

Official Minutes

Kuspuk School District REAA #5 August 13, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Bob R. McHenry District Office, Aniak, AK

Call to Order: President Hayden called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Teresa Simeon-Hunter, joined 10:10am Wayne Morgan, present Taylor Hayden, present
Dwayne Hoffman, present Harvey Hoffman, present
Phyllis Evan, absent, excused Eleanor Sanbei, present

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

Approval Of The Agenda with addition: Arcadis Presentation upon arrival; New Business: Test Scores; Bullying. Harvey Hoffman made a Motion to approve the August 13, 2019 agenda. Seconded by Wayne Morgan. Discussion on the agenda: Arcadis Presentation to be flexible upon arrival; New Business: add Test Scores and Bullying for discussion. Dwayne Hoffman moved to approve the revised agenda. Seconded by Harvey Hoffman. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2019, Regular Meeting
Harvey Hoffman made a Motion to accept the minutes of June 11, 2019, Regular Meeting, seconded by Dwayne Hoffman, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Board President Report – Taylor Hayden

President Hayden expressed condolences on behalf of the board to the families of recently deceased Carson Steeves of Kalskag; Cheryl Sakar of Crooked Creek; and Chris Nicoli of Aniak. He commented elections are coming up October first and it is good to see a full slate of candidates for all three seats.

10:10 Teresa Hunter joined the meeting.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda and Non-Agenda Items - None

10:15am Executive Session: Wayne Morgan made a Motion to go into executive session for administrative matters, seconded by Teresa Hunter, all were in favor the motion carried. 10:45am Harvey Hoffman made a Motion to return to regular session, seconded by Eleanor Sanbei.

Approval of FY20 Contract(s): FY20 Contract Offerings: Brenda Dailey, gr 5 Long Term Sub, AMNES
Wayne Morgan made a Motion to approve the FY20 Contract Offer for Brenda Dailey, long-term sub at AMNES. Seconded by Harvey Hoffman, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Arcadis, Kent Crandall AMNES Construction Project Manager Presentation: Mr. Crandall is on weather hold.

Superintendent – Bernard Grieve

Mr. Grieve reported the BAG funding was approved he expects to learn more after the governor's vetos later in the week on other legislative aspects. Once Kent Crandall arrives they will have a broader update on what is developing with the school construction project. The public release of information for the Peaks testing data will be September 5, and KSD has until the 25th to distribute to teachers and parents. The district results can be released next week, he informed staff at in-service that the scores are pathetic and that things need to be done differently. Teachers will be training on an online lesson planning system that can be accessed by administration to see what's being taught in the classroom on a daily basis and how instruction is being modified for Sped and GT students. Discussion followed on utilizing the plane to its full potential for staff travel, site visits and the possibility of school board members being allowed to visit sites with staff as space allows.

Finance – Martha Morgan

Martha Morgan reported on revenue and expenses as of August 13, 2019 she pointed out that the fuel has been delivered to all sites except Stony River. She reported the property insurance went way up after the board approved the budget in June. Discussion was held on whether there is anything that can be done to lower the insurance costs. Martha responded saying they already discussed ways to cut back as much as they could.

Maintenance – Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director

Jeromy Hoeldt was traveling and Mary Hoffman Maintenance Support Secretary said she'd be working with Jeromy on future reports. Discussion followed on the status of the purchase of a generator for the District Office.

Board Member Reports

Wayne Morgan informed the board that he signed up for another term on the school board; Eleanor Sanbei said she submitted her name also to run for another term; Harvey Hoffman reported he sat on the Culture panel at the new hire in-service and one of the topics that came up was bullying so he was glad to see the issue added to the agenda. He announced that the ATC fair has a full week of events this year with many activities and events, schedules can be seen on Facebook and on signs around town. Taylor Hayden said the culture panel helps with new hire as well as recruitment and retention of teachers. Mr. Grieve said four of our new teachers were also able to attend a summer cultural camp downriver; and some culturally relevant reading and health curriculum were received from Calista; Teresa Hunter reported the community of Chuathbaluk did some fish jarring through an EXCEL program grant. Dwayne Hoffman welcomed new and returning staff and students.

Board Recognition Awards

President Hayden read a Board Recognition Award for Jenilee Levi "BB Gal" into the record. Nominations: Sophie Alexie, Kasigluk Yugtun teacher in appreciation for teaching traditional and cultural values to many educators in the region and being an inspirational leader; both David Mattson of Dave and Jacey Automotive and Vince Winter, Alaska Commercial Co, for sponsoring the American Ninja Nick Hanson Event in Aniak; Nick Hanson, Eskimo Ninja for visiting Aniak and speaking to the kids about healthy lifestyles and bring drug and alcohol free; and the Math Science Expedition staff.

AASB 2019 Call for Resolutions

Discussion was held on submitting a resolution in support of future funding, continued support of K-2 programs and to support any CIP projects that were approved and are not being funded now due to budget cuts.

