

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Meeting of  
Wednesday, August 10, 2022  
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL**

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education met in a regular session on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022, in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers. Board President Stephen Bradford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present to establish a quorum and due notice had been published: Board President Stephen Bradford; Board Vice President Keenan Sanderson; Board Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Mattson; and Board Members Diane Gubatayao; Jordan Tabb; Paul Robbins Jr.; and Nicole Anderson.

Administrative staff present included Superintendent Michael Robbins, Assistant Superintendent Melissa Johnson, and School Board Clerk Crystal Vail.

There were no objections to the agenda as presented.

**CITIZEN REMARKS**

COVID Mitigation Plan related remarks: No public comment

No regular public comment

**INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

Ms. Gubatayao: Reported on her trip to Bethel for the summer AASB meeting. She reported that during a training she learned about Tribal compacting of schools in Alaska.

**CLAIMS FOR INFORMATION:** JULY 22, 2022 No objections as presented, claims approved.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Robbins provided an update to the Board on the upcoming school year and gave a summary of summer school events. He discussed the work Principals have been doing over the past few days, including getting students on track to graduate. He mentioned New Teacher Orientation and the Teacher Inservice before school starts on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Robbins reported he and Assistant Superintendent, Melissa Johnson, had been participating in professional development classes as well.

He reported the upcoming sports events and safety trainings with various local entities.

Al Jacobson, Director of Maintenance, commented on the status of the water main project by TSAS and Schoenbar. He reported the original problem, how the project started, where it is now and what it will be like at the beginning of the school year.

Ms. Gubatayao, voiced her concern about safety of children playing near large equipment.

Mr. Jacobson, commented that he asked the workers to put up better fencing to keep children out of the construction area.

Mr. Robbins, closed his report and thanked Sarah Campbell and Melissa Johnson for helping him with the transition of becoming Superintendent.

Ms. Gubatayao, commented on how pleased she is with the format of the Superintendent's report.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING \*POLICY\***

#### **Motion to revise BP 5113 "Absences and Excuses," in the first reading.**

**Moved by: Anderson**

**Second by: Robbins Jr.**

No public comment.

#### Board discussion

The discussion between board members included concerns for respecting teachers' autonomy and workload as well as a recommendation for this policy to be reviewed by the Policy Committee. All Board members discussed their support of students being successful and creating a policy where students are given fair opportunities and held accountable for their work. The discussion included a proposal for some new wording to clarify the timeline in which the student can turn in missed assignments because of absences.

Mr. Bradford discussed his reasoning for sending this policy to a meeting instead of to the policy committee first. His recommendation included moving forward in the first reading and suggested the policy committee meet if desired before the second reading. He encouraged teachers to provide input if desired, to the policy meeting or at the School Board meeting for the second reading.

Mr. Robbins (Superintendent) clarified the timeline expected for teachers to accept made up assignments and reassured the Board that the concern for lack of attendance is valid.

The discussion between the Board and Mr. Robbins included a suggestion to vote on the revisions as presented in the first reading with the knowledge that it would go to the policy committee for rewording before the next time it was put on an agenda for a second reading.

There were no objections to this proposal of process.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

**6 AYES Anderson, Mattson, Tabb, Robbins, Jr., Sanderson, Bradford**

**1 NO Gubatayao**

#### **MOTION APPROVED**

#### **9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 22, 2022
- b. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 13, 2022
- c. ~~Motion to approve Certified New Hire Contract for Leslie Roussan (ELL Teacher District Wide) for the 2022-2023 school year.~~
- d. Motion to approve Certified New Hire Contract for Jeannie Tackett (1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Tongass School of Arts & Sciences) for the 2022-2023 school year.
- e. Motion to approve Certified New Hire Contract for Leigh Woodward (RTI Teacher at Ketchikan Charter School) for the 2022-2023 school year.
- f. Motion to approve the DEED CTE partnership grant for the CNA program.
- g. Motion to approve a contract with SECON for asphalt repair at the district Maintenance Facility.

#### Discussion:

Item c. was removed from consideration before the meeting started.

Moved: Tabb

Second: Gubatayao

No objections.

Consent Calendar APPROVED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS: NO NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Drug use and abuse**

Ms. Mattson suggested reviewing policies of Drug use and abuse nature during future meetings to update the district's practices and bring forward drug issues. She referenced BP 3513.3 and 5131.6 specifically.

Ms. Gubatayao reported recent drug fatalities in our community and the importance of groups such as Ketchikan Youth for Change.

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Ms. Anderson, shared her excitement for the school year to begin with some normalcy. She thanked teachers for their hard work.

Ms. Gubatayao, commented she hoped all staff had a nice summer and explained why she voted no earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Robbins Jr., asked Ms. Mattson to please send a list of policies that she referred to during the drug use and abuse conversation. He recognized the Great AK Lumberjack Show for raising funds for the Special Olympics. He also encouraged anyone who has concerns about the policy to attend the policy committee meeting.

Ms. Mattson, shared she enjoyed the School Board Listening Session that occurred last month, she visited with community members, staff and expressed her gratefulness to see the energy and direction that the school is going this year.

Mr. Sanderson, thanked Michael and Melissa for all the hard work this summer. He expressed his excitement for sports to begin.

**ADVANCE PLANNING:**

Board Meeting/Work session August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Work session begins at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Sanderson and Ms. Gubatayao will join Mr. Robbins (Superintendent) Sunday at Sweet Mermaids 9:00-11:00 a.m. for the School Board Listening Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection to a motion to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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BOARD PRESIDENT  
Stephen Bradford