



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mr. Bill Holt, Vice President
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk
Mr. Tim Navarre, Treasurer
Mr. Marty Anderson
Mr. Dan Castimore
Mrs. Liz Downing
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. John Kelly

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Christine Ermold
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff

Mrs. Julie Cisco

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:

Mrs. Vadla read the District's mission statement.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Marty Anderson	Present (<i>Telephonically</i>)
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Dan Castimore	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present (<i>Telephonically</i>)
Mr. Bill Holt	Absent/Excused
Mr. John Kelly	Present
Mr. Tim Navarre	Present (<i>Telephonically</i>)
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of June 6, 2016, were approved as printed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:08 p.m., Mrs. Downing moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. The executive session was held to discuss the transportation contract. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Anderson, Ms. Hohl, and Mr. Navarre participated telephonically.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:52 p.m., Mrs. Vadla moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mrs. Downing seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Dusek announced that Dr. Michael Johnson, former superintendent of Copper River School District, has been selected as the new Commission of Education. He highlighted the General Information Packet items: Annual Agenda Guidelines, 2016-17 Parent Student Handbook, School Annual Reports to the Superintendent and Site Council Evaluations.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR AUTHORIZED STUDENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS, P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dusek congratulated former KPBSD students, Miss Paige Blackburn and Miss Allie Ostrander, on their performances at the U.S. Olympic Trials. He thanked Dr. Ermold and the Effective Instruction Committee for their work on the evaluation system update. He thanked Mrs. Natalie Bates for her work on the 2016-17 Parent Student Handbook. He reported that the legislature has begun its 5th session, that meetings will probably begin on Friday where they might discuss the impact of the governor's veto, which the Board discussed during a work session earlier in the day. Mr. Dusek stated that he will attend the Alaska Superintendent Association (ASA) summer meeting in Juneau later this month where he will replace Commissioner Johnson as the ASA president. He will post Board opportunities to connect with staff and students via email, his blog and Twitter in order to assist in meeting new Board goals.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2016.

BOARD REPORTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

**BOARD WORK SESSION
REPORT:**

Mr. Arness reported that the Board held work sessions entitled 2016-17 Board Goals, Educator Evaluation System, Transportation and FY17 Budget. All members seated at the meeting, attended the work sessions, except Mr. Arness who missed the first two sessions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 2016-2017 Board of Education Goals, Resignations, 2016-17 New Teacher Contracts and 2016-17 Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts.

2016-2017 BOARD GOALS:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board adopt the 2016-2017 Board Goals as presented.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations from Elizabeth Falk, Special Education Coordinator, Pupil Services, effective June 30, 2016 and Lindsey May, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Sterling Elementary School, effective the end of the 2015-16 school year.

**2016-2017 NEW TEACHER
CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve new teacher contracts for Ingrid Harrauld, School Mental Health Counselor; Kristin Jones, Math Teacher; Steven Nimcheski, Earth Science/Language Arts Teacher; Deborah Roemhildt, School Psychologist; and Bobby Wick, Intermediate Grade Teacher.

**2016-17 NON-TENURED
TEACHER CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve 2016-17 Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts for Christopher Jenness, Teacher/Regular; Douglas Rempp, Teacher/Regular; James Wayne (.75 FTE), Teacher/Regular and Darren Zibell, Teacher/Regular.

MOTION:

Mrs. Downing moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 4. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT AWARD:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve entering into a ten year Student Transportation Contract with Apple Bus Company starting with FY18, as presented.

MOTION:

Mr. Castimore moved the Board approve entering into a ten year Student Transportation Contract with Apple Bus Company starting with FY18, as presented. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

MOTION:

Mr. Kelly moved the Board postpone action on this item. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FY17 BUDGET:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the FY17 Budget as revised.

MOTION:

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve the FY17 Budget as revised. Mrs. Downing seconded.

FY17 BUDGET:*Continued***MOTION:**

Mr. Castimore moved the Board approve an amendment to remove the budget transfer to Student Transportation from the General Fund in the amount of \$655,072. Mr. Navarre seconded.

VOTE ON CASTIMORE AMENDMENT:

YES – Anderson, Castimore, Hohl

NO – Downing, Kelly, Navarre, Vadla, Arness

Amendment failed.

VOTE ON FY17 Budget:

YES – Anderson, Downing, Kelly, Vadla, Arness

NO – Castimore, Hohl, Navarre

Motion carried.

**EDUCATOR EVALUATION
SYSTEM:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the Educator Evaluation System update.

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve the Educator Evaluation System update. Mrs. Downing seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/
COMMENTS:**

Mr. Scott Kaufman requested information regarding the District's transgender policy and the Board's plan for developing one.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Hohl stated that she was disappointed to learn the Mr. Ben Eveland resigned, in June, as the director of the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC). She announced that the former assistant director, Mr. Daniel Repasky, will serve as the interim director. She asked Mr. Dusek if the administration has reviewed the state grant for expanding pre-school.

Mr. Anderson asked that the Board continue to consider the student transportation issue, as it is time sensitive, and to keep all possible options open.

Mrs. Downing congratulated Mr. Dusek on his ASA presidency.

Mr. Castimore stated that does not like alphabetical voting and prefers names be called randomly. He noted that dipnetting is open in Kenai.

Mrs. Vadla commended to Miss Blackburn and Miss Ostrander for their performances at the U.S. Olympic Trials. She expressed appreciation for Mr. Eveland's service to AVTEC and its students.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Continued

Mr. Arness asked for members of the public that are interested in the transgender policy issue to submit their contact information to Mrs. Tressler. He wished everyone a great July.

ADJOURN:

At 7:29 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

Approved 8-8-16

Submitted by Mrs. Debbie Tressler
Administrative Secretary to the Board of Education