## KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA STATEMENT

No. <u>3</u>	
MEETING OF <u>December 27, 2019</u>	Reviewed By
Item Title: Acceptance of the December 18, 2019 resignation of Matt Eisenhower	
SUBMITTED BY	
Contact Person/Telephone	APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL
Kerry Watson, Clerk to the Board 247-2142 Name Phone	Superintendent
SUMMARY STATEMENT: The School Board is being asked to accep	ot the resignation of Matt Eisenhower from the Board.
BACKGROUND:  Matt Eisenhower submitted a resignation letter on December 18, 2019, moving up the effective date from what had been submitted to the Board previously. (Some date inconsistencies were discovered in the December 18, 2019 letter, which Mr. Eisenhower subsequently corrected and initialed.)	
Per Board Bylaw 9222: "The Board shall declare the board member's seat vacant upon acceptance of the resignation. The Board may accept the resignation with a deferred effective date."	
ISSUE:  If the Board accepts the resignation effective December 18, 2019, then the seat must be filled by January 17, 2020. (The Board's next regular meeting is January 15, 2020).	
The Board can opt to accept the resignation with a deferred effective date, with the 30-day timeline for filling the vacancy based on that effective date.	
EXHIBITS ATTACHED  • Matt Eisenhower's December 18, 2019 res	signation letter
RECOMMENDED ACTION: "I move that the Board of Education accept the res	signation of Matt Eisenhower from the Board, effective

Matt Eisenhower 7249 South Tongass Hwy Ketchikan, AK 99901

December 18, 2019

Dear Board of Education and District Superintendent,

This letter will serve as my resignation from the school board effective <del>Tuesday</del>, December 18th, <del>2020</del> The purpose behind my resignation date effective <del>in January</del> will allow the board adequate time to select a new board president and a new board member as soon as possible.

I have considered it an honor to serve on the board since October, 2015 and board president since October, 2018.

My decision is based on unexpected (but good) personal and professional changes in my life including additional travel beginning soon taking me away from Ketchikan on an increased basis and making it impossible to participate in regular board meetings.

The work I committed to doing in providing stable leadership during a difficult season for our district is now largely complete and for that I am grateful. Fortunately, our district and board are in a better place for sustained growth moving forward. We have weathered the storm of significant issues including a serious independent and outside investigation of our district's handling and reporting of sexual improprieties, an imminent teacher work stoppage caused by contentious contract negotiations, and a superintendent resignation.

Because of many people's efforts and leadership, (not just mine) healthy and hard things have happened. Our district has avoided numerous potentially catastrophic wounds that could have crippled our district and negatively impacted our children for an extended period of time. Our district now finds our teachers, staff, administrators...and more importantly our students, thriving! There is always room for continues improvement but for those reasons, I am grateful and satisfied.

Sincerely.

Matt Eisenhower

## RESIGNATION

A School Board member who wishes to resign must submit his/her written resignation to the School Board.

The Board shall declare the board member's seat vacant upon acceptance of the resignation. The Board may accept the resignation with a deferred effective date.

(cf. 9223 - Board Vacancies)

Legal Reference: ALASKA STATUTES 14.08.045 Vacancies