-abstain, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Nikki-yes, Dawn-yes. Motion carries.

Resolution 07-
01

Hillary moved to go forward with the educator 4-plex project, working with Aleutians East Borough and Aleutian Housing Authority. Nikki second. Roll Call: Dawn-yes, Nikki-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-abstain, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Superintendent, Randy Swenson announced that the AASB Legislative Fly-in held in Juneau is scheduled for February 10-13, 2007. Randy suggested that at least two Board Members attend with him. The Board approved two Board Members to attend the Legislative Fly-in and two District students in grades 9-12, to attend the Youth Advocacy

Legislative Fly-
in

Institute. The Board decided to host a student essay contest to decide who will attend. The essay topic is “What Critical Education Issues are You Faced With Today”, and the deadline for the essay contest is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2007, at the District Office. The Board asked Randy to review the essays and select the top two by Monday, January 22nd, so that reservations can be made as soon as possible. Allen Hill and Hillary Smith volunteered to attend and chaperone the two students on this trip. Hillary move to authorize two Board Members, two students and the Superintendent to attend the Legislative Fly-in in Juneau, and having students submit essays by 5 p.m., January 19th, by fax or e-mail, and to have Randy select the top two essays by Monday, January 22, 2007. Nikki second. Roll call: Dawn-yes, Nikki-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Hillary asked Carl when the Close-up Groups had to have all their funds in for travel expenses, etc. Carl stated that they have to have their funds in by April 1st, in order to attend. Hillary requested that the District Office make sure that the principals are aware of this deadline.

Superintendent, Randy Swenson reported that the Cold Bay Principal is requesting a calendar revision for this school year. The Cold Bay ASC has approved the requested calendar revision. The changes included adding a day for a missed day and changing some vacation and inservice days. Randy recommended that the Board approve the calendar revision. Hillary move to approve the Cold Bay Calendar Revision for the 2006-2007 School Year. Nikki second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Nikki-yes, Dawn-yes. Motion carries.

Shirley move to approve the following New Hire:

Priscilla Rysweck, Nelson Lagoon Special Ed Aide, 24 hrs/week, \$11.63/hour.

Sherry second. Roll call: Dawn-yes, Nikki-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

The following items were requested for the next meeting agenda: Indian Education Grant Plan, Head Start, FY08 Budget, FY08 Teacher and Administrative Contracts, Legislative Fly-in Reports, Superintendent Search, and Close-up.

Hillary requested that the Board go to King Cove instead of False Pass (as scheduled), since we did not make it to King Cove for this meeting

Cold Bay
Calendar
Revision

New Hires

Agenda Items
for Next
Meeting

Date, Time and
Location of

as planned. The Board decided to have the next meeting in King Cove. They discussed screening superintendent candidates on March 5th in a special meeting and having a workshop and the regular meeting on March 6th. The Board asked Randy to invite Bob Juettner to the March meeting.

Next Meeting

Hillary moved to adjourn the meeting. Demetri second. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Sophie Mack
Executive Secretary