

**Aleutians East Borough School District
 Regular Meeting of the School Board
 Tuesday, March 6, 2007 – 7 p.m.
 Meeting Held by Video Conference at Each Site**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson, Shelley Yatchmeneff.

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

Others in attendance at Nelson Lagoon: Joan Eddy, Samantha McNeley, and Justine Gundersen.

Others in attendance at False Pass: Ernest and Kathryne McKay.

Others in attendance at Cold Bay: Ty DeVault.

Others in attendance at Akutan: Norma Swanborough.

Others in attendance at Sand Point: Glen Gardner, Jr., Bruce Lee, Bill Burr, Jenni Burr, Heather Meinert, Jason Fastenau, Conrad Detering, Kathleen Harper and Edi Hodges.

Others in attendance at King Cove: Lavern Kochuten, Lynnette Mack, Maria Nason, Don Zellner, Cherie Larsen, Coralie Gould, Karen Yeager, Bianca Green, Etta Kuzakin, Annette Calver, Jaclynne Larsen, Lonnie Brandell, Nancy Dushkin, Leanna Bear, Seward Brandell, Joel Scurr, April Harding, Carisa Brandell, Marche' Newman, Neisha Bowler, Elyse Bowler, Sharene Gould, Danyette Bendixen, Rita Uttecht, Kathy Bear, and Mary Lou Smart.

Hillary moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of New Business item, "h, King Cove Playground Bid Award". Sherry second. Roll Call: Jacki-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Call to Order

Roll Call &
 Establishment of
 Quorum,
 Introductions

Approval of
 Agenda

Shirley moved to approve the minutes of 1/9/07 and 1/10/07, as presented. Hillary second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Jacki-yes. Motion carries.

Approval of Minutes

Randy went over the correspondence with the Board. He reported that the first correspondence item in the packet is a letter from the State regarding corrective actions to the District's Special Education Program, reporting that all actions are complete and the monitoring Review Report is considered closed. Randy thanked Carl Dirkers for all of his hard work in getting this accomplished. Randy stated that the next item is an asbestos inspection letter for the Sand Point School, King Cove School, Cold Bay School and Nelson Lagoon School from Environmental Management Incorporated. Randy announced that the next letter is a grant award from AMSEA in the amount of \$4,000 to provide water safety training to students and he applauded Jason Bjornstad's efforts in applying for the grant. Randy stated, included in the correspondence section are legislative updates from Representative Bryce Edgemon, which included a photograph of the Sand Point Mayor, Glen Gardner, Jr. and also a photograph of the district's attendees at the legislative fly-in, and lastly he encouraged everyone to read the principal reports and ASC minutes.

District Correspondence

Superintendent, Randy Swenson reported:

Consent Agenda

Negotiations are scheduled for the week of April 25th in Sand Point; the mediator will work with both the Boards' and Associations' negotiator. Aleutian Housing Authority's Educator Housing Project is on schedule and the contractors are expected to start construction in April, the move in date is set for December.

Superintendent's Report

The Juneau Legislative Fly-in took place last month and I attended along with Board Members, Hillary Smith and Allen Hill, and students Samantha McNeley and Leanna Bear. It was a lot of fun, the students did a fabulous job speaking to the legislators and most of the legislators were more interested in what the students had to say. They discussed several topics with the legislators including PERS and TERS and declining enrollment. They also got to meet with the Education Commissioner; Roger Sampson during the fly-in and the students quizzed him on many topics.

I will be going back to Juneau during the Superintendent's Fly-in. I attended the Special Education conference along with our Sped Director, Carl Dirkers. During that time we also met with SERRC to discuss what our support needs are and what inservice training will be needed this fall.

I plan on attending a meeting in False Pass, organized by the Borough, to discuss with the community the possible closure of the school.

During the legislative fly-in I also met with Child Nutrition Services regarding our hot lunch programs at King Cove and Sand Point.

Bill Burr read his report included in the packet covering Technology, Curriculum and District Testing.

Technology,
Curriculum,
Testing Report

Bill also went over the Indian Ed Proposal with the Board. The report in the packet read:

Indian
Education 5-
Year Plan

The proposed focus for this round of Indian Education Grant is to improve upon Math and Language Arts performance by continuing the theme of distance learning from past years. During this funding round, efforts will be focused more on the actual development and implementation of distance courses.

Because of the small nature of the schools in the AEBSD there is little opportunity to offer electives outside of what's needed for graduation, and it is virtually impossible to meet the "highly qualified" requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation, particularly at the district's small sites. Now that the physical and technological infrastructures have been put in place through the Rural Utilities Services Distance Learning Grant, the Indian Education grant can be used to fill in the staff training and program implementation gaps to kick start the distance course delivery program in the AEBSD.

Although the focus of the Indian Ed grant will be improving Math and Language Arts mastery, distance education classes will not be limited to just those subjects. Because Math and English skills are integrated across the curriculum, by offering more opportunities in all cases, students can gain a deeper, more integrated understanding of these subjects which can only help their performance in the core focus classes. If necessary, priority will be given to funding Math and Language Arts course development and delivery over other subjects, although it is hoped that a wide variety of courses can be developed through the grant.

In addition to providing training for certified staff wanting to teach courses online, the grant funds will be used to provide an incentive stipend for teachers to offer online courses, and provide the tools and resources necessary to import information into an online format, as well as materials and supplies for both teachers and students to use during courses.

Some of the things to be included in the Indian Education Program over the next five years are:

- Stipends for certified staff to teach online courses.
- Staff development for training certified staff on how to teach online courses, including formal courses and conference costs (including travel, per diem, and substitute cost).

- Server hosting and maintenance.
- Teacher and student tools to use as part of the online courses and course development. Some examples of tools that could be purchased for use in the course and course development are scanners digital cameras, textbooks in DVD format, audiovisual resources, and lab supplies.
- Technical support and assistance costs related to online course development and implementation.

Shelley asked Bill when the laptops would be handed out to students. Bill explained that policies need to be in place before we can hand them out. Students need to understand upkeep, as they are fragile. Bill said that he hopes to have all laptops passed out to each class by the end of the month, starting with seniors. Joan asked Bill about accountability. Bill explained that he is working on that right now, offering insurance is one possibility.

Bruce read the Activities report included in the packet. Shelley asked about the King Cove Swimming group traveling to Sand Point. Shelley suggested taking the ferry one-way and flying one-way. Karen Yeager stated that they would like to fly over and take the ferry back.

Samantha McNeley, Nelson Lagoon student, read her legislative fly-in report that was included in the packet to the Board. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend.

Leanna Bear, King Cove student, read her legislative report that was included in the packet to the Board. She also thanked the Board for sending her on this trip.

Ernest McKay, False Pass Principal, gave a review of the their travel plans for the trip funded through an APICDA grant. He stated that they would give a video report upon their return.

Allen Swanborough, Akutan Principal, gave a review of their travel plans and said that they are looking forward to a very good trip. He expressed his gratitude for the APICDA grant stating that they are very generous. He said that the grant has also funded the Akutan swim trip to Dutch Harbor.

Joan Eddy, Nelson Lagoon Principal, gave a review of the upcoming survival camp planned for Nelson Lagoon also using the APICDA funds. She explained that a large part of it would be focused on cold water survival.

Shirley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Hillary second. Roll Call: Jacki-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Business Manager, Carl Warner reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board. The General Fund budget has been updated for the January budget revision, so most of the deficits have been cleared up. An exception remains for maintenance services from the plumbing and heating services at Cold Bay, for which a \$34,500 reimbursement request has been submitted to the Borough. This is in addition to \$64,000 they reimbursed last June for plumbing. General fund miscellaneous revenue includes \$1,050 per month from APIA for the King Cove Head Start classroom space, for a total of \$12,600 per year. APIA also pays for meals, which are credited to the Food Service Fund, averaging about \$600/month. Food expenditures at both King Cove and Sand Point are expected to stay within budget for the year. Teacher Housing: The budget report is broken out by site, in which Cold Bay shows \$32,700 in expenditures for the renovation work and other costs. The January General fund budget revision increased the teacher housing subsidy from \$20,000 to \$40,000 because of this, and there's also a \$34,400 fund balance to help with extra costs. King Cove housing is \$866 over budget from the purchase of a new Toyo stove for the principal's house, and Sand Point is over because a new furnace and fuel tank was purchased for the Superintendent's residence. Student Activities: Cross-country expenses were well under the \$25,000 budget, while \$34,528 was spent for volleyball; just short of the \$35,000 budget. A detailed budget for the basketball schedule shows costs expected to be close to the \$100,000 budget, with a balance remaining for State tournament travel. Hillary moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jacki second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Jacki-yes. Motion carries.

Shelley announced that during the workshop the Board suggested renewing the lease with APIA for Head Start in King Cove to be in the new school building.

Glen Gardner expressed his concerns regarding the high lead content in the water in the kindergarten room and would like to see something done about as soon as possible.

Shelley announced that the Board met with Bruce Johnson of AASB to review the superintendent applicants and they have narrowed the search down to three top candidates. She announced that the top candidates are Russell Clukey, Phil Knight and Ralph Crosslin. The interviews will be held in Sand Point on March 14th and 15th. The

Treasurer's Report

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Superintendent Search

community question and answer forum will be done by video conference, as it has been done in the past. Randy stated that he would send e-mails to principals regarding staff input on topics to build questions.

Carl Warner stated that King Cove Close-up has raised about \$8,200 and has about \$2,800 more to go. He said that Sand Point Close-up is over their target amount. Both groups are ready to go.

Justine Gundersen of Nelson Lagoon encouraged the District Administration to rely on the Board and community to assist in hiring the best teachers that we can possibly get. Glen concurred with Justine and stated that it is very important to listen to the community and said that we need to have the best of the best.

Shelley thanked both of them for their input.

The Board recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Hillary made a motion for Head Start to negotiate with Randy and Carl regarding the lease of the classroom in the new King Cove School. Jacki second. Roll call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Jacki-yes. Motion carries.

Randy stated that two of the recommended rehires for next year have resigned. The resignations were from the Akutan teachers. Hillary move to divide the employees into three groups for considering contract offers for next year, the groups would be certified contracts, administrative contracts and other contracts. Sherry second. Roll Call: Jacki-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Hillary move to approve contracts for the following certified staff:

Richard Breske, Jennifer Burr, Ingrid Cumberlidge, Carl Dirkers, Amy Eubank, Jason Fastenau, Kathleen Harper, Desiree Holt, Dale Houghtaling, Bruce Lee, Sara Lee, Heather Meinert, Luke Meinert, Annette Calver, Pamela Goodman, Andrew Larsen, Jaclynne Larsen, Lorelei Mack, Marck Mitchell, Russell Schmidt, Joel Scurr, Karen Yeager, Stephanie DeVault, Ty Devault, Ernest Mckay, and Kathryn McKay.

Shirley second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Jacki-yes. Motion carries.

Hillary move to discuss the two administrative contracts further before

Close-up

Public Comment

Recess

Head Start

FY08 Certified,
Administrative
& Other
Contracts

approval. Sherry second. Roll Call: Jacki-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Hillary move to approve other contracts to include Carl Warner, Bill Burr, Marlene Dushkin and Sophie Mack. Jacki second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Jacki-yes. Motion carries.

Business Manager, Carl Warner presented the first draft of the FY08 budget, which included four different scenarios. Carl explained the four scenarios to the Board. He stated that the expenses for each scenario are based upon this year. Shirley asked if the pool at Sand Point was going to be relined, she stated that it is a safety issue and needs to be dealt with soon. Carl stated that the 2nd draft of the FY08 budget will be on the May meeting agenda.

Hillary reported that she attended the legislative fly-in and chaperoned Leanna Bear of King Cove and Samantha McNeley of Nelson Lagoon. She said that they did an excellent job and was very impressed with them. She stated that they should be congratulated for the great job they did representing our District. Allen reported that he also attended the Legislative Fly-in in Juneau. He learned that every school is facing a short fall of funds and most are in worse shape than our district. He stated that he has confidence that the legislature will solve the problem. There is a big push from AASB to forward fund and they have over half of what they need to be able to forward fund. In talking with our students, he was surprised to learn that the District does not provide guidance counselors at all of our schools. He said that he was amazed with how limited we are and what we are able to provide students.

Shelley thanked Hillary and Allen for attending the fly-in and reporting back to the Board.

Superintendent, Randy Swenson stated that job fair time is upon us. So far we have signed up for the Alaska Job Fair and we are considering attending the Missoula Job Fair. The educator job fairs are becoming more and more competitive due to the lack of candidates attending. Randy stated that he would keep the board informed on job fairs.

King Cove Seniors attended the meeting and asked the Board's approval for their senior trip to Hawaii. Hillary move to approve the King Cove Senior trip to Hawaii provided they have the money to go. Jacki second. Roll Call: Jacki-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

FY08 Budget –
1st Draft

Legislative Fly-
in Report

Job Fairs

Out-of-State
Student Trips

King Cove Principal, Mary Lou Smart presented the requested calendar revision for King Cove. Randy recommended that the Board approve the request. Jacki move to approve the calendar revision for King Cove. Hillary second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Jacki-yes. Motion carries.

King Cove
Calendar
Revision
Request

Randy recommended approving the resignations included in the packet from: Joan Eddy, Robin Eddy, Don Zellner, Rob Treiber, Kristin Peterson-Candelaria, Norma Swanborough and Allan Swanborough. Hillary move to accept the resignations. Shirley second. Roll Call: Jacki-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Resignations

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2007 at 7 p.m., by video conference.

Date, Time &
Location of
Next Meeting

Hillary move to adjourn the meeting. Jacki second. Vote: all in favor. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Sophie Mack
Executive Secretary