

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 3b

MEETING OF June 22, 2022

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve certified new hire contracts
for the 2022-23 school year as presented.

Superintendent

Personnel

Finance

SUBMITTED BY: Michael Robbins, Superintendent

Contact Person/Telephone

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

Katie Jo Parrott

247-2116

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Board is being asked to approve certified contracts for the following new hires: Vance Churchwell (History Teacher at Kayhi), Heather Gause (Science Teacher at Schoenbar Middle School), Carissa Gibson (6th Grade Teacher at Houghtaling Elementary), Sarah Hamilton (SPED Teacher at Fawn Mountain Elementary), Misty Hancock (SPED Teacher at Point Higgins Elementary), Shelley Hewitt (Generalist Teacher at Schoenbar Middle School), Tyson Hewitt (English Teacher at Schoenbar Middle School), Alyssa Howell (PE Teacher at Ketchikan Charter School), Allison Londregan (Fifth-Sixth Grade Teacher at Tongass School), Tyler Martin (Music Teacher at Point Higgins Elementary), Sara Orozco (English Teacher at Schoenbar Middle School), Kieran Romero (Long-term Substitute at Houghtaling Elementary), Anne Schuerger (Kindergarten Teacher at Houghtaling Elementary), and Hadlee Simonson (Speech Language Intern).

ISSUE:

This will commit KGBSD to approximately **\$1,139,835** (pending verification of service and education).

BACKGROUND:

Backgrounds & compensation of each new hire certified staff are provided as an attachment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of certified contracts as presented.

FISCAL NOTE:

SALARY	\$819,298
INSURANCE	\$197,865
BENEFITS	\$122,672

AMOUNT BUDGETED

\$1,139,835

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve the certified contracts for the 2022-23 school year as presented, in the amount of **\$1,139,835**, pending verification of service and education."

Certified Contracts Background Information & Compensation

Vance Churchwell (History Teacher at Kayhi)

Salary: \$60,390 Benefits: \$8,515 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$83,038.20

Background

- Degree: Master of Arts in Teaching for Secondary Education from University of Alaska Southeast
- Licensure: State of Alaska Student Teaching Certificate
- Experience: Student Teacher at Ketchikan High School (9 months); Special Needs Instructor at College of Charleston REACH Program (2 years); Boatswain Mate 3rd Class at US Navy (4 years)

Heather Gause (Science Teacher at Schoenbar Middle School)

Salary: \$60,390 Benefits: \$8,515 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$83,038.20

Background

- Degree: Master of Arts in Teaching for Secondary Education from University of Alaska Southeast
- Licensure: State of Alaska Student Teaching Certificate
- Experience: Instructional Paraprofessional at KGBSD (3.5 years); Online ESL Teacher for VIPKid (3 years)

Carissa Gibson (6th Grade Teacher at Houghtaling Elementary)

Salary: \$76,505 Benefits: \$10,787 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$101,425.20

Background

- Degree: Master of Education, Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Nevada
- Licensure: State of Alaska Initial Certified Teacher License Endorsed for K-8
- Experience: 4th-6th Grade Classroom Teacher at Clark County School District (11 years); 2nd Grade Classroom Teacher at Prince William County School District (3 years); ESL Teacher at Allegheny Intermediate in Pittsburgh, PA (3 years); 6th Grade Science Teacher at Beaufort County School District (2 years)

Sarah Hamilton (SPED Teacher at Fawn Mountain Elementary)

Salary: \$65,253 Benefits: \$9,201 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$88,587.20

Background

- Degree: Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin, Ed Certificate in Special Education
- Licensure: State of Alaska Master Teacher License Endorsed for PreK-4th and Special Education, National Board Certification.
- Experience: SPED Teacher at Annette Island School District (3 years); ESL PreK Teacher at Austin ISD (4 years); Preschool Program Teacher for Children with Disabilities at Austin ISD (9 years).

Misty Hancock (SPED Teacher at Point Higgins Elementary)

Salary: \$53,764 Benefits: \$7,581 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$75,478.20

Background

- Degree: Completing a Bachelor's degree in Special Education, to be expected 01/2023
- Licensure: None at this time
- Experience: Instructional SPED Paraprofessional for KGBSD (16 years)

Shelley Hewitt (Generalist Teacher at Schoenbar Middle School)

Salary: \$60,390 Benefits: \$8,515 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$83,038.20

Background

- Degree: Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgia State University; Master of Fine Arts from Columbia University
- Licensure: State of Alaska Emergency Teacher Certification Endorsed in 7-12th
- Experience: Children's Mental Health Intervention Specialist & Community Liaison at Community Connections (10 months); Adjunct Faculty at University of Alaska Anchorage (3 years); Teaching Artist at Providence Adolescent Residential Treatment Center (10 months)

Tyson Hewitt (English Teacher at Schoenbar Middle School)

Salary: \$60,390 Benefits: \$8,515 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$83,038.20

Background

- Degree: Master of Fine Arts in Acting from University of Missouri
- Licensure: None at this time
- Experience: Utility Paraprofessional at Schoenbar Middle School (4 months); Assistant Professor at University of Alaska Anchorage (6 years)

Alyssa Howell (PE Teacher at Ketchikan Charter School)

Salary: \$76,505 Benefits: \$10,787 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$50,712.60 (.5 FTE)

Background

- Degree: Master of Arts in Teaching for Elementary Education from University of Alaska Southeast
- Licensure: State of Alaska Professional Teacher Certificate Endorsed for K-8 and English/Language Arts
- Experience: Preschool Teacher/Activities Director at Southeast Island School District (5 years); Elementary Teacher at Craig School District (3 years); Migrant Coordinator & Substitute Teacher at Wrangell School District (2.5 years)

Allison Londregan (5th-6th Grade Teacher at Tongass School of Arts & Sciences)

Salary: \$63,253 Benefits: \$8,919 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$86,305.20

Background

- Degree: Bachelor's of Arts degree from Emmanuel College
- Licensure: State of Alaska Initial Teacher Certificate Endorsed for K-8
- Experience: Middle School Teacher at Hydaburg City School District (6 months); Intervention Specialist at New London School District (3 months); Director of Sales & Marketing at Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm (6 months); Computer Science Elementary Teacher at Thunder Mountain Elementary (1 year); 5th Grade Teacher at Chatfield Elementary School (1 year); 4th Grade Teacher & Middle School Reading Teacher at Isna Wica Owayawa (3 years)

Tyler Martin (Music Teacher at Point Higgins Elementary)

Salary: \$56,627 Benefits: \$7,984 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$78,744.20

Background

- Degree: Bachelor of Music Education from Auburn University
- Licensure: State of Alaska Initial Teacher Certificate Endorsed in Music PreK-12
- Experience: Band Director at Faith Academy (4.5 years)

Sara Orozco (English Teacher at Schoenbar Middle School)

Salary: \$60,390 Benefits: \$8,515 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$83,038.20

Background

- Degree: Master of Arts in Teaching for Secondary Education from University of Alaska Southeast
- Licensure: State of Alaska Student Teaching Certificate
- Experience: Instructional & SPED Intensive Paraprofessional at KGBSD (1 year); Assistant Teacher at Magnolia Whizz Kids Academy (7 months)

Kieran Romero (Long-term Substitute)

Salary: \$60,390 Benefits: \$8,515 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$83,038.20

Background

- Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from University of Alaska Southeast; Master of Education, Curriculum & Instruction from Eastern Washington University
- Licensure: State of Alaska Initial Teacher Certificate Endorsed in K-8
- Experience: Elementary Teacher at Anchorage School District (1 year); Student Teacher at Fawn Mountain Elementary (7 months)

Anne Schuerger (Kindergarten Teacher at Houghtaling Elementary)

Salary: \$53,764 Benefits: \$7,581 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$75,478.20

Background

- Degree: Bachelor of Arts from Western Washington University; completing Master of Arts in Teaching from University of Alaska Southeast expected 08/2023
- Licensure: State of Alaska Student Teaching Certificate
- Experience: Substitute Teacher with KGBSD (5 years)

Hadlee Simonson (Speech Language Intern)

Salary: \$62,000 Benefits: \$8,742 Insurance: \$14,133.20 TOTAL \$84,875.20

Background

- Degree: Master of Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders, Speech & Language Pathology
- Licensure: None at this time
- Experience: Speech Paraprofessional at Grace School District & Madison County School District (1.5 years); English Teacher at China Horizons (6 months);