

## Unofficial Minutes

### Kuspuk School District REAA #5 June 11, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Bob R. McHenry District Office, Aniak, AK

**Call to Order:** Harvey Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer called the meeting to order at 10:09a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:** Teresa Simeon-Hunter, present                      Wayne Morgan, joined 11:00am                      Taylor Hayden, present via phone  
Dwayne Hoffman, present                      Harvey Hoffman, present  
Phyllis Evan, present                      Eleanor Sanbei, joined 11:35am

A quorum was present. Also present: Bernard Grieve, Superintendent via phone; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director; Emily Vanderpool, Curriculum Director; Erich Kuball, Assistant Supt/Student Services; Community Members: Sue Hoeldt and Nathan Underwood; and Edith Morgan, recording secretary.

**Approval Of The Agenda with addition:** Approval of General Contractor. Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to approve the June 11, 2019 agenda. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman. Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to amend the motion to add approval of the general contractor selected for the AMNES Construction. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman. All were in favor of the agenda as amended, the motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** May 7, 2019, Regular Meeting  
Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to accept the minutes of May 7, 2019, Regular Meeting, seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

#### **Board President Report – Taylor Hayden**

President Hayden thanked Harvey Hoffman for chairing the meeting as he was in North Carolina. He commented on the Legislative Special Session coming to a close without a budget to finance education. President Hayden expressed condolences on behalf of the board to the families of recently deceased Sophie Peters of Crooked Creek and Genevieve Williams of Kalskag.

#### **Public Comments Regarding Agenda and Non-Agenda Items**

Harvey Hoffman read the rules for speakers. Susan Hoeldt of Aniak expressed concerns that the agendas are continually missing student performance and action items to address it. Our kids scores are low and continue to be low, smart kids are leaving, the Performance Evaluation for Alaska School Scores show most of our 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders are below proficient and far below proficient. Out of 21 kids 18 are below proficient they are moved to the next grade without plans as to how to get them to proficient. As an active parent she used IEP's with her kids to plan how to move forward, she has never seen a Kuspuk plan that states how we're going to get kids from a 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading level to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level, she asked when these actions would take place. She commented on high school staffing with a combined ELA/Social Studies position and asked how they expect one teacher to get our kids at these levels to where they need to be so they can be successful when they leave. Kuspuk graduates come to the clinic to take a TABE test that they have to pass at a 9<sup>th</sup> grade level to become a beginning level health aide and Kuspuk kids are not passing, this is an alarming statistic. She asked the board to look at staffing for next year, knowing what kids have to do combining positions is not the right thing to do. Teachers need to get kids from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade level and to 12<sup>th</sup> grade levels. She urged the board to make careful decisions that help students to graduate at a 12<sup>th</sup> grade level.

**Approval of FY20 Contract(s):** FY20 Contract Offerings: *Mrs. Janie Escobar, Gr.1, JOGES*  
Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to approve the FY20 Contract Offer for Mrs. Janie Escobar. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

#### **Superintendent – Bernard Grieve**

Mr. Grieve had additions to his report. He was notified that the one time funding of 20 million would be released June 13<sup>th</sup>, which is \$110,258.00 for Kuspuk. He had pictures of the 3-bedroom, 1,456 sq. ft. Send North house action item. Under school construction the high school siding replacement is estimated at \$526,843.00 for materials and labor if they decide to do that once construction has started. Discussion followed on the possibility of a July 15 school funding freeze, contacting legislators with concerns, and making plans if funding doesn't go through.

### **Finance – Martha Morgan**

Martha Morgan reported on revenue and expenses as of June 9, 2019 and said she was notified by EED that Kuspuk would receive \$110,000 from the one time funding for this school year that was not included in her report.

### **Maintenance – Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director**

Jeromy Hoeldt said he has received the fuel quotes, had an update on the playground, and was busy working with the EPA, DEC and Coast Guard. They finished up teacher housing in Kalskag and have moved on to the Crooked Creek School and teacher housing. He is waiting on the budget to do an upgrade on the Stony River heating system. Discussion followed on the outcomes of the DEC and Coast Guard visit, Jeromy stated the system functions are in proper order just the paperwork needs to be updated to 2019, which he is in the process of doing. He gave an update on the Kalskag playground saying someone will come out to make sure it is installed correctly.

### **Board Member Reports**

Teresa Hunter reported a skin tanning session would be held in Chuathbaluk through the NYCP (Native Youth Community Projects) funds from EXCEL. Phyllis Evan invited everyone to the upcoming Orthodox Conference to be held the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> in Kalskag. Dwayne Hoffman said they should focus more on how to address the low test scores and he appreciated hearing those concerns during public comments.

### **Board Recognition Awards**

Edith Morgan read the Board Recognition Award for Jena Boelens into the record and the Sharing the Bill Morgan Spirit Award for Mr. Dennis Thomas. Nominations: Jenilee Levi “BB Gal” a first grade student of Lower Kalskag for bravery, listening skills, and her heroic action that saved her Amou’s life.

### **Approval of FY20 Budget Projection** *(345 count, without Student Services Position & 3 NH Teachers)*

Martha reviewed the revenue and expenses of the projected FY20 budget. Discussion followed on the possibility of using AVCP services if the Student Services position is not filled and that the FY20 budget will need to be revised to reinstate positions once the State budget is resolved. Martha gave an update on fuel quotes from Vitas and Crowley. Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to approve the FY20 Budget Projection. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman, Discussion followed on the Student Services position and fuel quotes, all were in favor and the motion carried.

### **Approval of SERRC Services Contract FY20**

Mr. Grieve reviewed the SERRC Services Contract and recommended approval. Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to approve the FY20 SERRC Services Contract for \$11,405.00. Seconded by Taylor Hayden, all were in favor and the motion carried.

**11:00am** Wayne Morgan joined the meeting by phone.

### **Approval of Contract Services for GSD PowerSchool Support - \$14,500**

Mr. Grieve stated this gives us easier access to a PowerSchool Support person and the largest part of the cost is for the Oasis Report that needs to be done accurately and in a timely manner because it determines KSD State funding. Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to approve the Contract Services for GSD Power School Support - \$14,500.00. Seconded by Wayne Morgan, Discussion followed, all were in favor and the motion carried.

### **Approve Purchase Of Social Studies Curriculum (2 Years) \$8,968.08**

Emily Vanderpool said funds for this purchase are in the 2019 curriculum budget. Staff surveys and input shows there are a lot of holes in the social studies curriculum. When the social studies curriculum was adopted in 2013 the leveling system was still in effect and curriculum was ordered in grade bands, so material was shared by several grades combined based on their level and not their actual grade. After switching back to Carnegie Units there are not enough materials for all grades and there is no US History for junior high. Since the Social Studies adoption won’t happen for another 2 years the social studies committee recommend purchasing books for 5<sup>th</sup> grade US History and 7<sup>th</sup> grade My World History. She recommended buying enough books to last 2 years until the Social Studies Adoption is done again. Discussion followed on homework and the lack of reference materials available to bring home on what students learned in school that day. Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to approve the purchase of 2 years of social studies curriculum as presented in the amount of \$8,968.08. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

**11:15am** Teresa Hunter left the meeting to catch the Anchorage flight.

### **Reaffirm Poll Vote taken on May 30 to approve Resolution 19-01**

Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 19-01 to reaffirm the poll vote taken on May 30. Seconded by Phyllis Evan. Discussion followed on DEED's request for a letter of interest from any entity interested in taking title to any portion of AMNES in addition to the resolution and setting up a meeting with those entities. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### **CIP Update Fund 515**

Martha Morgan reviewed the CIP budget saying the summer maintenance projects is over by \$13,848.00 and the District Aircraft 207 is over by 21,953.00 she asked for the board for approval to keep those amounts in the CIP budget. Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the CIP FY19 balance with the additional amounts. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor and the motion carried. Martha said their approval makes the available balance in CIP is 1,809,866 and she would put a revised sheet on the website.

**11:35am** Eleanor Sanbei joined the meeting.

### **\$300,000 Match For School Construction Out of CIP Funds**

Mr. Grieve said if the board agrees to match the State's \$300,000.00 the \$600,000 would go towards some of the costs of renovating the high school. Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to approve a \$300,000 Match for School Construction from CIP funds. Seconded by Phyllis Evan. Discussion followed on the possibility of requesting the 1.7m demolition cost be used for school construction if another entity takes title of AMNES. Roll Call Vote: Teresa Hunter – Absent; Dwayne Hoffman – Yes; Phyllis Evan – Yes; Wayne Morgan – Yes; Harvey Hoffman – Yes; Eleanor Sanbei -Yes; Taylor Hayden -Yes. The motion passed.

### **Send North House Purchase**

Taylor Hayden declared a conflict of interest stating he is employed by Send North and would abstain from voting. Mr. Grieve said the seller is firm on \$190,000 and has another offer in place. Discussion followed. Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to approve the Send North House Purchase in the amount of \$190,000 from CIP funds. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman. Roll Call Vote: Teresa Hunter – Absent; Dwayne Hoffman – Yes; Phyllis Evan – Yes; Wayne Morgan – Yes; Harvey Hoffman – Yes; Eleanor Sanbei -No; Taylor Hayden -Abstain. The motion passed.

### **AJSHS Siding Replacement**

Mr. Grieve had a quote from John Wier to replace the siding on the high school. If they decide to do so the materials would be 227,925, labor 131,312 with a total of 526,843. At this time this is a rough estimate, for board information only, a decision is not needed today.

### **Approval of the Selection of ASRC SKW Eskimos Inc. for the AMNES Construction Manager/General Contractor Services Contract**

Mr. Grieve and Harvey Hoffman reviewed the selection process. Discussion followed. Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to authorize Superintendent Bernie Grieve to execute a construction contract on behalf of the Kuspuk School District for the construction of the Auntie Mary Nicoli School with the firm of ASRC SKW Eskimos Inc. in the amount of \$15,040,000.00. Seconded by Taylor Hayden. Roll Call Vote: Teresa Hunter - Absent; Dwayne Hoffman – Yes; Phyllis Evan – Yes; Wayne Morgan – Yes; Harvey Hoffman – Yes; Eleanor Sanbei -Yes; Taylor Hayden -Yes. The motion passed.

**12:35pm** Wayne Morgan was excused from the meeting.

### **General Communications:**

- a. St. of AK Div. of Elections letter: Oct. 1, 2019 School Board Election & REAA #5 AMENDED Order & Notice of Election and Declaration of Candidacy Form
- b. Letters of Notification to Desirae Morgan & Mika Levi regarding Student Rep Election Results

**Time & Place of Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting** – Tues. August 13, 2019, 10:00am, in person at DO Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to have the next regular board meeting in person at Aniak Tues. August 13, 2019, at 10am, Seconded by Eleanor Sanbei. All were in favor the motion carried.

**Adjournment 12:35pm** Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Taylor Hayden.

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Harvey Hoffman, Clerk Treasurer

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Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary