

Unofficial Minutes

Kuspuk School District REAA #5 January 14, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Bob R. McHenry District Office, Aniak, AK

10:07am President Hoffman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Teresa Simeon-Hunter, present Sue Hoeldt, present Alyssa Gregory, present
Dwayne Hoffman, present Harvey Hoffman, present Desirae Morgan, Student Rep, present
Phyllis Evan, present Adrian Boelens, present

A quorum was present. Also present: Bernard Grieve, Superintendent; Severin Gardner, Kalskag Schools Principal; Gretchen Kelly, Aniak Schools Principal; Sharon Lemmert, Up River Schools Principal on Zoom; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director; Emily Vanderpool, Curriculum Director; Emerie Fairbanks, MKEA Teacher Rep; Madeline Aguillard, Director of Special Education; Megan Leary, TKC; Andrea Gusty, TKC on Zoom; Mary Hoffman Maintenance Support Secretary; Erich Kuball, EXCEL; and Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary.

Approval Of The Agenda: Additions: New Business – Ice Road Discussion. Adrian Boelens made a **Motion** to approve the January 14, 2020 agenda as amended. Seconded by Phyllis Evan. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2019, Regular Meeting - Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to accept the minutes of December 10, 2019, Regular Meeting, seconded by Sue Hoeldt, a correction was noted, President name should be Hoffman on pg 2, all were in favor, the motion carried.

President Report: During his opening remarks President Hoffman reported some schools were not ready to open due to cold weather issues that should be resolved soon, he welcomed Dan Sailors back to work, he announced the Gotor Morgan Memorial Basketball Tournament will take place this week in Aniak as well as the K300 Races, he urged volunteers to sign up for both events; he wished the Aniak Androids good luck on their upcoming trip to Anchorage saying their events can be followed on their face book page. He said the upcoming strategic planning session is a good opportunity for creative, thoughtful work to develop a guide to follow for the next five years. He offered condolences on behalf of Kuspuk and the board to the families of the following: Libby Reed of Kalskag; Kirrila Wise of Lower Kalskag; and Sarah Pitka of Kalskag.

Presentations to the Board: EXCEL Alaska, and The Kuskokwim Corporation

a: Carol Wilson and Billijo Mills, EXCEL Alaska

Carol Wilson, Executive Director of EXCEL Alaska introduced herself saying she was hired by Kuspuk as a Grant Director for the NYCP (Native Communities Youth Projects) Grant. She and Billijo Mills shared pictures and data showing accomplishments of Kuspuk Students in the EXCEL programs during the last couple school years. They handed out an Alaska EXCEL Booklets featuring students, programs and specialty sessions. They extended invitations for everyone to visit them at APU and see their wall of fame. They gave an update on the activities of the Native Youth Committee Projects Grant that is in year 3 of 4 years reporting on the goals, objectives and outcomes. Discussion was held on the possibility of mushing as an activity, the other aspects of the grant that trains mentors to teach Career & Technical Real Life Skills; and keeping track of graduates as they transition to the next phase of their lives. Discussion followed.

b: Andrea Gusty, Vice President & Chief of Staff, The Kuskokwim Corporation re: TKC interest in AMNES

Andrea Gusty addressed the board saying she would like to reaffirm TKC's interest in the AMNES building for training and housing space especially with the upcoming loss of the Joe Parent Building. Mr. Grieve said the State is willing to work with TKC on their plans for the building. Discussion followed on setting up a construction committee meeting to wrap up loose ends and make decisions regarding the AMNES building; finding out who owns the land it sits on; also finding out if all buildings surrounding the Joe Parent building have to also be removed and what plans are for their relocation.

10:30am Phyllis Evan was excused from the meeting due to a family emergency.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda/Non-Agenda Items: None on Zoom, phone or at the DO.

11:11am Executive Session for Administrative Matters: Teresa Hunter made a **Motion** to go into executive session for administrative matters. Seconded by Adrian Boelens, all were in favor and the motion carried. **12:10pm** Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to return to regular session, seconded by Sue Hoeldt. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of FY20 Contract Offers: Anna Marquardt, Language Arts, AJSHS, Aniak Sue Hoeldt made a **Motion** to approve the FY20 Contract Offer for Anna Marquardt, Language Arts, AJSHS, Aniak. Seconded by Adrian Boelens, all were in favor, the motion carried.

12:22pm – 1:00pm - Lunch

Approval of FY20 Resignation(s): Noble Jennette, Lang. Arts, GMSHS, Kalskag; Sue Macy Pre-K-2 SpEd, JOGES, Kalskag; Sue Hoeldt made a **Motion** to approve the FY20 resignations for Noble Jennette and Sue Macy, seconded by Adrian Boelens, all were in favor and the motion carried.

1:05pm – Phyllis Evan returned to the meeting

Superintendent: Bernard Grieve said the ATP Educator job fair is coming up and requested 3 board members attend; he gave an update on the consolidated grant; student teachers; and announced his resignation as Superintendent effective June 2. Discussion followed on determining who would be on hiring teams; and alternate methods of recruitment; and adding the superintendent resignation to the agenda.

To Suspend the Rules to add Superintendent Resignation to Agenda and to request AASB facilitate the Superintendent Search: Dwayne Hoffman made a **Motion** to suspend the rules to add Superintendent Resignation to the agenda as well as to request AASB to facilitate the Superintendent search, seconded by Adrian Boelens, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Finance: Martha Morgan reported on the revenue and expenses as of 1/10/20. Discussion followed on overages on subs and temps and professional and technical line items; the need to see an updated CIP list that reflects work done since budget items were approved for CIP. A suggestion was made to set up a work session or use AASB webinars to understand the budget.

Curriculum: Emily Vanderpool reported on the 2019-20 first semester K-12 growth data, the district assessments, and the next steps after seeing the data. She reported on the Alaska Comprehensive State Literacy Development Program Grant, a 5-year grant from the State of Alaska to focus on literacy initiatives that targets the K-5 student population. She reviewed grant goals and how they would be implemented.

Upriver Schools Principal: Sharon Lemmert had a written report in the board packet.

Board Member Reports: Dwayne Hoffman said he is looking forward to working with staff on finishing up the school year; Sue Hoeldt thanked the City of Aniak for doing a literacy event over the Christmas break at the Library; Teresa Simeon Hunter reported some schools had frozen up over the holidays; Alyssa Gregory reported Stony River had no water, heat and the school wasn't able to open up after the break.

Approval of 2nd Reading Policy Review Committee- Series 0000 and Series 1000: BP 0420 School Based Management/Site Councils; BP 1312.1 Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel; BP 1000 Concepts & Roles; BP 1312.2 Public Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials; BP 1311 Participation in Community Life; BP 1312.3 Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination; BP 1312 Public Complaints Concerning the Schools
Sue Hoeldt made a **Motion** to approve BP 0420; BP 1312.1; BP 1000; BP 1312.2; BP 1311; BP 1312.3; and BP 1312, seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Board Recognition Awards: Mr. Grieve read awards into the record for the Kalskag Grizzlies Volleyball team and Coaches for 3rd Place at the Mix Six Volleyball State Tournament. Martin Paul and Mika Levi for making the All Tournament Team at the Mix Six Volleyball State Tournament. **Nominations:** Aniak Public Library for sponsoring a literacy event during the Christmas break; Jeromy Hoeldt for his work during the cold weather repairing furnaces and water lines.

2020-2021 School District Calendar: Discussion was held on moving the January in-service from Jan 21st to the 29th and 30th and to have a work day at the end of each quarter to do grades and paperwork.

To Submit a letter of Support for the ANSEP AVCP Middle School Academy

Adrian Boelens made a **Motion** to submit a letter of support for the ANSEP AVCP Middle School Academy, seconded by Sue Hoeldt, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Superintendent Resignation effective June 2nd: Sue Hoeldt made a **Motion** to accept the Superintendent Grieve's Resignation effective June 2nd, seconded by Adrian Boelens, all were in favor and the motion carried.

To Request AASB to facilitate the Superintendent Search: Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to request AASB to facilitate the Superintendent search, seconded by Sue Hoeldt, all were in favor and the motion carried.

1st Reading Policy Review Committee

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| a. BP 1400 Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies & the Schools | d. BP 3550 Food Service |
| b. BP 3515.5 Restrictions on Sex Offenders on Campus | e. BP 4000 All Personnel Concepts & Roles |
| c. BP 3541.1 School Related Trips | |

Ice Roads: Dwayne Hoffman said the tribes go through a lot of resources and funds to keep ice roads maintained. He said the Kalskag tribes are reaching out to other entities requesting help with funding these efforts or providing fuel. Discussion followed and the board requested a way be found to see how Kuspuk can help out.

Time & Place of Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting – Tues. Feb. 18, 2020, 10:00am, District Office
Sue Hoeldt made a **Motion** to have the next board meeting in person on Tuesday February 18, 2020 10 am. Seconded by Teresa Simeon Hunter. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment 3:05pm: Teresa Simeon Hunter made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Adrian Boelens. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Phyllis Evan, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary