

Unofficial Minutes

KuspuK School District REAA #5 April 16, 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 10:55am Wayne Morgan, present Eleanor Sanbei, present
Dwayne Hoffman, present Harvey Hoffman, present 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; Todd Boynton, Aniak Schools Principal; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; Emily Vanderpool, Curriculum Director; Jodi Darling, MKEA Teacher Rep; and Edith Morgan, recording secretary.

Approval Of The Agenda with addition: Add Claudia Goodwin, Gr. 5-12 Generalist, CVSS, to approval of FY20 Contracts. Add update on counselors to principal reports. Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to approve the April 16, 2019 agenda as amended. Seconded by Phyllis Evan. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Mar 7, 2019, Regular Meeting & Mar 21, 2019 Special Meeting. Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to accept the minutes of Mar 7, 2019, Regular Meeting & Mar 21, 2019 Special Meeting, seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Presidents Report – President Hayden offered condolences on behalf of the board to Phyllis Evan on the loss of her sister's grandbaby and to the families of Alex Levi of Lower Kalskag and Dylan Kameroff of Kalskag. He expressed appreciation to the board for accommodating him last month while he was out for his grandfather's funeral. He commented on the state budget saying he was hopeful with recent developments that there may not be such deep cuts as originally proposed by the Governor, however he expects there will be a reduction in finances for the following year. He said board training with Lon Garrison will follow the board meeting the next morning will be the superintendent evaluation followed by the second half of the board training. Discussion followed on testing.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda/Non-Agenda Items *no public comments*

10:05am Executive Session: Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor the motion carried. 10:40am Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to return to regular session, seconded by Eleanor Sanbei. All were in favor the motion carried.

10:55am Teresa Simeon-Hunter joined the meeting.

Approval of FY19 & 20 Contract(s) & FY 19 Resignation(s): a) FY19 MOA: Nobora Eller, Math, AJSHS Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to approve the FY19 MOA. Seconded by Harvey Hoffman, discussion held, all were in favor, the motion carried. b) FY20 Contract Offerings: Gretchen Kelly, Aniak Schools Principal; Kale Peacock, Social Studies, AJSHS; Dean Lindstrom, Sec. Gen, GMS; Steve Jennette, Sec. Gen, JJSS; Larissa Heckathorn, Gr 4 AMNES; Claudia Goodwin, Gr. 5-12 Generalist CVSS Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the FY20 Contract Offerings as listed. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, discussion was held on having board involvement in the hiring process, all were in favor, the motion carried. c) FY19 Resignation(s): Ned McGreavy, Sec Generalist GMS/SRV Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to approve the FY19 Resignations as listed. Seconded by Eleanor Sanbei, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Superintendent – Bernard Grieve

In addition to his written report Mr. Grieve reported on teacher hire, the legislative budget, the status of AMNES construction that is waiting for DEED's approval of the CMGC delivery method. He presented the design of the new school to date. Discussion followed.

Finance – Martha Morgan

Martha Morgan reported on revenue and expenses as of April 11, 2019 saying over 300,000 more in impact aid monies were received. Discussion followed the total expenses and the fund balance.

Maintenance – Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director

Mr. Hoeldt was not present. Mr. Grieves stated he and Martha Morgan were working with Maintenance on reducing some of the costs on maintenance supplies that could come out of CIP. Discussion followed on the status of the Kalskag playground equipment. A request was made to have an update on the playground in May as well as an update on the summer projects and to have someone from maintenance give a report if Jeromy is not available. Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Hunter thanked maintenance for installing water stations at their schools.

Principals

Severin Gardner Kalskag Schools – President Hayden addressed the letter from the Kalskag SAC saying once the budget is determined the board will be able to respond to all of their concerns. Mr. Gardner said he'd relay the message. He reported there is an open seat on the Kalskag SAC that he expects to be filled shortly and that the Kalskag SAC is planning a letter at their next meeting to urge the board to talk to the magistrate about enforcing truancy laws. He reported on the ASAA meeting he attended. They will have professional development for their teachers, paraprofessionals and aides with Carol Thompson State Coach and Pat McDonald. Discussion followed on the counselor position that is on hire freeze at this time due to budget uncertainties. President Hayden said the governor's proposed cut for KSD was 1.7 million, which prompted the budget committee to put several positions on hold to help balance the budget. Discussion was held on requesting the YKHC clinic counselor to help with counseling at the schools.

Todd Boynton, Aniak Schools – He said the students have benefited from a counselor in the schools even though scheduling has been inconsistent due to sharing the counselor with the upriver villages and not having a defined space for a counselor office. Discussion followed on the procedure for lifting the hiring freeze and recruiting staff once budget issues are resolved. Mr. Gardner commented on another school district going with a shortened school year to save money. Discussion followed.

Steven Porter, Upriver Schools – Mr. Porter was up river and his report was in the board packet. A request was made to have the upriver principal give a report at the next meeting. Mr. Grieve reported on a decision to discontinue the food service program in Stony River for the remainder of the year due to having difficulties with having a cook on a regular basis, unless they can work something out with the tribal council.

