

Unofficial Minutes

Kuspuk School District REAA #5 September 11, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Bob R. McHenry District Office, Aniak, AK

Call to Order: President Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. and asked for a moment of silence for the lives lost on 9/11/2001. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Bonnie Persson, present Wayne Morgan, present Taylor Hayden, present (*on phone*)
Dwayne Hoffman, present Harvey Hoffman, present Jena Boelens, AJSHS, Student Rep, present
Phyllis Evan, present Eleanor Sanbei, absent

A quorum was present. Also present: Bernard Grieve, Superintendent; Erich Kuball, Asst. Superintendent; Severin Gardner, Kalskag Principal; Todd Boynton, Aniak 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: Oath of Office for Student Rep – Jena Boelens

Bonnie Persson made a **Motion** to approve the September 11, 2018 agenda as amended. Seconded by Phyllis Evan. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Student Representative Oath of Office: Jena Boelens/AJSHS

President Morgan administered the oath of office to Student Representative Jena Boelens, Aniak Jr. Sr. H.S.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 14, 2018

Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to accept the minutes of August 14, 2018, Regular Meeting, seconded by Taylor Hayden, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Board President - Wayne Morgan

President Morgan introduced and welcomed Jena Boelens to the board. During his opening remarks he offered condolences on behalf of the Board to families of recently deceased Margaret Demandel of Aniak; Nicholas Waskey of Crooked Creek; and Sheree and Zach Smith of Sleetmute on the loss of their infant son.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda/Non-Agenda Items: No public comments in Aniak or Sleetmute.

10:57am Executive Session Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to go into executive session to discuss new hires and resignations, seconded by Harvey Hoffman, all were in favor the motion carried. **11:14am** Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to return to regular session, seconded by Phyllis Evan.

Approval of FY19 Contract Offers – Charles Tante, Math, AJSHS, Aniak; Marie Sakar, gr K-6, CVSS, Chuathbaluk

Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to approve the FY19 Contract Offers as read. Seconded by Bonnie Persson, all were in favor the motion carried.

Approval of 2018-19 Resignation(s): Everett Slicker, Sec. Generalist, JJSS-Crooked Creek

Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the resignation of Everett Slicker, seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report – Bernard Grieve

Mr. Grieve had two additions to his report, first a Three Star Community Planning and Grant Writing session in Aniak the next day participants will include the City of Aniak, AVCP, the Aniak Traditional Council, YKHC as well as Elaine O'Rourke and Emily Vanderpool. Mr. Grieve said the goal is to be able to partner with these entities especially the City of Aniak in the new school construction. Second he received Yup'ik maps of the region created by Calista over the summer and he can order more maps if needed. Discussion followed on the Three Star training session and the possibility of discussing the childcare development and preschool program issue with those entities.

Finance Report – Martha Morgan

Martha Morgan reported on revenue and expenses as of 9/11/18 and the State of Alaska has approved the FY19 budget. President Morgan shared his thoughts on student travel, budget committee discussions regarding a possible

purchase of a 207, selling the Cherokee and Board Committee assignments at the November meeting. Discussion followed on the fund balance.

Maintenance & Operations Report – Jeromy Hoeldt

Jeromy was in Crooked Creek, discussion was held on the issue of Kalskag fuel tanks needing to be brought up to code and possibly adding it to the CIP budget. Mr. Grieve said another idea to investigate is switching Kalskag vehicles over to diesel and comparing that cost to the cost of building a whole new tank farm to see which would be the best way to go. President Morgan asked if there was a way for administrators to log in and get information on the status of work orders. Mr. Grieves said that has been discussed and he has a plan to address that.

Principals - Severin Gardner, Steven Porter, Todd Boynton

Severin Gardner reported his sites are working on goals to address strategic plan items; enrollment is steady; he expressed appreciation for the counselor position which has already proven to be beneficial; the development of a high school sports field; open houses and back to school potlucks; hosting the Rip the Ridge; attendance is relatively good at all three schools; the new staff is phenomenal. As Athletic Director he reported on the ASAA meeting he attended saying sports physicals are now valid for 18 months; there is a new eligibility format that doesn't work well due to a lack of mobile data in Kalskag; Volleyball reclassification of regions; dues were paid to cover the upriver villages; and the upcoming basketball season. Discussion followed on student travel and physicals.

Todd Boynton reported the math teacher arrived the second week of school; the AJSHS goal is to get more parent, guardian participation; the SAC met and brainstormed on how to reach that goal. The 6th grade classroom is set up in the old music room and they share lunch with the high school students. The AMNES goal is to increase native culture in the school, Okie Morgan is teaching language and culture. Jodi Darling and Okie Morgan started the year with a Banish Bullying program. Their open house had good turnout. Discussion followed on SAC elections and plans to meet the first Monday of each month; enrollment and the open house.

Steven Porter was upriver, Mr. Grieves reported enrollment at Stony River is at 11; Crooked Creek staffing and the possibility of a student teacher to start the year; discussion followed on recruiting student teachers more often and a past board directive of having the principal reside in one of the upriver villages.

12:20pm Lunch Break. The board viewed 2018 Math Science Expedition and George River Internship videos.

1:00pm President Morgan called the meeting back to order.

Student Services – Erich Kuball

Mr. Kuball reported on the Math Science Expedition, the George River Internship, and enrollment is at 344 compared to 357 last October. He said 12 students attended the EXCEL summer camp, 3 students attended the Capstone training, 1 student participated in the flight school program, 2 students participated in the CNA program. A comment was made that the scholarship criteria should be reviewed as it prevents kids who attend boarding schools from being eligible for scholarships, even though they reside in the region, are tribal members and do return to live and work in the region. Discussion followed on starting a boarding school in Aniak and the timing of the Math Science Expedition.

Curriculum – Emily Vanderpool

Emily Vanderpool gave a virtual reality tour of New York and 9/11 to show new equipment being used at the schools. She reported on the August in-services; a grant from the Council on Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault paid for Social Emotional Learning; Child Protection Unit and Bullying Prevention curriculum; and an Alaska Native Children School program grant application was submitted for culturally relevant curriculum but grant awards have not been announced yet. The new math curriculum was adopted and training sessions were held during the in-service. This year the math adoption will be for elementary math and the adoption committee will be formed in November she urged interested board members to join. Test results were sent out for PEAKS, WIDA and Alaska Science. The board had positive comments on the virtual reality demo and the in-services.

Federal Programs & Grants – Elaine O'Rourke

Elaine O'Rourke said Kuspuk was approved for the Indian Ed, Title VII, Quality Schools, Special Ed Grants, and she is working on the Consolidated Grant Title IV. The two new counselors will present their program and mission statement at the October meeting.

MKEA Teacher Rep – Jodi Darling

Jodi Darling reported the MKEA met and elected Quana Holmberg as President and Okie Morgan as Vice President; the Aniak Schools went on a berry picking trip; Aniak Cross Country hosted the Moose Trot, Okie Morgan's Yup'ik classes is practicing a dance they learned from Olivia Shields and will perform at the Veterans Day Program. The AMNES kids enjoyed virtual reality demonstrations given by Emily Vanderpool. Discussion followed on the fact that the 6th graders move to AJSHS has been a positive thing. She said the new J-touch boards are installed but teachers want to request their smart boards back due to the internet and a big learning curve.

Student Rep – Jena Boelens

Jena Boelens reported the year is off to a great start some schools are still setting up their student governments so she hoped to have reports from them next month. She reported on the George River Internship, the Math Science Expedition, the visit from Doug Molyneaux to help kids get started on the Math Science Expedition Challenge; Cross country hosted the Moose Trot and went to Kalskag to Rip the Ridge. Discussion was held on 8th graders being eligible to participate in sports and how the 6th graders were doing at the Aniak and Kalskag high schools.

Board Member Report(s)

Phyllis Evan asked about the status of the Kalskag playground matching funds and was told Jeromy Hoeldt was working on it. Bonnie Persson said this is her last term and that she enjoyed her 6 years on the board, she thanked everyone for their support through the years saying she learned a lot about the education system in our area.

Policy Review Committee 3rd Reading - BP 6179 Child Care and Development Programs

Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to table BP 6179 Child Care and Development Programs to the next meeting, seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Project Manager for Auntie Mary Nicoli Elementary

The board reviewed and discussed the 3 proposals and forming an AMNES Construction Committee and the preparation of a contract for the construction. Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the selection of Arcadis to be the project manager and to authorize Bernard Grieve to discuss and negotiate the contract. Seconded by Bonnie Persson. Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 1 Absent, the motion carried.

AASB 2019 Call for Resolutions

President Morgan urged board members to notify Edith Morgan with their plans to travel to the AASB conference. Discussion was held on asking tribes and/or regional entities to pool their tribal education funds and transfer funds to support their schools. Harvey said there are webinars on AASB resolutions that should be accessible on-line.

Board Recognition Awards

President Morgan said there were no presentations as the year is just starting. He asked for nominations for board recognition. Bonnie Persson was nominated for 6 years of service on the school board.

Approval of the 6-yr Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Grieve requested approval of the application submitted for the FY2020 CIP 6-year plan. Discussion was held on securing funds for the Jack Egnaty School foundation as well. Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to approve the 6-yr Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Seconded by Dwayne Hoffman, all were in favor and the motion carried.

General Communications

The following information was included in the board packet: a. 2018 AASB 65th Annual Conference Information & AASB Youth Leadership Institute Agenda and b. KSD FY19Budget Acceptance Letter from DEED.

Time & Place of Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting – Tues. Oct. 9, 2018, 10:00am, in person at the District Office
Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to have a regular board meeting on Tuesday October 9, 2018 at 10am in person. Seconded by Harvey Hoffman. All were in favor the motion carried.

Board Assessment and Adjournment

President Morgan suggested Jena Boelens be included on the board self assessment at future meetings. Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phyllis Evan, the meeting adjourned at 3:22pm

Respectfully Submitted: _____

Harvey Hoffman, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary