



**North Slope Borough School District
Board of Education
Barrow High School Gymnasium**

**Approved Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
August 12, 2010
2:00 p.m.**

WORDS OF WISDOM: Edna MacLean provided the words of wisdom to the Board of Education and listening audience. Ms. MacLean stated how enormous and important of the oversight of schools for the Board of Education and Superintendent. It's also important of the vitality of being Iñupiaq and living in the homeland in the North Slope Borough. The Iñupiaq founders of the North Slope knew the strength of a nation is truly founded on the quality of upbringing and education the children receive from that nation. The leaders wanted Iñupiaq people to run the schools and to be the teachers in the schools. That was their intent. The NSBSD is an institution in the Iñupiaq homeland under the NSB Homerule government. Ms. MacLean said the question she believes we need to ask is: Is the North Slope Borough School District helping to maintain the vitality and strength of being Iñupiaq in an Iñupiaq community? Is Iñupiaq knowledge an integral part of the curriculum? Are all teachers incorporating Iñupiaq knowledge and language into their classroom instruction? Research has shown that schooling success for children of nations who are minorities in a country do well in academically sheens the following factors are evident in their schools: Incorporation of students' culture and heritage language into the school curriculum; Participation of community members in the education of their youth; Use of good pedagogy respectful students' culture and style of learning; and use of assessment that is meaningful and promotes improvement. If an assessment has not been done to determine whether the four factors she mentions are in place, She would urge the NSBSD to do so.

CALL TO ORDER: President Debby Edwardson called the Board of Education meeting to order at 2: 25 p.m. at the Barrow High School Auditorium.

ROLL CALL:

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| Roy Nageak– via teleconference | Harold Ivanoff |
| Eva Kinneeveauk | Debby Edwardson |
| Arnold Brower | Anna Nageak |
| Mary Sage | |

FLAG SALUTE: Edna MacLean led the pledge of Allegiance in Iñupiat and in English.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Board member Arnold Brower MOVED to approve the Agenda. Mary Sage SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Arnold Brower MOVED to approve the consent agenda. Board member Mary Sage 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: **Hopson Middle School National ENI Award** was recognized by the Board of Education. The following team members received certificates: Ariana Salamat, Jaden

Nethercott, Camille Llarena, Barbara Sikvayugak, Arvinelle Gandia, Branden Miguel, Ynelle Nobleza, Frances Brower, Katrina Ditona, Alex Sage. Also recognized was teacher, Joshua Kalvig. Highest Attendance Award, 2nd Semester 2009/2010 Banner: Kali School was recognized for the attendance rate of 90.12% for their attendance for the second semester. **Perfect Attendance:** The following students was recognized for perfect attendance during the 2009/10 school year: Alaina Bankston, Barrow High School, Alison Bankston, Barrow High School, Yi Chan, Ipalook Elementary, Alyshia Commins, Ipalook Elementary, Cassandra Commins, Hopson Middle School, Jannel Bianca David, Barrow High School, Ranel Gandia, Barrow High School, Sammy Keovilayhong, and Randy Aiken, Meade River School. **Retirement Recognitions:** The Elaine Velsko, Teacher, Kaveolook School was recognized for her years of service. **Honor Roll Students:** The following schools were recognized with students being on the Honor Roll during the entire 2009/2010 school year: Meade River School, Alak School, Harold Kaveolook School, Trapper School, Nunamiut School, Kali School, Tikigaq School, Barrow High School, Ipalook Elementary, and Hopson Middle School.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Curriculum Mapping & Alignment Update was presented by Jana Harachak, Director of Iñupiat Education, Kathy Ahgeak Coordinator of Curriculum & Instruction, Cathy Rexford, Program Specialist – Iñupiaq Education and, Cathy Anderegg, Director of Curriculum & Instruction as an information item. The district held a weeklong meeting of principals, teachers, administrators and cultural advisors to create an educational map that will integrate Inupiaq culture with traditional academic curriculum. Highlights from the Curriculum Mapping and Alignment week include the following; It was planned and developed in the previous academic year by the NSBSD Curriculum Development Team; It was conducted for 7 days, August 1st – 7th, 2010; The Curriculum development team began the week reviewing cultural integration readings assigned by the Iñupiaq Education; The meeting kicked off the five year process that will determine how the district will make the integration a reality by “mapping” what lessons North Slope students will learn at each stage in their education.; The work of the Iñiñiaḡnikun Apqusiutit was shared with the group to lay the foundational framework of the work to be done.; To help create that plan, the district is working with renowned educator and noted author, Jay McTighe, a specialist in curriculum mapping and alignment who served on the National Assessment Forum and co-wrote several books on Understanding by Design and curriculum mapping and alignment; The NSBSD is engaging in important curriculum work using a framework known as Understanding by Design. The framework focuses teaching and learning on helping students develop deep understanding of important ideas and processes in subject areas; Fifty-five returning teachers participated on core content area teams, supported by staff members and consultants.; Alaska State Department of Education, the University of Alaska, University of Washington and other organizations attended in order to observe and contribute to the process.; All involved enjoyed a wonderful community potluck with great food and dancing, co-sponsored by the City of Barrow.; All participants departed with a wealth of information, and will be serving as members of each school sites’ curriculum mapping and alignment team in order to assist with district wide roll out.

Points of Discussion:

- (Arnold) Emphasized the importance of our Iñupiat traditional way of life. Talked about the different way of saying some of the Iñupiaq language words and the meaning of them. Mr. Brower thanked the Iñupiaq Education team for their hard work.
- (Debby) Also thanked the Iñupiaq Education team for their hard work.

Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI) Report: Superintendent Cowan reported as an information item that there were 63 students that participated in this year's program that came from 41 communities across Alaska. They spent six weeks living in UAF residence halls, building their academic skills and learning firsthand about college life. Students earned up to 10 college credits. The students that graduated from the North Slope were Tiana Elkins, Barrow, Georgia Koonuk, Pt. Hope, and Eviqsiq Sears, Pt. Hope.

In-service Reports: **The Principal In-service** was held from July 28 through August 7 in Barrow. Sixteen principals and assistant principals participated. Professional Development led by NSBSD staff included all directors and coordinators and covered Individual Learning Plans, Iñupiaq Education, Defined Autonomy, Business and Human Resources Procedures, Collaboration/Data Analytics, Assessment, and Maintenance and Operations. **New Hire In-service** was presented by Lisa Parady, Assistant Superintendent. The in-service was conducted for 6 days, August 2nd through 7th, 2010. Forty-two new teachers participated, supported by over 20 staff members. There was an Agenda attached for the Board to review. **All Hire In-service** was held from August 11th – 13th, 2010. Were able to having presenters at each site in person for longer periods of time versus online presentations. Superintendent Cowan did a district welcome by internet to all sites simultaneously. New teachers and returning teachers did finish a wealth of information, well organized at the site level.

Standard Based Assessment (SBA) was presented by Vanni Prichard, as an information item. In the spring each student in grades 3 – 10 took the Standard Based Assessment (SBAs) in reading, writing, and math. The exam serves as summative assessments to measure student performance against the state standards and grade level expectations. SBA's is one of the measures used by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development to determine Adequate Yearly Progress. Ms. Prichard went over the results with the Board. Basically it showed a performance increased in all grades except grade 10. Adequate Yearly Progress results were released on August 6, 2010. Letters will be sent to the parents of all students advising them of their school and the district's AYP status. School and District Report Cards to the public will be available on the school district website by August 20. Public meetings will be held over the radio on August 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to review District Report Card information and AYP results for the schools and the district.

Points of Discussion:

- (Mary) Congratulated all the six school that made AYP for the 2009/2010 school years. Ms. Sage remembered a time when there was only one school that made AYP.
- (Roy) If we need to make improvements in writing, are there any suggestions for the parents to help their child?
- (Peggy) Would like to encourage the parents to make sure their child is in school, attendance and participation is very important. The language arts classes are usually in the morning in most of the instruction in the schools. If the student is late for school, they will miss the language art class that covers the writing portion. So it is very important that their child is on time for school.
- (Roy) Does the language arts classes have to start in the mornings?
- (Peggy) The best time for student learning according to research, in a concentrated period of time and in the morning. That is why the Language Arts classes starts in the morning.
- (Debby) Has heard from a lot of students that they usually do not know what to write about. That would tell her that, the stories the students are reading are not related to the North Slope. Hoping that the Curriculum & Mapping Alignment will address this problem.
- (Eva) Thanked Vanni for the information that was presented. Eva is concerned about the results of the SBA test for Tikigaq School. Would like the students to improve and master the basics they are tested on.

- (Vanni) Every site principal has been in review of the data for their sites. They will then analyze with their staff on each students score reports and then analyze just what the contributing factors were for those students that didn't make the progress that we would like to see. She also stressed how attendance plays a critical role in the students developing learning gaps.

Iñupiat Learning Framework Adoption was presented by Jana Harcharek, Director Iñupiaq Education and Kathy Rexford, presented this action item.