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

Curriculum – Emily Vanderpool

Emily Vanderpool reported on state testing went smoothly and that results should be available in late summer. She reported on the Curriculum Committee Math Adoption committee meetings saying a recommendation will be ready for May. Big Ideas Math materials were on display for board review. The committee is also working on the adoption of preschool curriculum and will send a quote to the budget committee for consideration. She has been working on school improvement grants and expressed appreciation for the work done with staff by the state coaches. Discussion followed on bandwidth issues during testing.

Federal Programs & Grants– Elaine O'Rourke's report was in the board packet.

MKEA Teacher Rep – Jodi Darling's report was in the board packet, she added everyone was happy with having the State coaches to work with. Emma Hill worked with the high school and elementary students and also had a community performance. Damen Bell was in Kalskag, the Aniak's Got Talent show had a big turn out, 4 kids from AMNES and 4 from Sleetmute traveled to the Alaska State Science and Engineering Fair in Anchorage.

Student Rep – Jena Boelens

Jena Boelens reported on the new Math teacher Ms. Eller saying students enjoy working with her via Zoom. She reported on the trip to Anchorage for the Science Fair and said the fair needs to be advertised more so maybe more students would participate.

Board Member Reports

Wayne Morgan reported Kayla Morgan, Miranda Peterson and another student from our conference were selected for the state 1A-2A All Star team and played very well. He congratulated Miranda and Kayla on receiving the recognition and for also going to the Exposure Camp. He announced he will serve the remainder of his current term and would not be running in the next election, he urged his constituents to start thinking about serving on the school board. Phyllis Evan reminded the board of the letter from Mary Mellick about having a boarding school for

our region. Discussion followed. Dwayne Hoffman thanked Wayne Morgan for being a role model and also reminded community members to speak out to the board when issues come up before those issues flare up and the importance of good communication. He stated he is glad the SAC is really involved in the schools. He has also been busy with dust control in Kalskag. Teresa Hunter brought up concerns that bed bugs may be in the schools.

Approve Sale of Cessna 172 for \$44,000.00: Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the sale of the Cessna 172 for a written offer of \$44,000.00. Seconded by Wayne Morgan. Concerns were expressed about the way the sale of the plane was advertised. Discussion followed. Wayne Morgan retracted his second. Harvey Hoffman rescinded his motion. Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to sell the Cessna 172 for a minimum written offer at or above \$44,000.00 to be advertised until April 30th. Seconded by Eleanor. Discussion held on places to place public advertisements. All were in favor and the motion carried.

12:30-1:05pm Lunch Break

Board Recognition Awards

President Hayden read the names for Board Recognition Awards into the record for Ron Strode; Aniak Girls BB team; Leslie Boelens; Chuathbaluk Traditional Council; Judy Hager; Audrey Leary; Jenny Nicoli; and Elaine O'Rourke. **Nominations:** City of Chuathbaluk for their contributions to the Native Youth Olympics Team; Doug Molenoux for making it possible for the kids to go to the Science Fair and for your work on salmon projects with the kids, etc.; TKC for their contributions to the Native Youth Olympics Team. Discussion was held on the nominations for "Sharing the Bill Morgan Spirit" Award. Emily Vanderpool added State Support Coaches Carol Thompson and Pat McDonald both go above and beyond their duties as support coaches, they are always available to the schools and staff and go out of their way to accommodate Kuspuk's needs.

Approve a hiring freeze for the following positions based on State budget uncertainty:

- a. First Grade AMNES; b. ELA AJSHS; & c. Counselor position – Kalskag

Discussion was held. No motion was made as the budget committee is still working on the budget.

Approve to discontinue the Upriver Principal Position: Discussion was held on combining positions, the need to cut 1.7 million, having public hearings on budget issues, and the budget committee is still working on a budget. Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to table and refer to the budget committee. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of adding an additional Math/Science high school position at GMSHS: Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the addition of a Math/Science position at GMSHS. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Approve purchase of Avionics & prop replacement for C207, \$35,000.00 from CIP funds: Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the purchase of avionics & prop replacement for the C207 with \$35,000.00 from CIP. Seconded by Teresa Simeon Hunter, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Approve \$8,400.00 for CTE Camp: Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve \$8,400.00 for the CTE camp. Seconded by Eleanor Sanbei, six were in favor, one opposed, the motion carried.

Approval of purchase of 6 Xerox VersaLink multi-function printers \$25,122.00 out of CIP: Wayne Morgan made a **Motion** to approve the purchase of 6 Xerox VersaLink multifunction printers at \$25,122.00 out of CIP. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of purchase of 7500gal Fuel Storage Tank at 39,859.00 excluding shipping, shipping estimate \$20,000. Discussion was held. Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to table and refer to the budget committee for further investigation. Seconded by Wayne Morgan, all were in favor, the motion carried.

General Communications:

- a. State of AK Div. of Elections letter: Oct. 1, 2019 School Board Election & REAA #5 Order and Notice of Election
- b. Kalskag SAC letter
- c. Graduation Travel Plans – President Hayden urged board members to attend the graduations.

Time & Place of Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting – Tues. May 7, 2019, 10:00am, In person at DO
Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to have the next regular board meeting in person at Aniak Tues. May 7, 2019 at 10am, Seconded by Phyllis Evan. All were in favor the motion carried.

Adjournment 2:38pm Teresa Simeon-Hunter made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phyllis Evan.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Harvey Hoffman, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary