

Unofficial Minutes

Kuspuk School District REAA #5 September 13, 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 in memory of 9-11. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Bonnie Persson, present
David Dorris, present
Phyllis Evan, present
Wayne Morgan, present

Harvey Hoffman, present
Eleanor Sanbei, present
Taylor Hayden, present
Justin Ward, Student Rep, present

A quorum was present. Also present: Sue Johnson, Superintendent; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; Dr. David Hamilton, Aniak Principal; Julia Fischer, Teacher Rep; Erich Kuball, Coordinator of Student Services; and Edith Morgan, recording secretary.

Approval Of The Agenda Changes: Move the executive session to the end of the meeting for administrative matters – Superintendent Contract. Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to approve the September 13, 2016 agenda as amended. Seconded by David Dorris. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2016 Regular Meeting

Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of August 18, 2016, Regular Meeting, seconded by Taylor Hayden, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Oath of Office – Student Representative – Justin Ward

President Morgan administered the oath of office to Justin Ward. He welcomed him to the board and introduced him to the board members.

Board President Report - Wayne Morgan

President Morgan welcomed Julia Fischer to the board as the new teacher rep.

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

Superintendent's Report – Sue Johnson

Ms. Johnson reported Reynold Okitkun, Natural Helpers Trainer is working with AJSHS students and staff through the Community Engagement grant. The Scholarship Committee needs to meet to discuss and develop criteria to receive a scholarship and to update the application for fall scholarships. The Department of Ed sent notification that they approved the FY17 operating budget for Kuspuk and that the school district has received \$20,000.00 for the purchase of 4 refrigerators for school sites next year, she thanked Mona Morrow for writing that grant. The School District received a certificate of appreciation from YKHC for the donation of Halfbreed apparel for the fair. The Sleetmute Council requested renewal of a letter of support for Sleetmute's application for residential housing in Sleetmute. She said AASB is asking if the board would like a review of the School Climate and Connectedness Survey results at their November board meeting in Anchorage or at another date. She said she included a draft student handbook and draft job descriptions for board review. She received a request for a waiver for people to serve on the SAC in Chuathbaluk and asked if the board would like to act on it or put it off to the next meeting. The board decided to add the action item to approve the waiver.

Approve Waiver Of BP 8120 To Allow Agrafenina Pletnikoff Of CVSS To Serve On The Chuathbaluk SAC
Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to approve the waiver of BP 8120 to allow Agrafenina Pletnikoff of CVSS to serve on the Chuathbaluk School Advisory Committee, seconded by David Dorris, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Finance Report – Martha Morgan

Martha reviewed the revenues and expenses as of September 7, 2016 saying the overage on contract services is due to work on Kalskag sprinklers and unexpected AJSHS water pump replacement and plumbing repairs. A request was

made for a travel budget and Martha said she'd email a report to the board members after the meeting. Discussion followed on whether the water sprinklers came out of last years budget or this year and the fact that the maintenance supply line item is half gone, and the \$80,000.00 Kalskag fuel delivery.

Maintenance & Operations – Jeromy Hoeldt - Mr. Hoeldt was not in attendance.

Principal Reports

Steven Porter and Severin Gardner were not present their written reports were in the packet. Dr. David Hamilton, Aniak Schools Principal introduced himself, he reported on the elementary and high school open house events; the Auntie Mary Nicoli Elementary School gave a Dojo Discipline Program presentation and students gave a Yup'ik Dance performance; and the berry picking field trip with 73 elementary kids. A Kids Don't Float Presentation scheduled for this week was cancelled until spring. He said they began a 1-1 program with each student being assigned a laptop at school he will report on the type of success rate on that in October. Online Classes are in progress, initially there were bandwidth problems but it has been resolved. He adjusted bus and class schedules because 90 kids need transportation and the bus only seats 78. AJSHS enrollment is at 61 and AMNES is at 102. Discussion followed on the number of students who signed up for online courses; how it impacts student teacher ratios; make-up work for students who miss class and students who do not have internet access at home. Dr. Hamilton said the SAC met and one of their proposals was to have a closer partnership with the Aniak Library.

Student Services – Erich Kuball

Mr. Kuball reported on the enrollment process. Discussion followed on the minimum enrollment of ten and that Sleetmute currently has 11 students enrolled. He reported on the Math Science Expedition completing their 12th year; the George River Weir Internship Program; the Summer EXCEL Camp in Kenai; and the MAPTS Surface Mining Internship opportunities for EXCEL students at Anchorage, Fairbanks and Washington after high school graduation. EXCEL has applied for a large grant through KSD and if awarded they may possibly offer a Sky Riders Ground School Program, a Physical Fitness Summer Camp among other events. Upcoming events include an EXCEL 12 camp in Anchorage and an EXCEL 7 followed by EXCEL 8 in Aniak. Discussion followed on a desire to keep the fire fighter training opportunities in McGrath for people in the region. Further discussion was held on the partnership between Kuspuk and EXCEL and how they benefit each other in being able to apply for grants that the other is not eligible to apply for to provide the most opportunities for students.

Student Representative – Justin Ward

Justin Ward reported on AJSHS cross-country, volley ball, wrestling and the online courses available to students this year. He will contact the other student councils for his next report.

Teacher Representative – Julia Fischer

Julia Fischer introduced herself saying Aeriale Johnson, MKEA Chairperson, recently appointed her to the Teacher Rep position and she would contact other sites for a longer report next month. She said she is excited to increase communication between teachers, school board and administration.

Board Member Report(s)

Harvey Hoffman said he went on the berry picking trip with the Students of AMNES, it was fun and the students enjoyed it; David Dorris said he recently returned to Alaska and said the Caunaq trip was a success; Phyllis Evan said Caunaq was a success and the elders are always happy to receive the food that was harvested, prepared and distributed by the students; Bonnie Persson said the cooks in Kalskag are rotating schools which is a positive experience for the students; President Morgan said this is a good reminder to recognize our cooks showing appreciation for their service throughout the year.

Board Recognition Awards

There were no awards to present. Nominations: Cooks and Custodians because we couldn't function without them they are an important part of the success of each site and our students, a clean building and a nice meal play an important role in the success of our students.

Budget Update

Discussion was held on enrollment; the October count and possible budget cuts to the general fund by the State.

AASB Call for Resolutions

President Morgan said the deadline for resolutions is mid October. He said as a small school district choosing to save money by not attending all of the AASB Board Conferences throughout the year Kuspuk does not qualify for the nominations for Outstanding Board Members or Board.

11:44am –Break for Lunch

12:33pm – Meeting called back to order

Executive Session – Admin Personnel –Superintendent Contract – 12:34pm -3:00pm

Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to go into executive session for admin personnel – Superintendent Contract. Seconded by Eleanor Sanbei, all were in favor, the motion carried. Taylor Hayden made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Suspension Of The Rules To Add Termination Of Contract Of Superintendent

David Dorris made a **Motion** to suspend the rules to add Termination of Contract of Superintendent Sue Johnson. Seconded by Harvey Hoffman, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Termination Of Contract Between Kuspuk And Sue Johnson

Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** that the Board exercise their right under “10 (B) Termination Without Cause By The Board” to terminate the Contract without cause and for convenience between the Kuspuk School District and Superintendent Sue Johnson effective today. Seconded by Eleanor Sanbei. Roll Call Vote 7 yes; 0 No; the motion carried.

Executive Session – Administrative Matters – 3:04 pm - 4:09pm

David Dorris made a **Motion** to go into executive session for administrative matters. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried. Phyllis Evan made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by David Dorris, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Suspension Of The Rules To Add The Appointment Of An Acting Superintendent And To Give Authorization To President Morgan To Contact AASB To Initiate A Superintendent Search

David Dorris made a **Motion** to suspend the rules to add the appointment of Erich Kuball as acting superintendent and to authorize President Morgan to contact AASB to start a superintendent search. Seconded by Bonnie Persson, all were in favor and the motion carried.

To Approve The Appointment Of Erich Kuball As Acting Superintendent

Taylor Hayden **Moved** to approve the appointment of Erich Kuball to serve as Acting Superintendent until such time a new Superintendent is named, seconded by David Dorris. Roll Call Vote 7 yes; 0 No, the motion carried.

To Authorize President Morgan To Contact AASB To Initiate A Superintendent Search

Taylor Hayden **Moved** to authorize President Morgan to contact AASB to initiate a Superintendent Search on behalf of the board, seconded by Phyllis Evan, Roll Call Vote 7 yes; 0 No, the motion carried. President Morgan read the press release saying the school board has elected to make a change in leadership.

Time & Place Of Next Meeting Tuesday October 11, 2016, at 10:00am Bob McHenry District Office

David Dorris made a **Motion** to have the next meeting in person on Tuesday October 11, 2016, at 10:00am at the District Office. Seconded by Taylor Hayden, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Adjournment Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bonnie Persson. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Taylor Hayden, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary