

Unofficial Minutes

Kuspuk School District REAA #5 May 12, 2020 Board of Education Meeting on Zoom

9:14am President Hoffman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Teresa Simeon-Hunter, present Sue Hoeldt, present Alyssa Gregory, absent, excused
Dwayne Hoffman, present Harvey Hoffman, present Desirae Morgan, Student Rep, absent
Phyllis Evan, present Adrian Boelens, present

A quorum was present. Also present: Bernard Grieve, Superintendent; Severin Gardner, Kalskag Schools Principal; Gretchen Kelly, Aniak Schools Principal; Sharon Lemmert, Upriver Schools Principal; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director and Facilities Coord; Emily Vanderpool, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Madeline Aguillard, Director of Special Education; Emerie Fairbanks, MKEA Teacher Rep; Community Member: Wayne Morgan; and Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary.

Approval Of The Agenda w/addition: Add Todd Boynton and Harrison Kane to FY21 Contract Offers
Teresa Simeon-Hunter made a **Motion** to approve the May 12, 2020 agenda as amended. Seconded by Phyllis Evan.
Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman Yes; Phyllis Evan Yes; Sue Hoeldt Yes; Adrian Boelens Yes; Alyssa Gregory Absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. 6 yes votes 1 absent, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2020, Regular Meeting: Sue Hoeldt made a **Motion** to accept the minutes of April 21, 2020, Regular Meeting, seconded by Adrian Boelens. Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman Yes; Phyllis Evan Yes; Sue Hoeldt Yes; Adrian Boelens Yes; Alyssa Gregory Absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. **6 yes votes 1 absent, the motion carried.**

Presidents Report: Harvey Hoffman thanked everyone for doing a good job this year in spite of all the challenges the year presented, he thanked departing staff for their service and wished them well; he offered condolences on behalf of the board to the family and friends of Tony Nickoli of Aniak and Anchorage.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda/Non-Agenda Items: Wayne Morgan commented on the graduation; asked about plans for the opening of school in August; and expressed concerns regarding student activity funds.

Approval of FY21 Contract Offers: Dale Ebcas. K-2 SpEd Teacher, JOGES; Todd Boynton, Student Services Director; Harrison Kane, ELA, AJSHS. Sue Hoeldt made a **Motion** to approve the FY21 contract offers as read. Seconded by Adrian Boelens. Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman Yes; Phyllis Evan Yes; Sue Hoeldt Yes; Adrian Boelens Yes; Alyssa Gregory Absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. **6 yes votes 1 absent, the motion carried.**

Superintendent: Mr. Grieve had no updates to his report in the board packet. Discussion was held on setting up a construction committee meeting soon to get an update on the latest developments and food service inventory and storage over the summer.

Finance: Martha Morgan reported on revenue and expenses as of May 5, 2020. She said she emailed an updated CIP report to the board.

Maintenance & Operations: Jeromy Hoeldt reported on the fuel quotes received from Crowley and Vitus; materials ordered for the superintendent housing repairs and renovations; discussion followed on prices and amount of fuel needed, delivery dates have not been set; and what is to happen to the old fuel tank once it is replaced. Jeromy said it would be decommissioned, as it is not up to code. President Hoffman said IGAP could use tanks for home made burn boxes.

Kalskag Schools Principal: Severin Gardner had a written report in the packet and added the Kalskag Graduation will be held on Wed. May 13. KYUK will air commencement speeches on their site and the radio. Discussion followed on food service for next year and ordering more packaged foods in case schools are not yet opened.

Upriver Schools Principal: Sharon Lemmert had a written report in the packet and added they did have one graduate in Crooked Creek and planned a parade for him; Dean Lindstrom was able to return to Stony River Sharon said she would like to see him recognized for properly closing the school and teacher housing for the summer and for using his own resources to provide garden supplies for students.

Aniak Schools Principal: Gretchen Kelly said she had updates to her written report about the Aniak high school graduation and their garden parade. Not all students wanted to submit speeches to KYUK radio. She has been working on getting her bud driver license. Discussion followed on senior fundraising activities and what should be done with funds that were not spent and what was being done to resolve the issue.

Director of Curriculum & Instruction: Emily Vanderpool had a few additions to the written report submitted earlier, she gave an update on the math curriculum committee accomplishments and progress to date; the School Climate and Connectedness Webinar she attended and will have results to share with the board at the June meeting; she will also have Early Literacy and Math data to present for the June meeting; she said the Alaska Leadership Institute will host a virtual conference this fall, they have been busy meeting and planning different scenarios for starting school in the fall; a virtual in-service is being planned for August. Discussion was held on growth goals and benchmark data.

Director of Special Education: Madeline Aguiard reported each special ed. teacher has completed an inventory of services provided; she reviewed the annual discipline data as required by board policy as well as suspension and expulsion data, discipline incident descriptions and the disproportionality report; a grant committee has been formed and they are sharing their abilities as they take care of grant applications, reports and requirements.

MKEA Teacher Rep: Emerie Fairbanks reported teachers are wrapping up the school year and are trying to prepared as much as possible for school start up in the fall and some summer work for students has been offered through online programs.

Board Member Reports: Sue Hoeldt thanked the KSD staff for their leadership and commitment, the Leadership staff for their work to hire teachers, she thanked Bernie for his leadership and wished him well on his retirement. Adrian Boelens thanked Bernie and Pam Grieve and wished them well. She congratulated the graduating class of 2020 and said she was able to sit on some of the new hire interviews and will continue to be available if needed. Phyllis Evan thanked Bernie for all he did during his time with Kuspuk as well as the staff for making things run as smoothly as it did during this stay at home time. Dwayne Hoffman thanked Bernie and staff for the Class of 2020 parade to recognize the graduates for their accomplishments, he'd like to see the Aniak fundraiser issue resolved and would like to have an executive session in June and requested a board self evaluation form be added to the website. Teresa Simeon thanked all staff, students and board members for their hard work during this Covid 19 situation and wished everyone a good summer.

Approval of Internet reimbursement – Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the Internet reimbursement out of the general fund in the amount of \$6,150.00 based on the internet reimbursement survey. Seconded by Teresa Simeon Hunter. Discussion was held on the internet reimbursement survey and the need to make it fair to all. Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman No; Phyllis Evan No; Sue Hoeldt No; Adrian Boelens No; Alyssa Gregory Absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. 2 yes votes. 4 No Votes. 1 absent, the motion failed. A suggestion was made to get input from MKEA, Emerie Fairbanks will check on it. This will be taken to the budget committee and revised at the June meeting.

Request for Covid-19 Disaster Plans re: use of KSD facilities for holding area for patients

Board Recognition Awards: Mr. Grieve read the awards into the record for Emily Vanderpool; Sue Hoeldt; Dave Mattson; Ann Charles; Donlin Gold and TKC. **Nominations:** Danny Ausdahl and Mark Ausdahl for the delivery of food and school materials to student homes in Kalskag; Dean Lindstrom for his contributions to the Gusty Michael School, for stepping up to properly close out the school and teacher housing for the summer and using his own resources to provide garden supplies for student summer garden projects. Claudia Goodwin for the improvements made in reading by her 5th - 12th grade students; Bridget Maddeford and Erle Spencer for her dedication and care for her students and continued efforts to stay in contact with students during the pandemic.

Approval of FY21 Proposed Budget – Discussion was held on the projected numbers on fuel quotes, PE teacher and counselor positions and the need for more time to review the information. Sue Hoeldt made a Motion to table the approval of the FY21 Proposed budget until the June 2, 2020 board meeting. Seconded by Adrian Boelens. Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman Yes; Phyllis Evan Yes; Sue Hoeldt Yes; Adrian Boelens Yes; Alyssa Gregory Absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. 6 yes votes 1 absent, the motion carried.

Purchase of Replacement Tank in Kalskag \$52,596.00 Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to approve the purchase of a replacement tank for Kalskag in the amount of \$52,596.00 from CIP. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman. Discussion followed on shipping costs. Phyllis Evan amended her motion to change the amount to \$80,000 for the purchase of the tank to include shipping. Seconded by Sue Hoeldt. Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman Yes; Phyllis Evan Yes; Sue Hoeldt Yes; Adrian Boelens Yes; Alyssa Gregory Absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. **6 yes votes 1 absent, the amendment to the motion was approved.** Roll Call Vote to approve the amended motion with the amount of \$80,000.00. Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman Yes; Phyllis Evan Yes; Sue Hoeldt Yes; Adrian Boelens Yes; Alyssa Gregory Absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. **6 yes votes 1 absent, the motion carried.**

Approval of iPads (gr.6-8 refresh w/o apple care; Student Parent Use Agreement; School Device Coverage; Device Insurance Proposal) Pam Grieve reported the newer version of Kindles were not compatible to whispercast so they were not ordered. DEED will provide 26 students with iPads for the summer and she proposed purchasing 125 ipads, for an entire refresh since its been on the CIP list for 3 years, at a cost of \$432,000.00. Discussion followed on the purchase cost versus lease costs for the devices and whether students should be allowed to take them home for the summer when they will be needed in the classrooms in the fall. Sue Hoeld made a **Motion** to table the ipad purchase but defer to the leadership team to determine if they feel it is needed for next year. Seconded by Adrian Boelens. Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman Yes; Phyllis Evan Yes; Sue Hoeldt Yes; Adrian Boelens Yes; Alyssa Gregory Absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. 6 yes votes 1 absent, the motion carried.

General Communications:

- a. State of Alaska Division of Elections Order & Notice of Election; Letter re: School Board Election info/dates
- b. Letter from Judy Hager in board packet
- c. DEED: Temporary Suspension of Certain Teacher Certification & Evaluation Requirements & Issuing of Emergency Certification & Renewal Waivers
- d. Temporary Suspension of Student Teaching Requirements & Issuing of Emergency Certification

Time & Place of Next Meeting: Tues. June 2, 2020, 9:00am, on Zoom

Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to have the next board meeting on Tuesday June 2, 2020 9 am on Zoom. Seconded by Teresa Simeon Hunter. Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman Yes; Phyllis Evan Yes; Sue Hoeldt Yes; Adrian Boelens Yes; Alyssa Gregory absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. . **6 yes votes 1 absent, the motion carried.**

Adjournment 12:43pm: Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sue Hoeldt. Roll Call Vote Teresa Simeon-Hunter Yes; Dwayne Hoffman Yes; Phyllis Evan Yes; Sue Hoeldt Yes; Adrian Boelens Yes; Alyssa Gregory absent; Harvey Hoffman Yes. **6 yes votes 1 absent, the motion carried.**

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Respectfully Submitted:

Phyllis Evan, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary