

## Unofficial Minutes

### Kuspuk School District REAA #5 August 18, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Bob R. McHenry District Office, Aniak, AK

**Call to Order:** President Wayne Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and called for a moment of silence for the losses during the last few months. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **Roll Call:**

Bonnie Persson, present

Dave Dorris, absent, excused

Phyllis Evan, present

Wayne Morgan, present

Harvey Hoffman, present

Eleanor Sanbei, present

Taylor Hayden, present

A quorum was present. Also present: Sue Johnson, Superintendent; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; and Edith Morgan, recording secretary.

**Approval of the Agenda Additions/Changes:** Move the executive session to the end of the agenda.

Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to approve the August 18, 2016 agenda as amended. Seconded by Phyllis Evan. All were in favor and the motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes: June 1, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Bonnie Persson made a **Motion** to accept the minutes of June 1, 2016, Regular Meeting, seconded by Harvey Hoffman, all were in favor, the motion carried.

#### **Board President Report - Wayne Morgan**

President Morgan read condolences on behalf of the board for families of Michelle Bobby of Crooked Creek; Helen Alexie West of Chuathbaluk/Slana; Carrie Conrad of Aniak; Harry Allain Sr. of Aniak; Caroline Kvamme of Aniak; Patty Hoffman of Aniak; Annie Lou Williams of Kalskag; Baby Jace Isaac Evan of Kalskag; and Katherine Alexie of Kalskag; and Mechelle Manning, sister of David Dorris who is on the east coast attending the funeral. President Morgan welcomed everyone back to school and said discussions would focus on the conversion to Carnegie; distance learning; and enrollment. They will meet with new hires and returning staff at the inservice during lunch.

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

#### **Superintendent's Report – Sue Johnson**

Ms. Johnson reported on the Lower Kalskag water and sewer lines project; the updated staffing list; organizational chart, as well as job descriptions for DO staff; additional items not included in her report was a request for an additional para-pro for Stony River and that the position was posted; she added Kuspuk has been allotted 8 days of State System of Support coaching to work with staff in the areas of school instruction and school improvement, etc. The State will pick up all costs for this person. Discussion followed on teacher coaching and mentoring programs. She reported Kuspuk would receive a Broadband Assistance Grant funding to provide internet services throughout the district, the exact amount is not known at this time. She reported on Maintenance work in Sleetmute, Crooked Creek, and Aniak; including water pump issues at AJSHS; and teacher housing in Kalskag. In-service focused on Carnegie; Standards; Instruction; and Response to Intervention. The Math Science Expedition is currently upriver and will return on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Under Distance Ed Kuspuk will be piloting asynchronous courses including welding at Kalskag and Aniak; servers will be sent to each school for the Distance Ed program. She gave an update on the transition to Carnegie and the number of credits needed for graduation by each grade as the transition progresses. She authorized an order for the remaining resources and materials for the Elementary Social Studies Curriculum to fill the gaps in materials and has authorized the renewal of the Achieve 3000. Kuspuk is piloting English Language Arts programs and will bring a recommendation to adopt the program no later than April. The State does not want schools to enroll students if they do not have a current shot record, as soon as she receives the enrollment data she will forward the information to the board. She said GCI is working to bring cellular service to Crooked Creek and Sleetmute and will be leasing space from Kuspuk. Discussion followed on immunizations, sports physicals, and TB tests and the Kalskag preschool program. Further discussion was held on the updated job descriptions, roles and responsibilities of DO staff members and the need for a grants manager.

**Finance Report – Martha Morgan**

Martha reviewed the revenues and expenses as of August 12, 2016 as well as the FY17 Entitlement Payment Schedule showing the amounts of the foundation funds to be received each month. She said the auditors would be in the office starting September 6 to work on the final audit.

**Maintenance & Operations – Jeremy Hoeldt**

Mr. Hoeldt was not in attendance, his report was in the board packet and Ms. Johnson added the fuel has been delivered and the old school site in Stony River was secured and fenced off to make it safer. Discussion followed on fuel deliveries and Kalskag’s new bus and playground.

**Board Member Report(s)**

Bonnie reminded everyone the federal moose permit drawing would be held that day and the new playground in Kalskag is a hit.

**Budget Update**

No report due to enrollment is still in progress.

**AASB Call for Resolutions**

President Morgan said the small schools issue will come up again to raise enrollment numbers and asked Ms. Johnson to draft up something on behalf of the board to address it. Discussion followed on urging tribal councils to pass resolutions in support of small schools like those done by Kuspuk, AASB, Tanana Chiefs and AFN. It was suggested the school district contact all the tribal councils with this information.

**Executive Session – Personnel Matters – 11:25am -3:40pm**

Harvey Hoffman made a Motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. Seconded by Eleanor Sanbei, all were in favor, the motion carried.

**11:40am to 1:00pm – Break** for lunch with teachers at In-Service

David Dorris called in and joined the executive session briefly.

**3:40pm** Taylor Hayden made a Motion to go back into regular session, seconded by Phyllis Evan.

**Time & Place of Next Meeting** *Tuesday September 13, 2016, at 10:00am VTC/Bob McHenry District Office*

Taylor Hayden made a Motion to have the next meeting on Tuesday September 13, 2016, at 10:00am. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor and the motion carried.

**Adjournment** Harvey Hoffman made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eleanor Sanbei. The meeting adjourned at 3:43p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Taylor Hayden, Clerk Treasurer

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Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary