



North Slope Borough School District
Board of Education
Wainwright School Gymnasium

Approved Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
September 2, 2010
1:00 p.m.

WORDS OF WISDOM: Rossman Peetook provided the words of wisdom to the Board of Education and listening audience.

CALL TO ORDER: Acting President Eva Kinneeveauk called the Board of Education meeting to order at 1: 25 p.m. at the Alak School Gymnasium.

ROLL CALL:

Roy Nageak– via teleconference excused at 4:27	Harold Ivanoff – via teleconference
Eva Kinneeveauk	Debby Edwardson – via teleconference 3:25
Arnold Brower	Anna Nageak
Mary Sage	

FLAG SALUTE: Alak School students led the pledge of Allegiance in Iñupiat and in English.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Board member Eva Kinneeveauk **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the Agenda. Roy Nageak **MOVED** to **AMEND** the Agenda to move item number 12b HSGQE Waiver Request 10-01 to after item number 14 on the Agenda. Board member Arnold Brower **SECONDED the AMENDED MOTION. QUESTION CALLED ON THE AMENDED MOTION. THE AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Board member Arnold Brower **SECONDED** the MAIN MOTION. **QUESTION CALLED ON THE MAIN MOTION. THE MAIN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mary Sage **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda. Board member Roy Nageak **SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: President Debby Edwardson recognized the visitors and members of the listening audience.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Distinguished **Student Awards** were given to Alak School students Frances Nashookpuk, Haley Sielak, Annie Ungudruk and Jenysa Ahmaogak for their stellar behavior and academic achievement. **Distinguished Staff Award** was given to teacher Loriann Juhasz from Alak School.

Highlighted School: Alak School; Principal Mark Jacobson had explained to students in grades 7-12 that due to budget reductions, Alak School would have fewer funds available for student activities than in previous years. As principal, Mr. Jacobson has the authority to decide which student opportunities to provide. Instead, he asked students to decide what they wanted offered. Principal Jacobson explained that each student would be given four green dots and that each student would use the dots to indicate which activities he or she wanted offered. Principal Jacobson reviewed the list of activities with them and asked students if there was any activity that wasn't on the list that they wanted added. After some discussion, students added two items, archery and hunter safety to the list. Next, students were told that when they

were asked to cast their vote that they could select up to four items from the list. Students were told that they should only pick activities in which they would participate. If a student didn't plan to participate in an activity, they were not to vote for that activity. The students were also told not to vote for an activity just because another student wanted to prevent something from being offered that a majority of students really didn't want. If a student preferred one item to another, he could put more than one dot next to it or spread their four dots out over two, three or four opportunities. Once students understood how to use their dots to vote, Mr. Jacobson asked each class, one-by-one, to vote. The seniors voted first, then the juniors, sophomores, freshman, eighth grade, and finally the seventh grade students. After each class voted, teacher labeled their dots so the school would know what opportunities each class preferred. If the equipment worked, the results of the voting should be visible on the screen. Principal Jacobson also printed a copy for each of you in case it didn't. Boy and Girls Basketball was picked as the number one activity by students in grades 7-12 with 55 votes, football 26 votes, combined volleyball with 18 votes, and the 45-minute class in fourth place. There may have been some confusion by students as to what the "45-minute class daily" was. It was reported that some of the students thought that by voting for it, the length of classes would be reduced to 45-minutes. However, it was made clear to students in grades 7-9 that it was the class offered after the regular school day, which is sometimes referred to as "7th period" in Alak School. The explanation explains why the opportunity received only one vote from students in grades 7th, 8th and 9th. Hunting safety was popular with 7th grade students, receiving 6 votes. It is also interesting to note that seniors cast more votes for volleyball than basketball. However, this could be a result of one senior placing more than one dot on it. Based on current funding levels, items 1 through - will be offered to the student in Alak School. Principal Jacobson will move down the list as program costs are adjusted. For example, when the list was developed, the football season was estimated to be eight weeks long instead of the five weeks. As a result, the program costs will be less than anticipated. Principal Jacobson plans to add "yearbook advisor" with the additional funds after he discussed the matter with the students serving on the Principal Advisory Committee later this month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS: The following community members had public comments John Hopson, Jr., Lydia Agnassna, Roy Ahmaogak, and Lucille Mayor, had questions on the no child left behind act.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Georgia Koonuk reported on the following:

Anaktuvak Pass: The student council of Nunamiut School was gearing up. The store is cleaned, full of treats and ready for business. They had their first dance of the year and had a party for the first Students Been Caught Being Good. The football team is flying high and just returned from a terrific trip from Barrow. The team had great success as well as having many individual standouts. Back to School night was a huge success with many families eating and visiting with each other culminating in an Eskimo Dance, which everyone enjoyed.

Atqasuk: No report given.

Barrow High School: No report given.

Hopson Middle School: School is in session! They started school with a big bang! The students of H.M.S are in every activity you can think of: cross-country, football, and chess club to name a few. Soon there will be basketball, wrestling, volleyball, and Battle of the Books teams. Wrestling starts in January. There are other undiscovered activities that are unknown at the moment, but sure to be fun and awesomely exciting. The cross-country team faced off in a battle royal against the football team in a mile and a half race! The teams were separated into cross-country girls vs. football girls and cross-country boy vs. football boys. The down side for the football team was the there was only one girl on their whole team. It was an unbelievable race. Alaina Wolgemeth placed 1st for the girls, and for the boys Kevin Goodwin, Kirsten Hopson placed 2nd and Amber Ahyakayazzie placed 3rd for the girls. Raquwan Lisborne placed

2nd for the boys and Pavel Hernandez placed 3rd. This race was a great activity for all students at H.M.S to participate in because anyone was allowed to participate as an independent runner, if they weren't on one of the teams to P.E credits. The chess club is a place where you can improve your skills at chess, and have fun. Or if you don't know the game you can learn. Chess club meetings are in the library so when you are in there, you can check out a good book at the same time. So over all, the students at H.M.S are all willing to learn and participate. The new sixth graders are participating in many activities. For the most part, they are not the shy timid kids we knew before. Most students are willing not only to learn, but to be a part of Wolf Pride!

Ipalook Elementary School: For the first 2 weeks of school, the first graders in Terri Voss's learned or did something cool: addition, carrying their own lunch trays and dumping them, sing along, and learning how to read. The whole class loves to write! The second graders in Ms. Jensen's class learned how to tell times, write paragraphs, and learned how the clock works. In Ms. Bowden's third grade class, they learned how to play some fun games: bingo, silent ball, and played a hula-hoop game. Ms. Cunningham's class loves math and did a cool science projects. In Ms. Colman's class they got to build birdhouses.

Kiita Learning Center: No Report given.

Kaktovik: No Report given.

Nuiqsut: No Report given.

Pt. Hope: The school year has started off really well. The attendance has been excellent with a decrease in tardies and more students in attendance. The school year kicked off with a spaghetti dinner and picnic for the community, teachers, and students. Everyone came to grab a bite and socialize. As for sports, football and cross-country began a few weeks ago. Many students participated. The football team went to Barrow and did alright for their first games. The team won a game against Barrow J.V by "yardage". The cross-country team went to Nome for their first trip. Senior, Michelle Lane, placed 5th and the rest of the team did really well for their first trip of the season. This is the first year the cross-country team had a full girls team.

Pt. Lay: No Report given.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Writing Support, Superintendent Cowan asked Cathy Anderegg, Director of Curriculum & Instruction to join her to discuss this information item. The Curriculum and Instruction will redouble efforts to improve student-writing achievement. In addition to responding to individual site needs, the district will employ the following strategies: Digital Storytelling, Professional Development in six plus one trait writing strategies. Delivery of six-trait writing assessment district-wide. Membership in the Alaska State Writing Consortium which includes professional development for teachers, building capacity through training of two district teacher leaders, a current professional resource library, courses offered through the consortium.

Monthly Financial Report: Fred Parady, Chief Operating Officer reported for the eight months ending July 31, 2010. 3% of the budget has been expended, while 8.33% of the year has passed. Cash in the checking account as of July 31st was \$14,499,804. Cash on hand reflects the new disbursement ordinance for the District's appropriation from the North Slope Borough, wherein we received half (\$15,061,421) of our annual appropriation from the North Slope Borough in the first week of July. Revenue received is at 27% of budget. Arnold Brower **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the Financial Report for discussion. Mary Sage **SECONDED the MOTION.**

Points of Discussion.

- (Arnold) Would like a report of the areas of cuts in the budget.
- (Peggy) Will provided a report of the cuts in the budget.

QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Contracts (over 10K), the Board accepted and **APPROVED** consent agenda the contract professional services for M3 Planning (Erica Olsen) \$23,625 plus travel, NTE \$28,000. Silakkuagvik Communications, Inc. (KBRW) - \$11,400 includes 38 one hour shows on a variety of topics to inform the community, engage in discussions, and continue to build community relations for NSBSD. It also includes translator services as needed.

PERSONNEL: Resignations: The resignations were approved by the Board under the consent agenda. The following teacher that had submitted his resignation, Ron Friehe, Teacher, Hopson Middle School. **New Hire:** Karen Russell, Director of Human Resources presented the new hires for the Board's approval as listed: Pamela Beeler, Teacher – Ipalook Elementary, and Melissa Schuyer, Teacher – Hopson Middle School. Arnold Brower **MOVED** to **APPROVE** SB11-030, New Hire Recommendations. Mary Sage **SECONDED THE MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Introduction and/or Approval of School policies and Resolutions: Initial Presentation of Policies: BP 2110 Organization Chart/Lines of Responsibility and BP 4212 Appointment and Conditions of Employment. Superintendent Cowan explained that changes to policy BP 2110 coordinate the development of the organizational chart with the budget hearing process and provide for the adoption of the organizational chart as part of the final budget adoption. The changes to BP 4212 allow for the standardization of specified exempt administrative employee contracts. This change allow the current practice of Superintendent selection and appointment of exempt administrative employees to continue while providing the Board with the knowledge that the contract is a standard form unless a proposed change is approved by the Board. Mary Sage **MOVED** to **APPROVE** SB11-031 to adopt for first reading the revisions proposed to Board Policy 2110 (Organization Chart/Lines of Authority) and BP 4212 (Appointment and Conditions of Employment) which, taken together, provide the consideration and adoption of the organizational chart as part of the budget adoption process and allow for standardization of administrative exempt contracts. Roy Nageak **SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Second Reading of Policies: BP 4117.2, Certificated Personnel, Resignations. The administration recommended approval of this policy. The proposed policy was adopted to modify the language to address certificated staff's request to leave a position during the certificated staff's contract term. The recommended language revisions were forwarded to the District's legal counsel, John Sedor, Esq., who returned the amended policy. Peggy Cowan read the policy for the record. Mary Sage **MOVED** to **APPROVE** BP 4117.2, Certificated Personnel, Resignations, for Second Reading. Anna Nageak **SECONDED the MOTION.**

Points of Discussion:

- (Arnold) Would like to clarify the designee to make sure it's with the knowledge of the Superintendent.
- (Peggy) Will take that as a direction from the Board.

QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BP 3430, Investing/Investment Business and Non-Instructional Operations, Investment Policy. Fred Parady, Chief Financial Officer was present to answer any questions. Mary Sage **MOVED** to **APPROVE** BP 3430, Investing/Investment Business and Non-Instructional Operations, Investment Policy for Second Reading. Anna Nageak **SECONDED the MOTION.**

Points of Discussion:

- (Harold) On the index in the Board policy and the administrative regulation, list 3430 as testing, so therefore we will have to add the investment policy under 3430 which Mr. Parady stated, also it's listed there was no policy, therefore it needs to be added and a BP needs to be added in the index.
- (Fred) Will make the correction in the index of the policy.

QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Administrative Regulations: AR6111, School Calendar, Peggy Cowan, Superintendent presented this information item and explained the regulation will be modify the language to address a one week delayed start for ECE students, to provide adequate time for screening of the K3/K4 and K students at our larger school such as Ipalook and Point Hope. A week delayed start is reasonable at schools with large numbers of ECE students to screen. Whereas, a one-week delayed start at schools with small numbers of ECE student to screen can be excessive. The recommended changes to AR 6111 provide flexibility that allows individual schools to utilize the time needed to accomplish necessary screening without artificially delaying the start date for ECE students.

AR 5121 Grades/Evaluation, Peggy Cowan and Cathy Anderegg, Director of Curriculum & Instruction explained that in June of 2009 the NSBSD School Board approved a motion allowing students who take Advanced Placement (AP) courses to receive weighted grades on the 4.0 grading scale. The Board was apprised of the change being incorporated into AR 5121.

There was an interruption in the recording from KBRW and was not able to note the points of discussion.

Resolutions: There were no resolutions for approval.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS: Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Board of Directors Nomination, The AASB 57th Board of Directors meeting will convene on November 15, 2010 to conduct interviews with candidates for the AASB Board of Directors vacant seats. All nominations must be received to AASB by October 22, 2010. North Slope School board member Arnold Brower's seat will be expired the October 2010. Mary Sage **MOVED** to nominate Arnold Brower to the AASB, Board of Directors. Roy Nageak **SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Outstanding School Board Member. The outstanding board member of the year is designed to reflect the nominee's involvement in the Boards Standards. Formal board action is requested to submit the name of the nominee. Nominations must be received to AASB office by October 22, 2010. Selected nominee must provide a short narrative for each selected standard under: Vision, Structure, Accountability, Advocacy and Conduct and Ethics. Mary Sage **MOVED** to nominate Debby Edwardson for the Outstanding School Board Member. Arnold Brower **SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Resolutions, Fred Parady presented this action item. The administration reviewed the AASB's proposed 2011 Belief Statements and Core Resolutions, and also compared them with the AFN resolutions as adopted by the Board at the August meeting last year. The language proposed by the Board in key areas of concern such as the resolutions in support of an

educational endowment, alternative certification, and universal early childhood education is already reflected in the Core Resolutions as proposed. One amendment Resolution 2.19 Increased Formula Funding is an existing Core resolutions that better describe the concerns of NSBSD, it's to add a date. AASB call on state policy makers to appropriate funding adequate to meet the increasing needs of Alaska's youth, increasing requirements of state and federal laws and inflationary increases in cost. The three proposed new resolutions of concern are 2.36 Support adequate Funding of Facility Construction and Maintenance in Rural school Districts, 2.37 Opposing the Current NCLB Law and Statewide Accountability System, and Calling for More Flexibility for Rural Schools and Indigenous Languages in Administration of These Systems, 2.38 Removing the Terra Nova Test Requirement for Fifth and Seventh Grades, 2.39 Support for Digital Equity and Universal Access to High Speed Fiber Optic brings forward two resolutions from last year's AFN process regarding funding actual maintenance and operating costs, continue to advocate for repeal of NCLB, and further ask the state to rollback the Terra Nova test requirement and support digital equity and access to high speed fiber optics.

Points of Discussion:

- (Debby) Asked if the Terra Nova test requirement is for grades 5thrd and 7th?
- (Fred) Yes it is.
- (Harold) Under the 5.13, lets correct the spelling of the language.
- (Fred) Will make the corrections.
- (Debby) We opposed the Terra Nova testing on a statewide level at AASB. A number of years back we were not successful with that. I know there has been parents stating that there is too much testing.
- (Arnold) Concerning Resolution 2.19 Increased Formula Funding. Legislative structure has changed, it lacked equity. Has advised for a funding formula for the State of Alaska especially for the rural district.
- (Roy) Agrees with Arnold on this statement. There are a lot of projects in the rural area that needs to be funded and they do not know where they will get funding. Ninety percent of the revenues for the State of Alaska come from the North Slope and the Red Dog mine. We need to question where is the money being spent?

Debby Edwardson **MOVED** to accept the Board's proposed recommended changes to AASB initiatives in the call for resolutions for 2011. Mary Sage **SECONDED the MOTION**. Debby Edwardson **MOVED** to **AMEND the MAIN MOTION** to include a Resolution which would be Resolution 2.40 calling for more equitable funding for rural students in schools. Arnold Brower **SECONDED the AMMENDED MOTION. QUESTION ON THE AMMENDED MOTION. THE AMMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. QUESTION on the MAIN MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY on the MAIN MOTION.**

Alaska Federation (AFN) Resolutions, Fred Parady provided AFN's resolutions policy and template, along with AFN's 2009 Resolutions and 2010 Federal Priorities. Debby Edwardson **MOVED** the adoption of the fiber optics resolution, to be forwarded to the annual meeting of the Alaska Federation of natives to be held in Fairbanks October 21-23, 2010. Mary Sage **SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Arnold Brower **MOVED** to appoint Eva Kinneeveauk to attend the AFN Convention in Fairbanks on October 21 - 23. Mary Sage **SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Institute of the North, September 17, 2010 Talkeetna, AK, Mary Sage **MOVED** to appoint Arnold Brower to attend the Institute of the North's Alaska Dialogue on September 17 in Talkeetna. Debby Edwardson **SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Association of Alaska School Board (AASB) Fall Boardsmanship September 18-19 in Fairbanks, Acting President Eva Kinneeveak **APPOINTED** Debby Edwardson, Mary Sage and Anna Nageak to attend the AASB fall Boardsmanship Academy on September 18 – 19 in Fairbanks, AK.

Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) 57th Annual Conference November 11-14 in Anchorage, Mary Sage **MOVED** the members of the North Slope Borough School district Board of Education attend the AASB Conference in Anchorage on November 11-14. Debby Edwardson **SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION ON THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Roy Nageak asked to attend the Native American Education in San Diego in October. The Board directed Superintendent Peggy Cowan to check into this conference so Board member Roy Nageak can attend this conference on behalf of the Board.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: School Board Retreat June 7-8, 2010 at Kenai, AK, Debby Edwardson reported that they concentrated on what the Board strengths and weakness are, the Board did a self-evaluation. The Board thought their strengths are: Good communication, Flexible, Recognition of students, Knowledge of our communities and what they want. The areas to improve were: More local Inupiaq teachers and support staff in schools, Stronger academic process, Create atmosphere where kids want to be in school, Transparency of chain of command, Be on time, Community and staff engagement, Another topic was what does the board need to focus on in next year: Respect; avoid broadcasting assumptions, respect work of team, Trust, Ability to compromise, Professional development, Discussions then coming to consensus and moving own, Ownership and buy in, True data driven decisions, Strong stable LEADERS, and Board leadership.

Roy Nageak was excused from the meeting at 4:30 pm.

AASB, Board of Directors meeting, July 23-25 a Dutch Harbor, AK, Arnold Bower attended this meeting. The issues that were discussed were one of the Resolutions about the Increased Formula Funding that had to do with the budget for equity for the State of Alaska. Discussed the reports of the Native American position that they have wanted to fill for the Native representation in the National level. When Arnold receives the information from Resolution committee has received he will forward to Board Secretary for file.

Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) June 29- July 2 Nuuk, Greenland, Eva Kinneeveauk attended this conference. Eva reported that there were a lot of speakers which talked about these topics: climate change, food security, heath and well being, language and traditional knowledge, human rights, self government, contaminates, arctic council and arctic sovernity. Speaker Mary Simon from Canada addressed the well being of families and mentioned that this duty falls on us. Mary really stress that our children needs be healthier and better educated and she really pushed to better educated. She wanted to present a resolution as well. One of the points that she brought out was facilitating research on health and well being to not just put it out on paper. The Inuit has a history of suicide, drug and alcohol abuse and so many things that hurt our young people and how can we better educate our young people to get them

prepared to be leaders. Edna MacLean stressed our children to further their education and to have the parents to be more involved with their children's education.

Alaska Native Policy Center Discussion July 28, Mary Sage reported that the Alaska Native Policy Center was facilitated by the First Alaskan Institute and she attended by teleconference. They broke into rural and urban areas and discussed on how we can we get more natives to get elected to public servant seats? One of the questions that was asked was how do we get motivated to get involved in our communities, how did we get elected, advise we have for others and creating a strong network of leaders.

Quyyan Inupiuraalugulipkainiaqtinun Reception August 12, Debby Edwardson reported that all the sites were on teleconference and we recognized everybody that had supported teaching of our Inupiaq language and had give so much of their time and commitment . There were certificates and pins that were awarded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: There were no public comments.

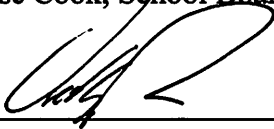
DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: Mary Sage **MOVED** to have the next meeting on October 14, 2010 in Barrow at the Barrow High School Auditorium starting at 2:00 pm. Arnold Brower **SECONDED THE MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ADJOURNMENT: The Acting President Eva Kinneeveauk called adjournment at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Dennise Cook, School Board Administrative Assistant



Debby Edwardson, President



Eva Kinneeveauk, Clerk

11-15-10

Date