

Unofficial Minutes

Kuspuk School District REAA #5 December 19, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Bob R. McHenry District Office, Aniak, AK

Call to Order: President Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. President Morgan recalled the recent deaths of students Bernard Nayamin/ZLES and Katy Wooten/GMSHS and requested a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Bonnie Persson, absent, excused

Dwayne Hoffman, present/GMSHS

Phyllis Evan, present *joined 10:30am*/GMSHS

Wayne Morgan, present/DO

Harvey Hoffman, present/DO

Eleanor Sanbei, present/DO

Taylor Hayden, present/JESS

Carl Morgan, Student Rep/AJSHS, present/DO

Julia Heckman, Student Rep/GMSHS, present/GMSHS

A quorum was present. Those also present: at the District Office: Bernard Grieve, Superintendent; Erich Henry Kuball, Assistant Superintendent; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; Todd Boynton, Aniak Schools Principal; Steven Porter, Upriver Schools Principal; Emily Vanderpool, Curriculum Director; Jodi Darling, MKEA Teacher Rep; and Edith Morgan, recording secretary. Severin Gardner, Kalskag Principal was also present at GMSHS.

Approval Of The Agenda: Taylor Hayden made a Motion to approve the December 19, 2017 agenda. Seconded by Harvey Hoffman. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Taylor Hayden made a Motion to accept the minutes of November 9, 2017, Regular Meeting, seconded by Eleanor Sanbei, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Board President Report - Wayne Morgan

During his opening remarks President Morgan wished everyone a merry Christmas and safe travels. He extended condolences to the family of Henry Kelila, long time elder of Aniak.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda/Non-Agenda Items – No public comments at each VTC site.

Approval of FY18 New Hire Contracts: Rose Dehne – gr. K-12 GMS/Stony River, Kristina Moro Gr. 4 ZLES /Kalskag and Carol Sievers Gr. 4, AMNES/Aniak. Dwayne Hoffman made a Motion to approve the FY18 Contracts for Rose Dehne, Kristina Moro, and Carol Sievers. During discussion the principals gave some background on each candidate. Seconded by Taylor Hayden. All were in favor and the motion carried.

President Morgan extended condolences to the family of Chris Gregory of Sleetmute on behalf of the board.

Superintendent's Report – Bernard Grieve

Mr. Grieve had a few additions to his report and that was to add Carol Sievers name to the list of new hires and the fact that he has now completed the RFP for the AMNES construction with timelines and will send it to the board for their review and will share cultural construction ideas he noted during a visit to Craig and suggested starting a 2nd story to complete later for possible further expansion. Mr. Grieve spoke with Representative Zach Fansler who expressed interest in meeting with KSD, especially the students in Juneau and requested student videos on what is needed in their villages.

Finance Report – Martha Morgan

Martha Morgan's report was in the board packet with budget expenses and revenues as of December 8, 2017. She spoke about the expenditures and revenue and said the audit was finalized the day before and that she has forwarded a copy to the State. She said hard copies of the audit should arrive in a couple weeks.

10:30am Phyllis Evan joined the meeting.

Maintenance & Operations – Jeromy Hoeldt

Mr. Hoeldt's written report was in the board packet.

Principal Reports

Severin Gardner, Kalskag Principal reported it was a rough month for Kalskag with 2 students passing. He reported on basketball, wrestling, volleyball and the ASAA Region 1 meeting he attended.

Steve Porter, Upriver Principal reported a lack of teachers has been a big issue, Cee Lewars has transferred to Crow Village Sam School and Rose Dehne has been hired for Stony River. Crooked Creek is down to 1 teacher and Everett Slicker a new hire approved by the board in October has expressed interest in the position. Christmas programs are being held and Jasmine Williams has coordinated with the Toys for Tots program for all of the upriver villages. Discussion was held on the Crooked Creek vacancy and to follow the usual interview and selection process for it.

Todd Boynton, Aniak Schools Principal reported they had a successful AMNES/AJSHS Veterans Day assembly with large donations of food from the AC Co. AMNES took advantage of a Sea Life Center program to dissect squid; they hosted a Turkey Shoot Out Basketball event; a 4th grade teacher has been hired. AJSHS Attendance Incentives have doubled attendance; he congratulated the volleyball team for making it to State, and Wrestlers Justin Ward for his 2nd place finish at State and Andrew Wilson for a 5th place finish at State. Basketball is in full swing and the Christmas program will be held at AJSHS that evening.

Student Services/Assistant Superintendent Report

Erich Kuball reported on EXCEL activities for the last few months that included heavy equipment in Palmer, EXCEL 9 in Anchorage, and an AVTEC session. Justin Ward presented with Erich and Christina Wilson at the CTE conference in Anchorage. The final count for FY18 is 355 and the budget was based on 345. The increase of student population was in Kalskag and upriver. An Excel 12 was just completed the week before and he will have a report at the next meeting. Discussion followed on the number of years the KSD board has been in support of the partnership with EXCEL and sending students to their program. President Morgan expressed concern about the lack of support by teachers for students who attend EXCEL and return to their school being 2 weeks behind in their classes. Mr. Kuball said the new Indian Ed Grant will provide each site with a Career & College Readiness teacher which will help with kids being able to be successful in class and to participate in EXCEL. Discussion also followed on concerns regarding deadlines for turning in homework for end of quarter grades.

Curriculum Director Report

Emily Vanderpool reported on her first semester travels to the sites and her plans for second semester visits; inservice will include a K-12 Wood Bison curriculum that is relevant to our region, an Alaska Child and Family presentation will be offered on things that can be done to better serve FASD students, and as part of the Alaska Safe Children's Act a 7-9th graders healthy relationships, dating violence curriculum will be offered and for the 10-12th grade there is Healthy Relationships Plus. The 1003a grant was funded and the money is to be spent on the focus schools Joseph Olinga Gregory Elementary, George Morgan Sr. HS, and Crow Village Sam School. The curriculum adoption committee has narrowed the programs down to five and will meet again in January and she hopes to have something to present to the board in April. She gave a Battle of the Books update.

Federal Programs & Grants Report

A written report on RLIS-SQA (Rural and Low-Income School Specially Qualified Agencies) was in the board packet for their review.

MKEA Teacher Representative Report

Jodi Darling reported the MKEA Bargaining team went to Anchorage for a training conference. ZLES is doing great with wrestling and skiing; the Upriver Science Fair went well, the AMNES students worked on Alaska Sea Life Center projects and the Christmas Program is tonight.

Student Rep Carl Morgan/AJSHS and Julia Heckman/GMSHS

Julia Heckman reported JOGES is studying holiday traditions and art; GMSHS will have white elephant games tomorrow; the JESS students are fundraising for their school trip; and Basketball is going good so far. Carl Morgan reported Justin Ward and Andrew Wilson went to the State Wrestling Championships Justin Ward placed 2nd at state and Andrew Wilson placed 5th. The Aniak Girls basketball team did well at the Grace Christian tournament and the Aniak Jr. Sr. High School had a Christmas ball.

Board Member Report(s)

Phyllis Evan said the Village of Lower Kalskag is still waiting for a playground award letter from the Rasmuson Foundation on their grant application. Harvey Hoffman and Wayne Morgan invited everyone to the Aniak Traditional Council Holiday Luncheon on the 22nd.

Policy Review Committee: Second Reading: E 6174.1 Indian Policies & Procedures

Discussion was held on the required changes to the exhibit Indian Policies & Procedures. Taylor Hayden made a Motion to approve E 6174.1 Indian Policies & Procedures. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Board Recognition Awards

Nominations: **Barbara Askoak** for her participation in cultural activities, teaching NYO, and for keeping our learning and working environment clean and comfortable during 2.5 years as custodian at Zackar Levi Elementary School and George Morgan Sr. High School. **Debra Williams** for doing an outstanding job in the classroom helping out during a teacher shortage at the Zackar Levi Elementary School. **Justin Ward** on a grand finale to your high school wrestling career making Kuspuk proud by winning 2nd place at the 2017 Wrestling State Championships in Anchorage. Todd Boynton and Steve Porter will submit names for recognition also.

Approval of Scholarship Awards in amount of \$500.00 for: *Mae Hetherington, Alumni GMSHS Class of 2007; Shaun Morgan, Alumni GMSHS Class of 2016; Brenda Pacarro, Alumni AJSHS Class of 1995; Austin Sjong, Alumni AJSHS Class of 2014* Harvey Hoffman made a Motion to approve the Scholarship Awards as listed. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, Roll Call Vote 6 yes, 1 Absent, the motion carried.

Time & Place of Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting – Will be at the call of the Chair for January

11:42am Adjournment Eleanor Sanbei made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Harvey Hoffman.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Harvey Hoffman, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary