

**Aleutians East Borough School District
 Regular Meeting of the School Board
 Monday, May 14, 2007 – 7 p.m.
 Meeting Held by Video Conference at Each School Site
 A Board Workshop was held at 1 p.m.**

Minutes

<p>The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson, Shelley Yatchmeneff.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>																											
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<p>Hillary move to approve the agenda adding Executive Session: Update on Teacher Negotiations to Old Business, Adding Resolution 07-02, and adding Nelson Lagoon to New Business item e. Nikki second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Jacki-yes, Nicole-yes, Dawn-yes. Motion carries.</p>	<p>Approval of Agenda</p>																											
<p>Hillary move to approve the minutes of March 15, 2007 and March 23, 2007, as presented. Shirley second. Roll Call: Dawn-yes, Nicole-yes, Jacki-yes, Sherry-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p>																											
<p>Randy Swenson, Superintendent, highlighted the correspondence. A letter was received from the State approving the calendar revision for King Cove. Bryce Edgmon's newsletter included a picture of Superintendent Swenson and Mayor Mack while they were in Juneau lobbying for small school funding. King Cove School included a list of honor roll students and students with perfect attendance. Randy congratulated those students who were on those lists.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p>																											
<p>Carl Warner, Business Manager, gave the following Treasurer's Report: There is currently a large deficit for student instructional travel, a budget revision will have to be done at the next meeting and we may need to increase this budget item for next year. You will see the final student activities budget at the next meeting. Sand Point is</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>																											

requesting a new liner for the Sand Point pool. A \$79,000 bid has been received for that with a warranty of 10-15 years. Right now the Sand Point Pool is at the bottom of the CIP list. Water test results for the Sand Point School are in. Five out of nine areas are good. The kindergarten room has improved, but is still well over the minimum for lead levels. This will have to be fixed over the summer. Hillary move to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Demetri second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Jacki-yes, Nikki-yes, Dawn-yes. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Superintendent, Randall Swenson, reported the following: The job fair in Anchorage went well and we brought a good mix of Board Members and Staff. We had very good luck in recruiting; we filled all but three positions at the Anchorage Job Fair. We did better than most school districts, and the team worked hard and they were very dedicated. Luke and I attended the Missoula Job Fair to fill the last three positions. We offered contracts to two English teachers, one for King Cove and one for Sand Point. We ended up signing one English teacher for Sand Point and we were very fortunate to get her. We still have two positions to fill at King Cove and interviews are set up for tomorrow afternoon. The District is currently in negotiations with the certified staff. We spent 2 ½ days at the table. Saul will debrief us later. We are just starting negotiations with the classified staff. The school funding regular sessions will be over on Wednesday. Bryce said that the education budget is the problem area and is usually the last item approved. Some issues weren't looking good and everything is still up for debate; unknown until final gavel falls. I have been keeping in touch with your new superintendent, Dr. Phil Knight, we are talking about once a week for two hours. He is asking the right questions and will be here June 29th, on the evening flight. Randy reported that Phil Knight has signed his contract. The teacher housing 4-plex in Sand Point is under way and ground has been broken. I have met with the contractor and he has stated that the completion date has changed from November to October, they have an aggressive schedule and they are going to finish early. I have been working with Bob Juettner on the King Cove School move details and the Borough may be picking up 2-3 days for the teachers before their contract starts to assist with moving. The district teacher inservice is also being held in King Cove so the administration is going to have to be sure everything is all in order. Graduation is upon us, I attended graduation at Cold Bay on Saturday, they had two students graduate and the ceremony was well put together, a lot of people showed up and it was a lot of fun being there. I plan on attending graduation in Sand Point on Thursday, King Cove on Friday and Nelson Lagoon on Saturday. I am looking forward to all

Consent Agenda Superintendent's Report

of the ceremonies. Shelley thanked Randy for his report.

Bill Burr, Technology Director, read his report included in the packet. Shelley wished Bill Burr lots of luck and thanked him for his years of service to the district.

Technology
Report

Bruce Lee, Activities Director, read his report included in the packet additions. He also went over the proposed AASA citizenship rules, also included in the packet additions. He explained that rules would not be implemented until 08-09 school year. Bruce highlighted some of the rules.

Activities Report

Hillary move to accept the consent agenda. Allen second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Sherry-yes, Jacki-yes, Nikki-yes. Motion carries.

Connie Newton, King Cove Girls Basketball Coach, stated that she is aware of the process of hiring new staff and that she may be replaced as the King Cove Girls Basketball coach. She is looking forward to coaching again next year and would like to know ASAP if the position is offered to someone else. Connie stated that she would like to be considered for the position.

Public
Comments on
Agenda and
Non-Agenda
Items

Carl Warner presented the FY08 Budget, 2nd draft to the Board. He explained that the final draft will be presented at the June Meeting once we know what the state funding will be. Carl presented 2 different scenarios to the Board and explained them. He stated that we are planning on carry-over of \$100,000. There has been an Impact Aid adjustment of an additional \$190,000. The retirement rates have been adjusted to 12.6% (this item is still an unknown). He explained that the staff salaries are dependent upon their education credits and that is not known at this time. We also have to consider the salary increases that may result from negotiations. We have planned for a 10% increase for health insurance and they are proposing an increase of 38%, that would be a \$140,000 increase. That could decrease the surplus in scenario 2. The pool liner would be an additional cost also. Hillary suggested asking the Borough to fund the pool liner. Shelley asked if the City of Sand Point would contribute to this cause. Shirley stated that Borough would be more appropriate to ask being that they own the school buildings. Randy stated that in replacing the liner at the pool, additional problems may be found at the pool. Shelley thanked Carl for his report.

FY08 Budget –
2nd Draft

Hillary move to go into executive session at 7:59 p.m. to talk to the District's Attorney, Saul Friedman via audio-conference regarding teacher negotiations. Jacki second. Vote: All in favor.

Executive
Session

Jacki move to come out of executive session. Shirley second. The board come out of executive session at 8:52 p.m. Vote: All in favor.

The Board took a five-minute recess and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Recess

Randy reported that between the last meeting and this meeting, False Pass held a community meeting regarding the False Pass School next school year. Randy stated that there was a lot of discussion. The community said that they would do what they could do to help get the enrollment up to 10 and the Borough stated that they might fund it if enrollment is not at 10. He reported that he and Stanley went to Juneau to lobby for small schools. SB178, regarding funding for small schools that fall below the 10 students, may or may not pass this year. Randy stated the Borough is meeting on May 29th, and will decide if they are providing funding for the False Pass School. The best scenario would be to get the enrollment at 10 or more students. Nikki stated that False Pass is having another community meeting on May 25th. She stated that she knows of 7 students that plan on attending school in False Pass next year.

False Pass
School

Hillary moved to award all 13 applicants a scholarship dividing the monies evenly among them. Nikki second. It was reported that the Board has \$12,000, to award and that would give each applicant \$923.00. Roll Call: Dawn-yes, Nikki-yes, Jacki-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Award
Scholarships

Bill Burr explained that the deadline for the Indian Ed application was May 3rd. A phone poll was done and the Board approved the 5-year plan for Indian Education funding, which is going to be used for distance education learning purposes. Bill explained that no action is needed at this time.

Indian Education
Five-Year Plan

Bill reported that he explained the laptop policies in the Board workshop. He reported that the policies would need to be signed by both parents and students. The policies explain safety responsibilities and rules, etc.

Laptop Policies

Bill explained that the school district will need to have policy on retention of emails. He stated that AASB does have one in their sample policies and if we are looking at going through the whole policy manual next year, AASB will know to cover this area. Bill stated that if the Board does not go through the entire policy manual the district will need to remember to adopt an e-mail retention policy.

E-mail Retention
Policies

Randy requested authority to purchase two school vehicles, one for Nelson Lagoon and one for Cold Bay. He stated that he is asking for \$30,000 for each vehicle. He explained that they are looking for vehicles with low-mileage, but aren't new. Randy stated that the district would only proceed if the board approved and the legislature came through with the best scenario for school funding. He stated that he questions the safety of the vehicles at those two sites right now. Nelson Lagoon would like a Toyota truck and Cold Bay is looking at a full-size crew cab, with eight-foot bed. Hillary move to approve the purchase of pick up trucks for Nelson Lagoon and Cold Bay following scenario 2 of the FY08 budget, not to exceed \$30,000 per vehicle. Nikki second. Discussion: Shirley stated that we need to be sure that there is enough room to transport students in the vehicles. Randy assured her that there was room. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Jacki-yes, Nikki-yes, Dawn-yes. Motion carries.

Pick-up Truck
for Cold Bay and
Nelson Lagoon

Superintendent, Randy Swenson read the following resignations and recommended that the Board accept each of them: Bill Burr, Jenni Burr, Kathleen Harper, Sharon Sherk, Paul Bregoli, Desiree Holt, Conrad Detering, Jason Fastenau and Mary Lou Smart. Shirley move to accept all resignations included in packet. Hillary second. Roll call: Dawn-yes, Nikki-yes, Jacki-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries. Randy thanked everyone for their service to the district and wished them the best of luck.

Resignations

Randy recommended that the following new hires be approved:

New Hires

Jeanne Perkins, Sand Point Principal
Gus Perkins, District Technology Coordinator
Douglas Gobin, Sand Point Science
Jerri Nyberg, Sand Point Elementary
Ralph Lindquist, King Cove Principal
Rebecca Lindquist, King Cove Math
Cynthia Caldwell-green, King Cove High School Special Ed
Terry McCoy, King Cove Vocational Education
James Rush, Nelson Lagoon Head Teacher
Ellen Rush, Nelson Lagoon Elementary Teacher
Arthur Woodard, Akutan Head Teacher
Dawn Woodard, Akutan Teacher

Hillary move to approve the new hires. Allen second. Roll Call: Shelley-yes, Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Allen-yes, Jacki-yes, Nikki-yes, Dawn-yes. Motion carries.

Randy explained that Aleutian Housing Authority has asked the Board if they would approve Resolution 07-02 supporting a 4-plex for teacher housing in King Cove. Viola with AHA has informed us that the grant is due June 28th. Hillary move to approve Resolution 07-02, supporting teacher housing in King Cove. Dawn second. Roll Call: Dawn-yes, Nikki-yes, Jacki-yes, Allen-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes, Shelley-yes. Motion carries.

Resolution 07-02

The Board requested the following items for the June meeting agenda: FY08 Budget, new hires, reapportionment, Athletic director, False Pass School, False Pass School Calendar, and executive session for teacher negotiations.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 1, 2007 at 7 p.m., by audio-conference at each site. The Board also requested a board workshop at 2:30 p.m.

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

Hillary move to adjourn the meeting. Demetri second. Vote: all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Sophie Mack
Executive Secretary