Roy Nageak MOVED approval of the adoption of the Iñupiaq Learning Framework. Mary Sage SECONDED the MOTION. The Iñupiaq Learning Framework Adoption sets the stage for the development of a comprehensive culturally appropriate curriculum for the first time in the history of the North Slope Borough School District. Students will develop the academic and cultural skills and knowledge to be: critical and creative thinkers able to adapt in a changing environment and world; active, responsible, contributing members of their communities; and confident, healthy young adults, able to envision, plan and take control of their destiny.

QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Monthly Financial Report: Fred Parady, Chief Operating Officer reported for the twelve months ending June 30, 2010. 100.55% of the budget has been expended, while 100% of the year has passed. Cash in the checking account as of June 30th was \$900,000. Revenue received is at 98% of budget. The report uses the revised, reduced budget of \$58,212,111 as adopted by the Board in the January, 2010 meeting. Roy Nageak MOVED to adoption of the monthly financial statement for the month ending June 30, 2010. Mary Sage SECONDED the MOTION.

Fred Parady gave to the Board the corrected copy of the financial report.

Points of Discussion:

- (Arnold) Had some questions on the cash balance as of June 30, 2010.
- (Fred) The corrected financial statement has the corrected information.
- (Roy) Had a concerned about the invoices that are paid and to make sure that they are correct.
- (Fred) Replied that they are making sure that these invoices are paid.

QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Contracts (over 10K), the Board accepted and approved the contract professional services for SERCC – Alaska's Educational Resource Center for \$18,573. AIMSweb – NCS Pearson, Inc. for - \$33,000. CORE – Consortium on Reading Excellence, for three day training for new teachers, principals and round table discussions - \$10,400. CORE – Consortium on Reading Excellence, provides for a district implementation advisor and the design and delivery of two remote webinar calls for \$165,410. CORE – Consortium on Reading Excellence, for support to NSBSD's professional development and on site in-service for \$39,044.00. Nancy Norman – Norman Consultant Service, Inc. for \$20,350.00.

Audit Pre-Meeting, Fred Parady, Chief Financial Officer presented this item for approval. A member or members are appointed to meet with the auditor prior to the start of the annual audit. This year, the audit is scheduled to take place in September. Eric Campbell with McKundra Cottrell is the lead auditor. Mary Sage MOVED to have the all the Board members be appointed to meet with the auditor prior to the annual audit. Arnold Brower SECONDED the MOTION.

Points of Discussion:

- (Roy) would like to recommend all the board members are there for the pre audit.
- (Debby) Agreed that all the Board members are there for the pre audit.

- (Arnold) Asked if this will be a special meeting or workshop?
- (Debby) The administration will notify us the arrangements for this meeting.
- (Peggy) Will work with the auditors to possibly have a workshop.

QUESTION CALL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Roy Nageak asked to be excused for the remainder of the meeting. Roy was excused at 5:35 pm.

Grant Acceptance, the Board accepted and approves the grants for Title II-D, Enhancing Education Thru Technology, Wave VII - \$100,000. Math Science Partnership - \$349,996. Autaaqtuq Fund - \$66,249. Arctic Slope Regional Corporation - \$199,260.

PERSONNEL: Resignations: The resignations were approved by the Board under the consent agenda. The following teachers had submitted their resignations: Brent Buhler, Literacy Coach – CO Annex, Danae Emmelkamp, Teacher – Kali School, Angela Stirling, Teacher – Trapper School, Brian Taylor, Teacher – Hopson Middle School, Lisa Taylor, Teacher – Kiita Learning Community, Jefferie Thielbar, Principal – Barrow High School, Danielle, Teacher – Nunamiut School, and Michael Younger, Teacher – Nunamiut School. **New Hire:** Karen Russell, Director of Human Resources presented the new hires for the Board's approval as listed: Daniel Baas, Teacher – Nunamiut School, Heather Berry, Teacher – Kiita Learning Community, Steve Cunningham, Teacher – Hopson Middle School, Deborah, Teacher – Nunamiut School, Lisa Koronkiewicz, Counselor – Nunamiut/Kaveolook Schools, Doris Loeser, Counselor – Meade River School, and Mary Ellen Young, Teacher – Meade River School. Mary Sage MOVED to APPROVE SB11-016, New Hire Recommendations as presented. Eva Kinneeveauk SECONDED THE MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Introduction and/or Approval of School policies and Resolutions: Initial Presentation of Policies: BP 4117.2, Certificated Personnel, Resignation for first reading. Superintendent Cowan said this policy is being recommended for Board adoption to modify the language to address certificated staff's request to leave a position during the certificated staff's contract term. Mary Sage MOVED to APPROVE to be advanced to second reading for further discuss and final Board action at the next regular scheduled Board meeting. Eva Kinneeveauk SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. BP 3430 Investing/Investment Policy is a new policy adopting an appropriate policy to guide short-term investment decisions so as to earn a reasonable rate of return from these available funds. Arnold Brower MOVED to APPROVE the adoption of BP 3430, Investing/Investment Policy. Mary Sage SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Second Reading of Policies: Board Policy 0100, Educational Philosophy, Board Policy 0110, Mission Statement, and Exhibit 0200, 2010/2015 School Board Goals, Superintendent Cowan read the policy for the listening audience for the final reading. Arnold Brower MOVED to approve Policy 0100, Educational Philosophy, Board Policy 0110, Mission Statement, and Exhibit 0200, 2010/2015 School Board Goals. Harold Ivanoff SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolutions: There was no Resolution for approval.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: 2010/11 Board Meeting Schedule, Superintendent Cowan presented the 2010/2011 School Board meeting calendar for approval. Arnold Brower MOVED to approve the North Slope

Borough School District 2010/2011 School Board Regular meeting calendar as presented. Mary Sage SECONDED the MOTION.

Points of Discussion:

- (Arnold) Has a concern with conflicting dates with ICAS, UIC and other organizations.
- (Peggy) This adopts an expectation and the Board can change the dates at the end of every school board meeting under Date and Time of the Next Meeting. The first Thursday of the month set the public and the staff expectations of when we hold our Board meetings.
- (Debby) Asked if there was a policy that says that states that the Board meets the first Thursday of every month?
- (Peggy) No, there is no policy on this. Generally it is easy for the public when they expect it the first Thursday of every month.
- (Debby) We can pass this for the September 2nd meeting in Wainwright, and next month look at the meeting dates of other organizations and realign our meeting schedule.
- (Arnold) Would like to pass this approval for the September 2nd meeting in Wainwright and look at this schedule at another meeting.
- (Debby) Would direct the administration to look at the other dates for possible Board meeting dates.

QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Retreat date: Superintendent Cowan would like to set a date for a fall retreat to look at our accomplishments of our strategic plan. Possible dates are November 4-5 in Barrow or December 3 – 5 in Chena Hot Springs. Mary Sage MOVED to setting the date for the Fall Retreat for December 3- 5 at Chena Hot Springs. Arnold Brower SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ballot Measure 1, Superintendent Cowan recommends for action item for the defeat of Ballot Measure 1 which will be on the August 24th primary ballot as follows. Ballot Measure #1, 07ANCO – Initiative Prohibiting the Use of Public funds to Lobby or Campaign; and Prohibiting Holders of Government Contracts and Family Members from Making Political Contributions. Fred Parady read a statement for the Board approval. As members of the NSBSD School Board, we believe Proposition 1 on the August 2010 primary election ballot poses grave problems for the rights of citizens to influence their government and improve the lives of children. The ballot measure seeks to prohibit, as a criminal act, any school district from hiring a lobbyist or any superintendent to advocate for state funds. This initiative, if passed, would disenfranchise tens of thousands of Alaskans from their own government. Mary Sage MOVED the adoption of Board Memo SB11-003, and endorsing the statement by the Alaska Association of School Boards opposing Ballot Measure #1. Anna Nageak SECONDED the MOTION.

Points of Discussion:

- (Arnold) Strongly opposes this Ballot Measure 1. The Association of Alaska School Boards opposes this proposition #1.
- (Peggy) The North Slope Borough Assembly has also passed a similar Resolution opposing this proposition # 1.

QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FY2011 Capital Improvement Plan, Pat Kennedy, Director of Maintenance and Operation presented the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program Six –Year Facilities Plan. The M & O department worked with each school site administrator and their respective School Advisory Council to develop the following

project list for the Board of Education's consideration. Arnold Brower MOVED to adopt the FY11 Capital Budget Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan project-ranking list as proposed in Board Memo, SB11-023. Mary Sage SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

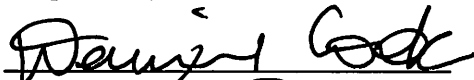
SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Mary Sage MOVED to TABLE the School Board Reports till next months meeting in September. Anna Nageak SECONDED the MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: Mary Sage MOVED to have the next meeting on September 2, 2010 in Wainwright at Alak School Gymnasium starting at 1:00 pm. Eva Kinneeveauk SECONDED THE MOTION. QUESTION CALLED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT: The President Debby Edwardson called adjournment at 6:15 p.m.

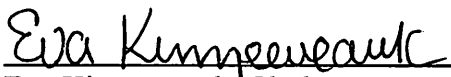
Respectfully submitted:



Dennise Cook, School Board Administrative Assistant



Debby Edwardson, President



Eva Kinneeveauk, Clerk

9-2-10

Date