

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA STATEMENT

No 8a.

MEETING of: December 11, 2024

Item Title

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Chloe Hall, School Board Clerk

\* NOTE:

If amendments or corrections to the minutes are desired, a Board member should request removal of the minutes from the Consent Calendar.

The minutes would then be acted upon under Unfinished Business. Appropriate motions to correct or amend the minutes would be in order.

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING and WORK SESSION  
Meeting of November 13, 2024  
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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024, in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers. Board President Michelle O'Brien 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: Present members included President Michelle O'Brien, Vice President Jordan Tabb, Members Tom Heutte, Keenan Sanderson, Katherine Tatsuda, Ali Ginter and Student Member Lillian Pader. Member Judy Leask Guthrie appeared via Zoom.

Administrative staff present included Superintendent Michael Robbins, Business Manager Daniel Schuler and School Board Clerk Chloe Hall.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

None.

**CITIZEN REMARKS**

Penny Leighton shared an update on the ELL Task Force, speaking about previous meetings, sharing student and staff involvement. Ms. Leighton shared that the Task Force had come up with a few short term goals to share with Superintendent Robbins at an upcoming meeting.

Rob Arnold, community member, shared congratulations with all of the newly elected school board members. Mr. Arnold asked clarifying questions about the district budget and the way the information is presented to the public, and shared his thoughts and ideas on budget saving measures.

Tristen Lemerond, student at Ketchikan High School, shared a resolution from the Ketchikan High School SBA, regarding the current conditions of the Ketchikan High School Locker rooms and updates they would like to see happen.

**INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

a. AASB Annual Conference Report:

Member Ali Ginter shared her experience after attending AASB in Anchorage, Alaska. Ginter shared what other districts have been doing in similar budget situations, and her thoughts and ideas for moving forward. Ginter also shared that KGBSD was one of the few districts in the state at AASB to provide Native Language and culture classes, and complimented our district on this success.

b, ELL Task Force

Member Tom Heutte shared a brief update on the ELL Task Force, sharing that there had been many helpful conversations and ideas. Heutte shared that he looks forward to the next steps of the process.

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:**

CLAIMS/REPORTS APPROVED

**STUDENT REPORT**

Lillian Pader shared a busy update from Ketchikan High School sharing news about Swim and Dive, Volleyball, Wrestling, and Basketball. Pader shared that Harry Potter and the cursed child has finally wrapped up, and KHS DDF will be this weekend. Several groups from Kayhi collaborated to do a trash pick up in the community following Halloween, while others are working on food and clothing drives. The Kayhi Service Committee is also collaborating with the Shop and Construction class to build an outdoor classroom in honor of former teacher, Susan Stone. Pader shared that Rotary Interact will be having their annual pie sale November 26th.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Robbins shared a brief overview of his experience at AASB, attending the State Swim Meet, and thanked teachers and staff for sending in celebrations from around the district. Superintendent Robbins shared a slideshow including information about site budgets, including what buildings have been doing to evaluate their budgets. Robbins shared that the district will present the budgets to the budget committee in early December. One of the District's strategic goals is Communication, over the last several months the district has increased the social media interactions significantly.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 16, 2024
- b. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 23, 2024.
- c. Motion to approve the ratification of School Board Committee assignments.
- d. Motion to approve the FY24-25 Budget Revisions.

M/S: SANDERSON/TABB

ROLL CALL: 8 YES - PADER (PREFERENTIAL,) TABB, GUTHRIE, TATSUDA, SANDERSON, GINTER, HEUTTE, O'BRIEN

MOTION PASSED

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Motion to approve the KGBSD THANKSGIVING District Calendar for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years.

M/S: TABB/TATSUDA

### **DISCUSSION:**

Ginter shared that she had approached the Rec Center, and management had let her know they would be able to provide a fall camp, similar to the winter break camp over the Thanksgiving Break.

Sanderson shared his thoughts on the Thanksgiving Calendar, sharing that he was worried about child care and children who rely on the free and reduced lunch program.

Ginter asked clarifying questions on the Charter School Calendars in relation to the proposed schedule.

Tabb shared that he has had great experiences with the proposed calendar with his own children who have attended the local charter schools that already use this calendar. Tabb shared that he is in favor of the Board pursuing this calendar.

Tatsuda shared that she is also in favor of a week off at Thanksgiving time for staff and students, and also shared that this is a huge change, so the public needs plenty of time to plan.

Alonso Escalante, HR Director and member of the Calendar Committee, answered Board questions on the proposed calendar.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES - PADER (PREFERENTIAL,) GUTHRIE, HEUTTE, TABB, TATSUDA, GINTER, O'BRIEN  
1 NO - SANDERSON

MOTION PASSED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. Tech Negotiation Agreement Discussion-

*Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to BP 3921, for the purpose of hearing and deciding matters, in which the Board acts as an adjudicatory body performing a quasi-judicial function and to discuss a matter which by law, municipal character or ordinance is required to be confidential.*

M/S: HEUTTE/TABB

NO OBJECTIONS

TIME ENTERED: 6:51

TIME EXITED: 7:24

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Sanderson shared thanks to the students who had shared the resolution about the current state of the Ketchikan High School locker rooms. Sanderson shared his thanks with Superintendent Robbins for reminding the public that they are able to call the district office and ask questions regarding the budget. Sanderson also asked President O'Brien to ask for an update on the Land Acknowledgement Policy and the Renaming of Schoenbar when she meets with the President of KIC Tribal Council.

Tabb shared congratulations with the Superintendent on the district's increase in social media engagement. Tabb urged the community to contact State Legislation about the upcoming budget.

Ginter asked clarifying questions on how policies are updated and changed. Ginter suggested collaborating with other districts in the state on advocating for a higher BSA.

O'Brien shared clarifying information on how the district payscale works. O'Brien also encouraged citizens to contact State Legislation regarding the BSA.

Judy Leask-Guthrie shared she was excited to hear about President O'Brien's upcoming meeting with KIC Tribal Council President. Guthrie spoke in favor of strengthening the relationship with KIC over the coming year.

**ADVANCE PLANNING**

a. School Board meeting and/or work session Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:43 p.m.

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BOARD PRESIDENT  
Michelle O'Brien

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Board Vice President  
Jordan Tabb

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Clerk Treasurer  
Katherine Tatsuda