

Unofficial Minutes

Kuspuk School District REAA #5 April 11, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Bob R. McHenry District Office, Aniak, AK

Call to Order: President Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Bonnie Persson, present

David Dorris, absent, excused

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: Erich Kuball, Interim Superintendent; Martha Morgan, Business Manager; Steven Porter, Up River Principal; Severin Gardner, Kalskag Principal; Jeromy Hoeldt, Maintenance Director; Julia Fischer, MKEA Teacher Rep; and Edith Morgan, recording secretary. Community Members in attendance were Carrie Longpre', Wanda Wilson, Dave Diehl, Clara Morgan, Verdene Morgan, Rhiannon Kelila, Esther Donhauser, Megan Leary, Nora Kelila, Kimberly Ward, Jessica Phillips, Daisy Phillips, Riley Morgan, and Jasmin Simeon.

Approval Of The Agenda With Changes: Move Old Business up after President's Report

Phyllis Evan made a **Motion** to approve the April 11, 2017 agenda as amended. Seconded by Bonnie Persson. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting March 7, 2017 and Special Meeting March 23, 2017

Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to accept the minutes of March 7, 2017, Regular Meeting and March 23, 2017 Special Board Meeting, seconded by Eleanor Sanbei, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Board President Report - Wayne Morgan

During his opening remarks President Morgan welcomed everyone in attendance, he offered condolences on behalf of the board to the families of Martha Peters of Crooked Creek, Sinka Zaukar of Sleetmute, and Dovie Chandler of Red Devil/Medford Oregon. He said this was KSD's first year back with a Carnegie System and Distance Learning. He commented on FY18 staffing saying Todd Boynton has been promoted to Aniak Principal and Emily Vanderpool has been hired for the Curriculum Director position.

Kuspuk Superintendent Search

President Morgan said an announcement was made on Friday that Bernard Grieve was selected to be the next superintendent, Erich Kuball will serve as interim superintendent until the end of June and next year he will return to his Student Services position in addition to being Assistant Superintendent. The hiring of Mr. Grieve is not official until they work out the terms of the contract with Mr. Bernard Grieve, it may be at the May meeting with the approval of the board. He reviewed the superintendent search process saying out of the 12 candidates Mr. Grieve and Mr. Kuball were the top two and it was after much debate and thought that they offered the position to Mr. Bernard Grieve.

Public Comment Regarding Agenda/Non-Agenda Items

President Morgan read the rules for speakers during public comment. The following people voiced concerns about the Superintendent Search process and spoke in support of Mr. Kuball: Nora Kelila; Esther Donhauser; Daisy Phillips; Rhiannon Kelila; Kimberly Ward (also added concerns about the VTC distance courses); Carrie Longpre'; Wanda Wilson; Verdene Morgan; Dave Diehl; Clara Morgan; Jessica Phillips; Jasmin Simeon; Stacy Turner by phone. President Morgan thanked everyone for their comments and said their comments were well taken.

11:24am Executive Session – Administrative Matters

Eleanor Sanbei made a **Motion** to go into executive session for administrative matters. Seconded by Bonnie Persson, all were in favor the motion carried. 12:55pm Eleanor Sanbei made a **Motion** to return to regular session. Seconded by Phyllis Evan all were in favor the motion carried.

12:55 -1:27 Lunch Break

Approval of FY18 New Hire Contracts: Carlyn Mary Wooten, 2nd Gr Teacher, JOGES, Kalskag; Shane Howe, Social Studies Teacher, GMSHS, Kalskag; Cooper Morgan, Secondary Math Teacher, AJSHS, Aniak; Amanda Tuss, Science Teacher, AJSHS, Aniak; Cynthia R. Long, Language Arts Teacher, AJSHS, Aniak; and Emily Vanderpool, Curriculum & Instruction Director, DO, Aniak. Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to approve the FY18 New Hire Contracts. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor the motion carried.

Approval of Resignations: Hailey Wooldridge – Language Arts Teacher – AJSHS; Heather Berry – Science Teacher – AJSHS; and Laura Murph – Secondary Generalist – GMS. Eleanor Sanbei made a **Motion** to accept the resignations as presented. Seconded by Taylor Hayden, all were in favor the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report – Erich Kuball

Mr. Kuball reported on the current enrollment; FY18 Staffing; On site in-services to be held on April 15; Graduation dates and times; the upcoming Leadership Conference he will attend in Anchorage on the 21st; and the upcoming Academic Decathlon/Career Fair. Discussion followed on the career fair.

Finance Report – Martha Morgan

Martha Morgan's report showed the expenses and revenue as of April 4, 2017. President Morgan said the budget committee would meet to finalize the projected budget, which is due to the State by July 15th.

Maintenance & Operations – Jeromy Hoeldt

Mr. Hoeldt reported on an electrical fire at the AJSHS and thanked Justin Ward who was in the gym for NYO practice and saved the school by putting the fire out before it got too big. Jeromy reported on quotes for heating fuel and gas. Discussion followed on the fire at the AJSHS.

Principal Reports

Severin Gardner reported on after school activities; elementary indoor soccer and basketball; Darren Deacon is starting a drone club with flying helicopters and working with aerial photography drones; Testing went smoothly, the kids did well; Prom and graduation plans are being made; and Parent Teacher Conferences. Discussion followed on setting up a PAC election for early fall.

Steve Porter's written report was in the packet, he added the Alaska Child and Family will be offering a village counseling service on site via VTC. He said VTC equipment has been set up at Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek and Stony River to date. He will report further as things progress and he gets more information. Mr. Kuball added the program would eventually be in all of the villages except Aniak.

Aniak Schools: Emily Vanderpool, AMNES Lead Teacher and Todd Boynton, AJSHS Lead Teacher had written reports in the board packet. Mr. Kuball added the science fair had increased participation compared to past years saying Doug Molyneaux and Dave Cannon had a lot to do with that.

Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Larry Cobb was out of the office, his written report was included in the packet.

Student Representative – Justin Ward

Both Aniak basketball teams went to State and the girls took 4th; the juniors had fundraisers for graduation and possibly a senior trip. Kalskag had their testing, juniors and seniors filled out scholarship applications, and they had to cancel their basketball tournament due to teams dropping out; Sleetmute took the PEAKS test, hosted a basketball tournament, had Ski-ku activities, kids attended culture week; and held fundraising events. Board members thanked Justin for saving his high school.

MKEA Teacher Representative – Julia Fischer

Ms. Fischer reported 10 students attended the State Science Fair in Anchorage and did very well with their presentations. She thanked Doug Molyneaux for taking care of the students while they were in Anchorage he took them to Get Air and a dinner at Benihana. Sleetmute reported on their Ski-ku; basketball, and culture week events and they are back from Spring break ready for the PEAKS testing.

Federal Programs & Grants Report – Elaine O'Rourke had a written report in the board packet.

Coord. Instructional Report – Shari Cobb had a written report in the board packet.

Board Member Report(s) - no reports at this time

Policy Review Committee 2nd Reading

Taylor Hayden made a **Motion** to adopt BP/AP 6114 Crisis Response Program; BP 6142.2 Aids Education; BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements; BP/AP 6146.3 College & Career Readiness Assessments; BP/AP/E 6171 Title 1 Programs; and BP 6173 Education for Gifted & Talented Students; seconded by Harvey Hoffman, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Board Recognition Awards

Erich Kuball read a Spirit of Youth Award for Shahaila Raymond and a board recognition award for Doug Molyneaux into the record. Nominations for Board Recognition: Bruce Richardson for 11 years of service to the kids of Kuspuk with 3 years at the George Willis Sr. School in Red Devil and 8 years at the Aniak Jr/Sr. High School in Aniak; Justin Ward for his service on the Kuspuk School Board as a Student Representative and for his quick action and quick thinking in putting out the fire at the AJSHS; Erich Kuball for stepping up as interim superintendent for the 2016-2017 school year and taking care of day to day operations; Todd Boynton for taking on added responsibilities during the second semester of 2017 school year in the absence of a principal at the Aniak Jr/Sr High School; Emily Vanderpool for taking on added responsibilities during the second semester of 2017 school year in the absence of a principal at the Auntie Mary Nicoli Elementary School; David Matson of Dave and Jaycee Auto for his donation of the boys basketball uniforms; Edith Morgan for her hard work & dedication during the Superintendent transition and Superintendent Search; Agrafina Pletnikoff a very competent and hard working secretary at the Crow Village Sam School who goes above and beyond to look out for the wellbeing of the school; Mae Hetherington a very qualified secretary who helps out by keeping the Joseph & Olinga Gregory Elementary School very organized and goes above and beyond her normal duties; Mike Fontaine for his dedication as Aniak's Bus Driver, being consistent and responsible, his service was appreciated by the parents & students.

Sharing the Bill Morgan Spirit Award

The board recommended Erich Kuball for the 2016-17 Sharing the Bill Morgan Spirit Award.

Time & Place of Next Meeting Tues. May 9, 2017, 10:00am at the DO in person

Harvey Hoffman made a **Motion** to have the next meeting on Tues, May 9, 2017, 10:00am at the DO in person. Seconded by Phyllis Evan, all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Taylor Hayden, Clerk Treasurer

Edith Morgan, Recording Secretary