

Aleutians East Borough School District
Regular Meeting of the School Board
Monday, October 22, 2007 – 7 p.m.
The Board held a workshop at 2 p.m.
Meeting held by video/audio conference at Each School Site

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chairperson, Shelley Yatchmeneff.

Shirley Brown	Present
Demetri Tcheripanoff	Present
Hillary Smith	Present
Jacki Bendixen	Present (7:40 p.m.)
Brenda Wilson	Present
Nancy Dushkin	Present
Tiffany Jackson	Present (7:15 p.m.)

Phil Knight, Superintendent Present

Others in attendance at Sand Point: Allen Hill, Gus Perkins, Sophie Mack, Jeanne Perkins, Bruce Lee, Carl Dirkers, and Carl Warner.

Others in attendance at False Pass: Kathyrne Mckay, Ernest McKay, and John Cox

Others in attendance at King Cove: Ralph Lindquist and

Others in attendance at Cold Bay: Ty DeVault

Others in attendance at Nelson Lagoon: James and Christian Rush

Others in attendance at Akutan: Arthur and Dawn Woodard

Hillary moved to approve agenda adding BP 5150, Technology Acceptable Use for Students Purpose to Old Business “b”, and removing Old Business item “c”, BB 9110 Board Membership. Shirley seconded. Roll Call: Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Brenda-yes, Nancy-yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Phil Knight asked all of the Board Members to stand, raise their right hand and read the Oath of Office. The Members, Shirley Brown, Demetri Tcheripanoff, Hillary Smith, Brenda Wilson and Nancy Dushkin all read and signed the Oath of Office. Dr. Knight congratulated the new School Board. Shelley congratulated the new Board Members and stated that she has enjoyed her time as a School Board Member.

Call to Order

Roll Call &
Establishment of a
Quorum,
Introductions

Approval of
Agenda

Oath of Office

Chairperson Shelley passed the gavel over to Vice-Chair Shirley Brown. Everyone recognized Shelley for the fine job she has done on the Board and serving as the Chair.

The Board held a moment of silence for Raylene Johnson, a former graduate of Nelson Lagoon, who recently passed.

Hillary moved to table Board Members Draw Terms. Brenda second.

Hillary moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 2007 as presented. Brenda seconded. Roll Call: Nancy-yes, Brenda-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Phil Knight went over the following correspondence items included in the packet: an audit notice from the State of Alaska Department of Health & Social Services on the small sites student immunization records, An invitation from the North Slope Borough School District inviting us to join a caucus of small and rural school districts prior to the AASB conference to identify some mutual issues, a flyer sharing information on the Annual June Nelson Scholarship Fundraiser, AASB Board of Directors Nomination Form and instructions, Outstanding School Board Member Nominations Form, Outstanding School Board Nominations Form, AASB Calendar of Events, and ASC Minutes. Each principal gave a summary of their report included in the correspondence section.

Tiffany Jackson joined the meeting and Phil asked her to read and sign her Oath of Office. Everyone welcomed Tiffany to the School Board.

Superintendent Phil Knight congratulated Board Members whose terms were up, Allen Hill, Shelley Yatchmeneff, Sherry Chesley, Nicole Hoblet, and Dawn Lyons for their service on the Board of Education and presented each of them with a Plaque. Phil reported he has been meeting with Shirley Holloway and Tom Conway regarding our Math and Science programs and how Shell can assist our School District in these areas. He explained that Shell is interested in helping the School District in these areas because of their exploration and development in our area and they would like to see us “grow our own” in the oil field rather than bringing in knowledgeable people from outside. He reported that a meeting is scheduled for early November in Anchorage to discuss possibilities further and the Borough folks will also be attending.

The Technology/Testing Director, Gus Perkins, read his report included in the packet. Phil added that Gus has done a fine job on

Board Members
Draw Terms

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Minutes

District
Correspondence

Superintendent's
Report

Consent Agenda
Technology/Testing

the school district website. Shirley thanked Gus for his report.

Report

Activities Director, Bruce Lee, read his report that was included in the packet.

Activities Report

Carl Dirkers, Special Education Director gave a report to the Board explaining where the district stands with regards to State mandated reports, etc. He also introduced the AEBSD Sped team and reported on conferences he's attended.

Special Education Report

Shirley thanked everyone for their reports.

Christian Rush, representing Nelson Lagoon Student Council, reported that they have been successful in planning fundraisers and other activities in Nelson Lagoon and everyone seems happy.

Student Report

The Board thanked Christian for his report.

Business Manager Carl Warner went over the Treasurer's Report with the Board. He reported on the General Fund, Salary Contracts, Student Activity Travel, Student Funds & Close-Up, Food Service, Enrollment & Foundation revenue, and Budget Waiver. Discussion was held regarding the lunch programs at Sand Point and King Cove. Brenda asked for more hours for the King Cove cook. Carl stated that it is something he could look into. Brenda moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Hillary seconded. Roll Call: Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Jacki-yes, Brenda-yes, Nancy-yes, Tiffany-yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Jacki Bendixen joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Phil asked her to read and sign her Oath of Office. Everyone congratulated Jacki on being re-elected to the Board.

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

Superintendent Phil Knight presented the following as the Superintendent Goals for the 2007-2008 school year based on the District Goals:

Superintendent Goals

1. Strive to Increase Teacher Retention
2. Work Toward Establishing a District Vision
3. Work Cooperatively with Aleutians East Borough
4. Increase level of Communication Among School Sites
5. Update Board Policy Manual and Convert to Electronic Format
6. Work with Curriculum Committee to Update Curriculum
7. Increase District Staff Development Activities
8. Improve Functionality of District Website

9. Provide Additional PowerSchool Staff Training

Phil reported that the Sand Point Principal, Jeanne Perkins is serving as the Curriculum Director.

Phil recommended that the Board approve BP 4320, Technology Acceptable Use Policy For School Employees Purpose and BP 5150, Technology Acceptable Use Policy for Students Purpose. Phil stated that we need to keep the students safe when they are using the internet, technology, etc and it is important that we keep up with the law regulations and these policies will bring us up to date with current law. Hillary moved to approve the 2nd and final reading of 4320, Technology Acceptable Use Policy for School Employees Purpose. Brenda seconded. Roll Call: Tiffany-yes, Nancy-yes, Brenda-yes, Jacki-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes. Motion carried.

Tiffany moved to approve the 2nd and final reading of BP 5150, Technology Acceptable use Policy for Students Purpose. Hillary seconded. Roll Call: Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Jacki-yes, Brenda-yes, Nancy-yes, Tiffany-yes. Motion carried.

Phil gave some history on this agenda item for the new Board Members. He explained that at the last meeting, the Board requested some salary comparisons from around the State for principal positions and technology directors to help the Board make a decision on salary increase recommendations from the previous Superintendent, Randy Swenson. Phil went over the salary comparisons that were included in the packet. Hillary stated that we place right in the middle on the salary scale around the State; not too low and not too high and she said that she would like to consider the salary increase later in the year. Brenda Wilson stated that if we do not authorize the salary increase now then these positions will always be behind everyone else. She expressed that she is in favor of the salary increase recommendations. Tiffany stated that she agreed with Hillary and is satisfied with what we are paying these positions currently. Shirley pointed out that we have no history of salary increase because the principals, in the past, have not stuck around long enough. Phil recommended that the Board authorize the three salary increases. Brenda stated that if we are looking to retain these employees she also recommends that the Board give the salary increases. Jacki agreed with Brenda and Phil and stated that the Board should consider the Superintendent's recommendation. Brenda moved to approve the salary increases for Jeanne Perkins, Sand Point Principal, Ralph Lindquist, King Cove Principal and Gus Perkins, Director of Technology. Demetri seconded. Roll call: Nancy-yes, Demetri-yes, Tiffany-no, Hillary-no, Shirley-yes, Brenda-yes, Jacki-yes. Motion carried.

BP 4320 and BP 5150, 2nd and Final Reading

2007-2008 Salary Increase for Exempt Employees

Sophie reported that this years Association of Alaska School Boards Annual Conference is being held from November 8th though November 11th, at the Anchorage Hilton. Sophie asked Board Members if they were interested in attending and all expressed that they would like to attend. Brenda stated that she would be interested in running for the AASB Board of Directors. Hillary moved to nominate Brenda Wilson as a candidate for the AASB Board. Tiffany seconded. Roll Call: Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Jacki-yes, Brenda-Abstain, Nancy-yes, Tiffany-yes. Motion carried. The Board and Phil congratulated Brenda.

Association of
Alaska School
Boards Annual
Conference

Phil stated that the Borough is hosting Boardmanship training for both the Borough Assembly and School Board on December 3rd in Anchorage for those interested in attending. Most Members expressed they would like to attend. Phil stated that he would let the Board know more on the training once he received the information from the Borough.

Hillary moved to approve the following new hire: Kathleen Furlough, Sand Point Preschool Teacher, 25 hours/week, at \$16.87 per hour. Brenda seconded. Roll Call: Tiffany-yes, Nancy-yes, Brenda-yes, Jacki-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes. Motion carried.

New Hires

Phil reported that King Cove elementary teacher, Russull Schmidt has elected to retire next school year and is requesting the Early Retirement Incentive Bonus of three \$5,000 per year for three years. Brenda moved to accept the resignation from Russell Schmidt. Tiffany seconded. Roll Call: Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Jacki-yes, Brenda-yes, Nancy-yes, Tiffany-yes. Motion carried. Brenda expressed much thanks for Russell's hard work as an elementary teacher over the past years.

Resignations

The Board Members were given copies of the student Essay entries for the Student Essay contest to see which two students from the district will attend the Youth Leadership Institute. Six essays were submitted District-wide. The Board voted on their top two essays and selected essay #2 and essay #6. The #2 essay author was identified as Marisa Mack of King Cove and the #6 essay author was identified as Raven Samuelson of King Cove. They will both attend the Youth Leadership Institute with a chaperone identified by the King Cove Principal, Ralph Lindquist.

Youth Leadership
Essay Contest

Phil explained that Nelson Lagoon has submitted a calendar revision request for this school year. He said that normally he discourages revisions mid-year, but compromised with James, Head Teacher at Nelson Lagoon. Phil recommended approving the request. Hillary moved to approve the calendar revision request from Nelson Lagoon. Tiffany seconded. Roll Call: Shirley-yes,

Nelson Lagoon
Calendar Revision
Request

Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Jacki-yes, Brenda-yes, Nancy-yes, Tiffany-yes. Motion carried.

Phil explained that some of the Indian Policies and Procedures are in relation to the Impact Aid application process and he stated that he would like to simplify some of the procedures for Impact Aid following guidelines from the US Department of Education, while keeping much of the other Indian Policies in tact. Discussion was held regarding the history of the Indian Policies and Procedures. Hillary moved to direct Phil to revise the Indian Policies and Procedures following the US Department of Education's guidelines and bring back to the Board for approval. Jacki seconded. Roll Call: Tiffany-yes, Nancy-yes, Brenda-yes, Jacki-yes, Hillary-yes, Demetri-yes, Shirley-yes. Motion carried.

Phil went over the bids submitted for the King Cove Copier replacement that were included in the meeting packet. He recommended that the Board approve the low bid from Office Tech for a Xerox 7655 in the amount of \$20,650. Brenda moved to approve the bid from Office Tech in the amount of \$20,650 for a new copier for King Cove. Hillary seconded. Roll Call: Shirley-yes, Demetri-yes, Hillary-yes, Jacki-yes, Brenda-yes, Nancy-yes, Tiffany-yes. Motion carried.

The Board requested the following item for the November Board agenda: Draw Terms, Election of Officers, Indian Policies and Procedures, Meeting Calendar, Auditor's Report, Elementary Position, AASG Student Reports, and Student Council Reports.

Phil announced that the next meeting is scheduled for November 7th at 7 p.m., at the Anchorage Hilton with a workshop beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Hillary moved to adjourn the meeting. Tiffany seconded. Vote: unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sophie Mack
Executive Secretary

Indian Policies and
Procedures

King Cove Copier

Agenda Items for
Next Meeting

Date, Time &
Location of Next
Meeting

Adjournment