Approval of FY 2021 – 2026 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Grieve said the roof replacement in Sleetmute is the only item on the CIP for the district. There is foundation work that needs to be done first and he's working on getting a cost estimate from an engineer. Discussion followed. Wayne Morgan made a Motion to approve the FY 2021-2026 Six Year Capital Improvement Plan. Seconded by Harvey Hoffman. All were in favor the motion carried.

Student Test Scores

President Hayden said this item was added in response to questions on what the school board is doing about student test scores. He asked for board input on a work session to look at test scores saying it would be helpful to have information available on what our district is doing as well as other districts across the state and nation for comparison purposes to see where we stand. It would be helpful to include Emily Vanderpool, Curriculum Instructor and Madeline Aguillard, Director of Special Education in the discussion also. Discussion followed on starting the dialog in September and continuing every month with input from the community, SAC and other stakeholders too. It will be an ongoing process to review the data, determine what changes are needed and develop a plan. Mr. Grieve said Leadership is starting with lesson planning and more accountability by principals, teachers, parents, and students. He will research other district test scores. This issue will be discussed further with more information and data and interested parties. Mr. Grieve said Leadership also talked about the possibility of having benchmark testing throughout the year.

11:40 – 11:45am Recess

Bullying Discussion

The board reviewed the board policy and administrative procedures for Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying and the Student-Parent Handbook regarding bullying. Discussion followed on the issue of bullying and need to be proactive and address the ongoing problem by holding kids, parents and staff accountable, providing more training, doing more to look out for the best interest of our kids and staff. There are strong policies in place but more needs to be done to educate students instead of sending them home. Further discussion was held on stepping up and speaking as board members to voice concerns regarding bullying, to talk to kids on their choices and how they treat other people through assemblies and workshops. Mr. Grieve said there is a Stop It Program in place but it wasn't used very much last year, he suggested revisiting the policies and asking YK to do presentations.

12:10 – 1:00pm Join in-service for lunch at AJSHS and continue the meeting there.

1:20pm President Hayden called the meeting back to order at the AJSHS gym.

Presentation: Arcadis - Kent Crandall AMNES Construction Project Manager

John Wier, architect started the presentation on the AMNES construction project saying they are making good progress on the design development, a State Fire Marshall permit, approvals from DEED and the challenges they're facing with the AJSHS site lease renewal and the DOT conditions regarding the permit to construct. Their report covered building design updates, DOT permit to construct, cost lines, demolition of the elementary school, schedule, critical paths and next steps. Discussion was held on having more swings for the playground, furniture arrangement and floor plans. Mr. Crandall talked about abatement at the elementary school, negotiating the lease renewal for the AJSHS site, and DOT's requirement that the Joe Parent building be demolished and cleaned up before construction of the new school can take place. There is no funding to go with this requirement and Mr. Crandall stated the need to ask legislators for help. Alternative options include constructing the new school on the old elementary school site and Mr. Crandall asked for board input on the best way to proceed. Another option would be to approach the tribal organization for a piece of land. His suggestion was to continue moving forward as planned with the project, they have a letter of non-objection from DEC saying they are well outside the footprint of the contamination and are waiting for a letter of non-objection from the FAA and they have provided DOT with everything they've requested. Discussion followed on moving ahead as planned and reaching out to legislators for help and possibly sharing the issue with the news media.

Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to suspend the rules to add an action item to support the new elementary school site at the high school and to proceed with the current plan. Seconded by Teresa Hunter. All were in favor of suspending the rules for the addition, motion carried.

To support the new elementary school site at the high school and to proceed with the current plan

Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to draft a letter with information to date from the school district with the help from MCG input to send to legislative leaders and to call them to follow up on the letter. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman. All were in favor, motion carried.

John Weir went on to report on DEC concerns about increased water use in the combined high school and elementary school that could result in pulling TCE contaminated water toward and into the school well, this issue should be evaluated by a hydrogeologist to ensure contaminants do not impact the well. They said the delivery date for the project would now be spring of 2021 instead of the fall of 2020. Mr. Weir reviewed the budgets saying they've revised parts of the budget to ensure everything was in alignment. He gave an update on alternatives for the demolition or disposal of the elementary school saying DEED needs to see an estimate, a schedule and plans for financing. No educational support activities are allowed in the old elementary including a maintenance shop, it would be a good idea for the board to decide what they want to do with the old elementary school. Mr. Weir reported on the schedule saying the site packages this season is unlikely but they might be able to get equipment on the barge for an early start in the spring, construction documents will be done in September, and they are already working on submittals for construction. Critical pathways include Joe Parent and AMNES building dispositions, DEED approvals, FAA non-objection letters, and various approvals they are working on. Next steps are to finish design documentations, continue BDC meetings, and coordinate with public agencies.

General Communications:

- a. Letter from DOT to DEED re: Joe Parent Vocational Educational Center

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

Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to have the next regular board meeting in person at Aniak Tues. September 10, 2019, at 10am, at the District Office. Seconded by Eleanor Sanbei. All were in favor the motion carried.

Adjournment 2:25pm Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dwayne Hoffman.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Harvey Hoffman, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary