

Unofficial Minutes

Kuspuk School District REAA #5 May 7, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Bob R. McHenry District Office, Aniak, AK

Call to Order: President Hayden called the meeting to order at 10:10a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Teresa Simeon-Hunter, present Wayne Morgan, present Eleanor Sanbei, present
Dwayne Hoffman, present Harvey Hoffman, absent, excused Taylor Hayden, present
Phyllis Evan, present Jena Boelens, AJSHS, Student Rep, present

A quorum was present. Also present: Bernard Grieve, Superintendent; Severin Gardner, Kalskag Principal; Steve Porter, Upriver Principal; Todd Boynton, Aniak Principal; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director; Emily Vanderpool, Curriculum Director; Jodi Darling, MKEA Teacher Rep; Barbara Morgan DO Educational Support Secretary; Pam Grieve, Tech Director; Community Members: Herman Morgan, Wendy Ward and Nathan Underwood; and Edith Morgan, recording secretary.

Approval Of The Agenda with changes: Add Executive session for legal and personnel issues; #6 10:30am Presentation: Power School, Chad Maxon. The sale of 172 should be listed as an action item. Phyllis Evan made a Motion to approve the May 7, 2019 agenda as amended. Seconded by Eleanor Sanbei. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: April 16, 2019, Regular Meeting & April 17, 2019 Special Meeting. Dwayne Hoffman made a Motion to accept the minutes of April 16, 2019, Regular Meeting & April 17, 2019 Special Meeting, seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Board President Report – Taylor Hayden

Public Announcement of Superintendent Evaluation – President Hayden read the public announcement stating the Superintendent's contract will remain in effect, unmodified for the remainder of the contract with the following goals: 1. Work together to create a strong relationship and environment for learning and support. 2. Create a fiscally responsible budget that seeks creative solutions and other funding sources to provide for the needs of the district. 3. Increase communication and engagement with staff and communities. 4. Increase site visits to district schools. 5. Increase culturally relevant and academic opportunities for Kuspuk students. President Hayden said the budget committee continues to work on the district fiscal budget. He urged board members to attend the graduations.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

President Hayden read the rules for speakers. Herman Morgan voiced concerns regarding curriculum that addressed gender identity and sexual orientation and said parents were not properly notified on what their students would be learning and also the education students get does not prepare them for college. Wendy Ward spoke in support of Herman's concerns saying as a parent of a 9th grader she was not notified of the sex ed. curriculum and expressed concerns about bullying. President Hayden stated administration is looking into the issues, the board is aware of the issues, and will look at policy and or curriculum changes that may need to be made in the future.

10:30am Executive Session: Phyllis Evan made a Motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters, seconded by Eleanor Sanbei, all were in favor the motion carried. 10:50am Phyllis Evan made a Motion to return to regular session, seconded by Eleanor Sanbei.

Approval of FY20 Contract(s) & FY 19 Resignation(s):

a) FY20 Contract Offerings- Abiegail Parker, Gr 2, JOGES; Madeline Aguillard, Special Education Director, DO. Phyllis Evan made a Motion to approve the FY20 Contract Offers as listed. Seconded by Wayne Morgan, discussion followed on the status of open positions, all were in favor, the motion carried.

b) FY19 Resignation with the 5 days penalty as outlined in the negotiated agreement: Makala Jarrett, Gr 2, JOGES. Teresa Simeon-Hunter made a Motion to approve the FY19 Resignation with the 5 days penalty as outlined in the negotiated agreement. Seconded by Wayne Morgan, Roll Call Vote 6 Yes, 1 Absent, the motion carried.

Superintendent – Bernard Grieve

Mr. Grieve had a written report. He added he did review the 4th R Curriculum that came into question during public comments and made a decision that it would not be taught and had it pulled from the curriculum. The leadership

team also discussed the 4th R curriculum at their meeting the day before the board meeting and they will review the entire 4th R curriculum and anything deemed inappropriate will be pulled. Under the Alaska Safe Children's Act adopted by the State schools are obligated to teach certain areas that pertain to Erin and Bree's law. Under Erin's law schools are obligated to establish a training program for employees and students and provide parental notices relating to sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention for K-12 students. Bree's law requires schools to adopt and implement a policy establishing a training program for employees and students and provide parental notices relating to dating violence and abuse to students in grades 7-12, this was mandated by the State June 30, 2017. Mr. Grieve said they will look at that parental notice to revise it so parents know exactly what is being taught and making curriculum available to parents through email or website. In response to questions about how KSD received the 4thR curriculum Emily Vanderpool stated the 4th R curriculum was brought to the board by the public health nurses in the fall, it is the State adopted, State recommended curriculum for meeting requirements of the Alaska Safe Children's Act and is provided free by the State and is not part of the curriculum adoption process. Discussion followed on the status of legislative funding for education.

Finance – Martha Morgan

Martha Morgan reported on revenue and expenses as of April 30, 2019 and the CIP budget update. Discussion was held on overages on the general budget line items for subs, temps and extra duty, maintenance, student travel and technology. Discussion was held on the CIP budget line items, including the status of the Kalskag playground.

Maintenance – Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director

Jeromy Hoeldt had a written report and a Summer 2019 Project list. Discussion followed on board reports, plans and budgets for summer projects and fuel quotes.

Power School Presentation – Chad Maxon

Chad Maxon, Account Executive and Patrick McInnes, Solutions Engineer joined the meeting via Zoom and gave a presentation on PowerSchool Unified Administration Enrollment showing what it can do. Questions and discussion followed throughout the presentation. Pam Grieve spoke further about the enrollment program and answered questions about it.

12:25-1:00pm Lunch Break

Presentation: McCool, Carlson, Green – John Weir Architect

Mr. Weir gave an update on the AMNES construction saying at the end of March they reached a milestone of 35% of completeness for the Schematic Design, it was submitted to DEED for review and they received approval. He reviewed the site plan, floor plan, DEED requirements, and costs summary. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2019. Two items need board discussion: first is the demolition of the elementary school budgeted at 1.5 million, if Kuspuk could have the old building removed from their inventory by another entity that could take over the responsibilities of the building it would lower Kuspuk's area allocation and that the 1.5 million could be rolled back into the project as money to be spent on the school. The second item is DEED offered a 300,000 cost match to add to the project if KSD can come up with 300,000 in a separate fund to do improvements to the high school. Discussion followed, DEED will need a formal agreement of how the old building will be transferred to another entity that could then lease the space to the school district to possibly do an area shift from the Joe Parent to the leased building. Also discussed was reaching out to the legislature to get an amendment to the grant to allow KSD to spend the 1.5 million on the high school. Next steps are to hold building design committee meetings and selection of a general contractor.

Addition to Agenda #5 a. Kuspuk School District Elementary School Inventory; b. \$300,000.00 Cost Match for the AJSHS. Wayne Morgan made a Motion to suspend the rules to add two action items to the agenda under #5 a. Kuspuk School District Elementary School Inventory Letter b. \$300,000 cost match for the high school. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman. All were in favor, motion carried.

Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to explore alternative methods of removing the existing elementary school off of the Kuspuk School District School Inventory. Seconded by Wayne Morgan. All were in favor and the motion carried. Discussion followed on drafting a letter to follow up on the motion.

Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to refer the \$300,000 match offered by Deed to the budget committee and bring it back to the full board for approval in June. Seconded by Eleanor Sanbei. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Principals

Severin Gardner Kalskag Schools - Mr. Gardner had a written report, he added Kalskag students were well represented on the Academic Decathlon Awards podium. The AED's were received for each site and the District Office. Discussion followed on AED training at inservice; looking at putting names on the outside of the Kalskag school buildings; Relocating an extra JOGES scoreboard from Kalskag to Aniak; and the Academic Decathlon.

Steven Porter, Upriver Schools – Mr. Porter had a written report. He added they had a graduation in Chuathbaluk and one coming up in Sleetmute. Discussion followed on Gusty Michael enrollment, concerns on the projected enrollment for next year and contacting parents about letters of intents to enroll their students for next year.

Todd Boynton, Aniak Schools – Mr. Boynton had a written report. He clarified that the letters for the sex ed. course were only sent the parents of those 11th and 12th grade students had that health class.

Student Services – Erich Kuball's written report was in the board packet.

Curriculum – Emily Vanderpool reported she's been working with the math committee, ordering for next year and professional development and that she will speak more under new business on the curriculum adoption.

MKEA Teacher Rep – Jodi Darling reported there was a big concern in Kalskag about the lack of a counselor for their schools.

Student Rep – Jena Boelens

Jena Boelens reported on the Academic Decathlon events and answered board questions about it. She expressed appreciation for the experience received this year as student rep on the board.

Board Member Reports

Harvey Hoffman's written report was in the board packet. Wayne Morgan congratulated the 2019 graduates and wished everyone a good summer break, and reminded everyone that voting be done in a manner that is best for students. Teresa Simeon-Hunter congratulated graduates. Dwayne Hoffman expressed concerns about hiring a counselor for the schools and that if anyone sees any vandalism in the schools over the summer to call someone.

Graduation Participation by Board Members

The graduation schedule was reviewed and board members were urged to attend.

Approve Sale of Cessna 172 for \$58,000.00 as offered

Mr. Grieve gave an update on the sale of the 172. Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** approve the sale of the Cessna 172 for \$58,000.00 as offered. Seconded by Wayne Morgan. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, 1 Absent, the motion carried.

Board Recognition Awards

President Hayden read the names for Board Recognition Awards into the record for: the City of Chuathbaluk; Doug Molyneaux; Elaine O'Rourke, The Kuskokwim Corporation; and State Support Coaches Carol Thompson and Pat McDonald. Nominations: Wayne Morgan retracted his nomination of Erich Kuball for the Sharing the Spirit of Bill Morgan Award since he received the award in 2016 and nominated Mr. Dennis Thomas for being an strong advocate for students, teachers and staff and especially the upriver schools. Jena Boelens was nominated for her outstanding service during the 2018-19 school year as the student rep on the board.

Scholarship Selection for Fall Awards

Seniors Class of 2019: William Peterson, GMSHS - \$750.00; Kayla Morgan, AJSHS- \$750.00. Alumni: Amber Kvamme GMSHS Class of 2012 - \$750.00; Shaun Morgan GMSHS Class of 2016 - \$750.00; Ulric Aloysius, MEHS Class of 2019 - \$375.00.

Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to approve the Fall Scholarship Awards as listed. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Curriculum Adoption Committee Recommendations: Big Ideas Math \$40,648.80, Training Cost \$5,000.00 & Big Day Preschool \$17,571.14, Training Cost \$2,950.00 through CIP (minus training costs).

Emily Vanderpool had two curriculum presentations for board consideration, one for the Math and one for Preschool. She gave background on the make up of the curriculum adoption committee, the adoption process in determining what curriculum is working and not working by gathering staff input and researching programs and materials. The Math Committee recommends Big Ideas Math Modeling Real Life be adopted for K-5 Math for the next 6 years to 2025-26. Last year the Math Committee also agreed on a 1 year trial period for Aleks Math and this

year the Math Committee is suggesting a 6 year adoption as part of the elementary adoption to serve K-12 math as it is designed for 3rd grade through calculus and can fill the gaps for gifted and talented, credit recovery for high school students as well as being a great tool for RTI. The preschool adoption is not part of the adoption cycle and is being done since preschool materials have not been purchased in a long time. She thanked the current preschool teachers at JOGES, AMNES, CVSS, JJSS and JESS for their time and input on this process throughout the year to identify classroom needs. They decided to go with Big Day Pre-K, which is aligned to the Journeys program. She reviewed curriculum and instructional elements of the program, it is a one time purchase of one set for six preschools. Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to approve the Big Ideas Math and Big Day Preschool Curriculum purchase acquisition through CIP minus the training costs. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of purchase of 10 replacement projectors for smart boards at \$7,159.90 through CIP

Eleanor Sanbei made a **Motion** to approve the purchase of replacement projectors for smart boards at \$7,159.90 through CIP and tied to the curriculum purchase. Seconded by Phyllis Evan. all were in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Power School online registration at \$8,335.00 out of the general fund

Mr. Grieve explained the registration is \$8,335.00 for the first year and \$7,155.00 for future years. Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to approve the Power School online registration at \$8,335.00 out of the general fund for the first year. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Acceptance of Taylor Hayden's Resignation Letter

President Hayden read his resignation letter and handed over the chair to Vice President Wayne for this action item. Mr. Morgan stated the board should accept Taylor's resignation at this time so that the vacant seat can be placed on the ballot for the October 1st Election, however Mr. Hayden will continue to serve until September 30th. Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to accept Taylor Hayden's resignation letter. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman, Discussion followed. Vice President Morgan asked all those in favor of accepting the resignation to say Aye. Hearing none he stated three times "If there is no objection the motion carries", there were no objections, the motion carried.

General Communications:

- a. Alaska Statewide Mentor Project District Report 2018-2019
 - b. State of AK Div. of Elections letter: Oct. 1, 2019 School Board Election & REAA #5 Order and Notice of Election
- Discussion followed on the Kalskag SAC's letter suggesting the board look into the truancy matter, working with local law enforcement and magistrate to enforce those laws based on truancy and neglect. Mr. Gardner said the SAC is in the process of discussing that and the board can expect a letter for the June meeting.

Time & Place of Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting – Tues. June 11, 2019, 10:00am, in person at DO

Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to have the next regular board meeting in person at Aniak Tues. June 11, 2019 at 10am, Seconded by Teresa Simeon Hunter. All were in favor the motion carried.

Adjournment 3:30pm Jena Boelens made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wayne Morgan.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Harvey Hoffman, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary