

Unofficial Minutes

**Kuspuk School District REAA #5
October 11, 2016 Board of Education Meeting
Bob R. McHenry District Office, Aniak, AK**

Call to Order: Vice President Bonnie Persson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Bonnie Persson, present
David Dorris, present
Phyllis Evan, present
Wayne Morgan, present via phone

Harvey Hoffman, present
Eleanor Sanbei, absent
Taylor Hayden, present
Justin Ward, Student Rep, present

A quorum was present. Also present: Erich Kuball, Interim Superintendent; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; Steven Porter, Upriver Principal; Dr. David Hamilton, Aniak Principal; Severin Gardner, Kalskag Principal; Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director; Larry Cobb, Curriculum Director; Shari Cobb, Coordinator of Instructional Support; Emily Vanderpool taking notes in the absence of Teacher Rep Julia Fischer; and Edith Morgan, recording secretary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

10:03am – 10:08 There was a 5 min break due to technical difficulties with Wayne Morgan’s distance connection.

Approval Of The Agenda

Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to approve the October 11, 2016 agenda. Seconded by David Dorris. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2016 Special Meeting & September 13, 2016 Regular Meeting

David Dorris made a **Motion** to accept the minutes of September 12, 2016, Special Meeting and the minutes of September 13, 2016, Regular Meeting, seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Board President Report - Wayne Morgan

President Morgan welcomed Erich Kuball; Vice President Persson added condolences to the family and parish members of recently deceased Father Nelson Marilag.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda/Non-Agenda Items No public comments.

Superintendent’s Report – Erich

Mr. Kuball reported enrollment is at 342; recruitment is ongoing for a second teacher for Stony River; as of yet there is no state mandated testing for this year, however the ACT and work keys test are being offered to seniors; each site will have the October in-service at their site and by VTC instead of doing a district-wide in-service in Aniak; Companies are bidding on a PCB cleanup next summer at the Joe Parent Center; and more security cameras are to be installed at various places around the district. The student coordinator duties have been farmed out and Larry Cobb has taken on a lot of those duties. Tentative dates have been picked for graduations at Sleetmute on May 13, Kalskag on May 19, and Aniak on May 20. Discussion followed on the differences between the SAT and ACT. President Morgan added the superintendent search is ongoing through AASB and that negotiations with MKEA will be an ongoing process this year.

Finance Report – Martha Morgan

Martha reviewed the revenues and expenses as of October 3, 2016. The audit should be ready for presentation at the November board meeting. Discussion followed on contract services.

Maintenance & Operations – Jeromy Hoeldt

Mr. Hoeldt said his report is in the packet and they are making progress on their projects. Discussion followed on the effect of power fluctuations at the Aniak schools, Mr. Hoeldt is working with Aniak Light and Power to find a

solution to remedy the problems; the district has incurred about \$12,000.00 in damages to the freezer, circulating pumps and the well at the high school.

Principal Reports

Dr. David Hamilton, Aniak Principal reported on student attendance; enrollment; sub recruitment; the natural helpers program; efforts to increase interaction with community and parents through positive phone calls and parent conferences; the SAC election; Awards Day; volleyball/basketball nights; and plans for an adult beading club.

Mr. Severin Gardner, Kalskag Principal reported they had a very positive start to the new year, except for one teacher there was no staff turnover; Isaac Evan of GMSHS qualified for state in cross country running along with Braden Dallmann of AJSHS; JOGES and ZLES went on berry picking trips; afterschool tutoring sessions has begun; the new playground is a hit with the kids; volleyball and wrestling are in full swing; Mr. Gardner reported on new ASAA rules for reclassification of small schools. Discussion followed on regional changes to take place in the next two years and the status of the Kalskag SAC; GMSHS Sports Schedule posters; and sports physicals.

Mr. Steven Porter, Up River Principal reported on upriver schools enrollment; with the return of the school plane he will have more opportunities to visit all upriver sites; he reported the leadership meeting was successful and productive in taking care of issues and addressing staff concerns with the transition to the Carnegie system.

11:00am Wayne Morgan asked to be excused from the meeting, he welcomed Mr. Kuball to his first meeting as superintendent and thanked Larry Cobb for taking on a lot of the Coordinator of Student Services responsibilities.

Technology Report – Daniel Hall

Daniel Hall reported the e-rate audit is going well he and the Superintendent meet weekly with KP&MG auditors. He and Mike Roth are working to install surveillance cameras at various sites across the district. The district received notification that an Alaska School Broadband Grant was awarded in the amount of \$408,410.12 to supplement internet connections and the bandwidth has been activated at Kalskag, Chuathbaluk and Aniak. Discussion followed on how the internet and how it is working out.

Curriculum & Instruction – Larry Cobb

Mr. Cobb reported on the grants for school improvement plans, the 5-year LTW2 grant for supplemental programs and materials has run out; After school tutoring is in progress with left over funds at three schools; the majority of curriculum materials have been delivered to all schools with a few items still in shipment.

Coordinator of Instructional Support – Shari Cobb

Shari Cobb reported on the FAMILY grant status; the CRESEL (Culturally Responsive and Social/Emotional Learning) Grant, a 3-year grant to address culturally responsive social emotional learning needs for K-12 students, the CRESEL leadership team training session will take place October 18-19 with 2 trainers from AASB; she gave updates on WIDA, ACCESS, ELL assessments; State Mandated Standardized Testing; Renaissance Learning Program; the Response to Intervention, a new implementation, that the District is looking at for this year; and Data/Interventions; she said if teachers need her for instructional mentoring she is available.

Student Representative – Justin Ward

Justin Ward reported on AJSHS student council elections, volleyball and wrestling, Braden Dallmann went to state for cross country; GMSHS Student Council held their elections, Isaac Evan also went to State for cross country, and they've started volleyball; Sleetmute had a picnic at the park, ice cream social, game night and movie night, they made pickles from their greenhouse and Honey Andreanoff and Desirae Morgan traveled to Kalskag for the Rip the Ridge. Crooked Creek had their student council elections and are ordering items for their student store. He had no reports from Chuathbaluk or Stony River.

Teacher Representative – Julia Fischer

Julia Fischer was unable to attend, her report was in the packet and Emily Vanderpool informed the board she was there as a sub taking notes so their union could communicate with the board and she'd try to answer any questions. Discussion followed on teacher requests for training with the power school grading process.

Board Member Report(s)

Taylor Hayden reported he has been interacting with the Sleetmute village council regarding the drop in their enrollment they've lost half of their student body for other reasons than graduation within two years. He is trying to see what the village, school and district can do together to address this issue. He said 4 students might return to Sleetmute, however this may not happen until after the count is done.

Student Handbook

Erich Kuball said the student handbook mark ups show recent revisions and updates and some clarifications on the eligibility section. Discussion followed on ASAA's new rules that 2.5 credits per semester in addition to a 2.0 are required to be eligible to play and the advantages of having eligibility periods every 4.5 weeks and the simple disciplinary policy. Mr. Kuball said he would work with Mr. Gardner to wordsmith the eligibility piece before they distribute the new handbook.

School Climate & Connectedness Survey Results

Mr. Kuball said AASB is asking if the board would like to have the School Climate & Connectedness Survey results presentation at the November board meeting in Anchorage or if they'd like to schedule it for another time. Discussion followed. The board directed Mr. Kuball to see if AASB could do the presentation in December.

Job Description Drafts

The board reviewed the amended job descriptions that were introduced in August and requested a comparison showing the revisions that were made from the original documents.

Board Recognition Awards

Mr. Kuball read board recognition awards into the record for cooks: Helen Gregory, Loreen Steeves, Diana Samuelson, Erica Kameroff, Helen Alexie, Sharon Phillips, Agrafenina Golden, and Agnes Sanford; and for custodians: James Gregory Sr., Barbara Askoak, Travis Owens Sr., Floyd Hamrick Jr., Timothy Zaukar, Sinka Crane Jr., and Aggie Waskey. Jimmy McKenzie was nominated for quickly taking care of the replacement and installation of a new system for the walk-in freezer before everything thawed. Ken Smith was nominated for fixing pipes that burst and resetting the AJSHS well during a weekend basketball tournament.

AASB 2016 Annual Conference

Mr. Kuball gave an update on the arrangements being made for the trip and that the November 9th board meeting would be held at The Kuskokwim Corporation conference room. Discussion followed on who would be attending the meeting and conference and giving notification to the auditors of the time and date of the meeting.

Time & Place Of Next Meeting *Wednesday November 9, 2016, 9:00am at The Kuskokwim Corporation Board Room - 4300 B St. #207 Anchorage, AK*

David Dorris made a **Motion** to have the next meeting in Anchorage on Wednesday November 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the TKC conference room. Seconded by Harvey Hoffman, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Samuel Overton arrived and Mr. Kuball presented the board certificate of recognition to him.

Adjournment

Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Dorris. The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Taylor Hayden, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary