

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA STATEMENT

No 9 b

MEETING of: February 10, 2021

Item Title

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval of the special meeting minutes of February 4, 2021

SUBMITTED BY: Kerry Watson, Clerk to the Board

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b. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of February 4, 2021.

**\* 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  
EMERGENCY SPECIAL meeting of Thursday, February 4, 2021  
Noon  
Ketchikan High School Library**

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

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education met in an emergency special **session** on the 4th day of February 2021, in the library of Ketchikan High School. Board President Kim Hodne called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

The following members were present, or attending via teleconference, to establish a quorum and due notice had been published:

Board President Kim Hodne; Vice President Sonya Skan (via teleconference); Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Mattson; Board Members Diane Gubatayao, Jordan Tabb, and Nicole Anderson; and Paul Robbins Jr. (participating by teleconference).

Superintendent Beth Lougee participated via teleconference. Business Manager Katie Parrott was present in person. Ketchikan High School Principal Jason House, Ketchikan Assistant Principal/Activities Director Cole Maxwell, and School Board Clerk Kerry Watson were also present, in addition to several media representatives.

**Purpose of emergency special meeting:**

President Kim Hodne stated that the Ketchikan Emergency Operations Center had raised the community risk level to high that day. The action in turn affects the school district's Smart Start level. Business Manager Katie Parrott said specifically, the School Board was being asked to approve the following Medium Smart Start Plan as a result of the community risk level increasing to Level 3-“High”.

- Houghtaling Elementary, Fawn Mountain Elementary and annex, Point Higgins, Tongass School of Arts and Sciences and annex, Ketchikan Charter School and annex, and Tribal Scholars program would remain open 5 days a week on the current school schedules.
- Schoenbar Middle School and Ketchikan High School would switch to the blended learning model with students onsite two days per week, and working asynchronously online three days a week from home and in those schools' designated on-site annex sites.
- Revilla Junior/Senior High School would go to a blended model with students attending one half of the day on-site, and a half-day at home completing asynchronous work Monday through Thursday. On Friday, all Revilla students would be home completing asynchronous work.

The District administration proposes that those school operational plans be followed for one week beginning Monday, February 8 through Friday, February 12, 2021. It is also being requested that Friday, February 5 be an asynchronous learning day at home for Kayhi, Revilla, and Schoenbar students. This would provide an opportunity for all to prepare for the shift, she said; including staff, students, and bus transportation and food services, said Ms. Parrott. Further, it was requested that the School Board meet during the following week to plan for the continuing school operation based on the community's risk level

President Hodne suggested that the Board meet again on the following Thursday for the follow up assessment.

There were some comments and questions from Board members, including pleas for the community to keep following safety measures such as masking and maintaining physical distancing. Board Member Bridget Mattson stated that if vaccines were now available for teachers, she would not have been in favor of moving to the 50 percent model for the older students, because of its negative impact.

In answer to a Board member's question, Kayhi activities director Cole Maxwell briefly addressed how Kayhi school activities and outside groups using the school would be affected by this change in school operation and community risk level.

**Motion to approve the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District schools changing to the Smart Start medium level plans wherein the elementary schools and Ketchikan Charter School (including its middle school) remain with the current schedule of five days per week; and Schoenbar Middle School, Ketchikan High School, and Revilla Junior/Senior High school move to a 50 percent model. Schoenbar Middle School, Kayhi, and Revilla, will go online asynchronously on February 5 and start the 50 percent model on February 8, 2021. The School Board will meet again on Thursday, February 11 for reconsideration to extend or end the Smart Start Medium Level Plan.**

Moved by: HODNE; Second by: MATTSON

**ROLL CALL**

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

***MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

**Board Comments**

Mr. Hodne thanked those who had written the Board-requested letter advocating prioritizing Ketchikan teachers for vaccines. He said he was going to follow up with the officials and agencies who had received the letter.

Board Member Paul Robbins Jr. suggested sending the letter to statewide media as well, after Ms. Parrott noted it had been copied to local media.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.