

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No 9 b

MEETING of: January 13, 2021

Item Title

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the special meeting minutes of December 10, 2020.

SUBMITTED BY: Kerry Watson, Clerk to the Board

CONSENT CALENDAR

b. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of December 10, 2020.

*** NOTE:**

If amendments or corrections to the minutes are desired, a Board member should request removal of the minutes. The minutes will then be acted upon under Unfinished Business. Appropriate motions to correct or amend the minutes are in order.

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL meeting of December 10, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Ketchikan High School Library**

CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education met in a special **session** on the 10th day of December, 2020, in the library of Ketchikan High School. Board President Kim Hodne 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 Kim Hodne; Vice President Sonya Skan; Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Mattson; and Board Members Diane Gubatayao, Jordan Tabb, Paul Robbins Jr., and Nicole Anderson.

CITIZEN REMARKS

Sharyl Yeisley spoke about her concerns with the leadership of the school district. She said there were now 617 signatures on a vote of no confidence petition. Ms. Yeisley also spoke about her concern with the current instructional schedule for high school and middle school students. She also said that indigenous teachers and staff in the district were not being treated the same as non-Native employees.

Henry Clark noted his position as the student representative on the School Board, and his role in reporting student input to the Board, and communicating back to his peers on school board actions. He commented on not being able to do this in the case of executive sessions. Henry said the more that can happen in the open part of Board meetings and the more information the community can get is better for everyone.

In speaking to the Board, Gloria Burns said she was not representing any of the organizations or committees she is affiliated with, but was speaking as an auntie and a person invested in the community. She first recognized that her grandmother Delores Churchill was present. She noted the elder was 92 years old and it was significant that she was there. Ms. Burns commented on the value of evaluations in determining direction for the district. She alleged there was systemic racism in the school district, and described some examples. Lastly, she spoke about grants offered to the school district through the Sealaska Heritage Institute.

Board Vice President Sonya Skan asked to speak, and acknowledged elder Delores Churchill. She said it was an honor that she was at the meeting. Board President Kim Hodne officially welcomed Mrs. Churchill, and also said he was honored that she was in attendance.

Board President Hodne asked the Board Clerk to read comments which had been submitted to him via email just prior to the meeting. Lisa Krieger wrote about her sister Sheila Klosterman who was formerly a principal at Houghtaling Elementary School, describing her qualities and work ethic. Ms. Krieger ended her statement by suggesting that the superintendent should be removed from her job.

Mr. Hodne asked if there were any others wishing to provide public comment.

Derek Meister spoke of his experience in working under Ms. Lougee. He cited her work ethic and the long hours put in to see the district through the 2020 year. Her foresight in planning and use of multidisciplinary committees led to a level of school functioning and normalcy that was different than many other districts in the state, he said. Mr. Meister also commented that, while the Board has to evaluate the superintendent on professional performance, the humanity of the person being spoken about should not be ignored.

Kevin Johnson said he is a parent and employee who is concerned with the direction of the district under the current superintendent. He spoke about leadership and the importance of being able to lead at least 70 percent of a constituency. Mr. Johnson described a situation he'd had, and stated that a leader shouldn't get the opportunity to ignore someone.

Motion to move into an executive session to discuss and conduct an evaluation of the Superintendent, a subject that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.

Moved by: ROBBINS; Second by: MATTSON

ROLL CALL

TABB, ROBBINS JR., MATTSON, GUBATAYAO, ANDERSON, SKAN, HODNE - ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED

Executive Session

The Board took a ten-minute recess and then entered the executive session at 6:45 p.m. Partway through the executive session, Superintendent Lougee was asked to attend.

The executive session ended at approximately 9:58 p.m.

Board President Hodne stated that the Board plans to meet again within the next two weeks to develop a plan for Superintendent Lougee. The Board would then meet with the superintendent soon after the New Year to finalize the evaluation, he added. In preparation for future session with the Superintendent, the Board intends to conduct a "360 survey" through the assistance of Board Member Tabb, said Mr. Hodne. The intent is to gather input from the community and from stakeholders to come in regards to the evaluation and a plan for the district and superintendent, he said.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.