

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING and/or WORK SESSION

Meeting of August 14, 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 14th day of August 2024, 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: President Stephen Bradford, Vice President Keenan Sanderson, Clerk-Treasurer Nicole Anderson, Members Judy Leask Guthrie, Tom Heutte, Katherine Tatsuda. Member Melissa O'Bryan was absent and excused. Administrative staff present included Superintendent Michael Robbins, Business Manager Daniel Schuler, and School Board Clerk Crystal Vail.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None.

CITIZEN REMARKS

Kathy Bolling, Ketchikan resident, spoke on the Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, addressing the importance of the library upholding citizens rights, including students, and providing them with access to information and materials.

Caitlin Jacobson, Ketchikan resident and Librarian at Ketchikan High School, spoke on local library happenings, guest speakers, and conferences attended.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

Claims of July 26, 2024-APPROVED

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Robbins shared that building administrators are back to work and had begun

training and professional development. August 19th will be the first day back for the entire district at Ketchikan High School, with breakout groups and guest speakers and presenters. Robbins shared updates on which administrators were serving on which committees, and general staffing updates,

STUDENT REPORT

None

ACTION ITEMS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Motion to approve the MOA between KGBSD and KGB
- b. Motion to approve a contract with First City Electric, LLC For Point Higgins Generator replacement.
- c. Motion to approve the offering of a special service contract with Naomi Haller.
- d. Motion to approve the offering of a certified teaching contract for a music teacher.
- e. Motion to set paid food service pricing for FY2024-2025. f. Motion to approve the current milk contract with Alaskan & Proud market for FY2024-2025.

M/S: SANDERSON/ANDERSON

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

ANDERSON, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, GUTHRIE, HEUTTE, BRADFORD

CONCENT CALENDAR APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review and Consideration of a Citizen's Request of Reconsideration of Instructional Materials

President Bradford gave information on the process that brought the book "What Girls Are Made Of" up for review. The complainant was given an opportunity to speak, and shared reasons why they believed the book should be removed from the shelves of the district libraries. Members of the board asked clarifying questions.

Motion to uphold the Superintendent's determination and recommendation in relation to the complaint concerning instructional materials regarding the book "What Girls Are Made Of", by Alana Arnold.

M/S: SANDERSON/GUTHRIE

ROLL CALL: 6 YES

TATSUDA, GUTHRIE, ANDERSON, HEUTTE, SANDERSON, BRADFORD

MOTION PASSED

DISCUSSION

a. Consideration of Renaming Schools Commission

President Bradford shared that KIC had requested additional time to discuss the potential name changes. Bradford shared that this item would be moved to a later agenda.

b. Memorandum with KIC

President Bradford spoke on the existing Memorandum of Understanding between KIC and KGBSD, sharing that the KIC Tribal Council will begin to work on updating it.

c. School Board Meeting Calendar

President Bradford spoke on changing the upcoming School Board Calendar, to accommodate back to school local elections coming up. President Bradford proposed that the board schedule be changed to September 11, October 16 and 23, November 13, and December 11, to finish the calendar year. There were no objections, and the School Board Calendar was updated.

BOARD COMMENTS

Member Tatsuda asked how building staffing was going, how the district was looking for back to school and for a financial update for the end of 2024, and 2025 calendar year. Superintendent Robbins responded by giving a quick update on current staffing in the buildings, and the start of the school year for administrative staff. Business manager Daniel Schuler gave a budget update, and reported on when financial reports would be available.

DISCUSSION

President Bradford asked the Board to enter back into discussion to talk about the budget process timeline. The Board and Superintendent Robbins entered a discussion about student count, budget timeline, and community access to budget information. President Bradford asked for 4 hands direction at the November meeting to bring forward a budget based on 0 increase in the BSA and the amount of a local contribution that would allow the district to retain all tenured staff with no layoffs. Bradford received 4 hands direction. Bradford asked for additional direction to instruct Superintendent Robbins to work with the Borough Manager to be added to the Borough's January Weekend Workshop. There were 4 hands, and Robbins was instructed to proceed.

BOARD COMMENTS

-Tatsuda thanked everyone on the board and district staff for all of their work over the last few months.

-Heutte drew attention to the fact that there are four seats open on the board and encouraged anyone who might be interested to run. Heutte also encouraged citizens to ask candidates about their vision on public education. He ended by thanking district staff for all of their hard work.

-Guthrie shared she is looking forward to the start of the school year, and thanked all of the school staff that they have done and will do to get kids through another school year.

-Clerk-Treasurer Anderson shared her well wishes for a wonderful start to the school year for staff and students. She thanked staff in the district for all they do for the students in our district, and reminded everyone to practice patience in the new year. Anderson echoed Heutte's words, encouraging citizens to apply for a position on the School Board.

-Vice President Sanderson echoed Anderson's thoughts, wishing everyone a good school year. Sanderson also shared that he hopes anyone feels comfortable coming to the School Board with any concerns or complaints they may have, without fear of retaliation.

-President Bradford shared that he wants the Board to be at the first day of work for district staff at Kayhi, Monday August 19 for the welcome back.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.
- b. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.
- c. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.
- d. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.
- e. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:19 p.m.

BOARD PRESIDENT

Stephen Bradford