

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 8 b

MEETING OF July 17, 2019

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the March 27, 2019 regular meeting minutes

Superintendent
 Personnel
 Finance
 Special Services

SUBMITTED BY: Kerry Watson

CONTACT PERSON/TELEPHONE:

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Kerry Watson 247-2142

Name

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Superintendent

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the "Consent Calendar" are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. The appropriate motion is to: "I move to approve the Consent Calendar." There will be no separate discussion of the items under the Consent Calendar. If a Board member requests discussion, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered under "Unfinished Business."

A. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2019.

*** NOTE:**

If amendments or corrections are desired to the minutes, 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.

Otherwise, the motion to accept the Consent Calendar is appropriate.

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular meeting of March 27, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education met in regular session on the 27th day of March 2019, in the Ketchikan Borough Assembly Chambers. Board President Matt Eisenhower 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 Matt Eisenhower; Board Clerk-Treasurer Diane Gubatayao; Board Members Rachel Breithaupt; Thomas Heutte; and Bridget Mattson. Student Board Member Brendan Roof was also present. Board Vice President Sonya Skan was absent and excused.

Administrative staff consisted of Beth Lougee, Superintendent; Katie Parrott, Business Manager; Alonso Escalante, Curriculum Director; and Administrative Assistant W. Trent Headley.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Board President Matt Eisenhower welcomed the Gero-Kanayama Exchange Program visitors. He noted that the educational exchange program between Ketchikan and Kanayama began with a sister city agreement in 1986. Later, the town of Kanayama was annexed by the city of Gero and the exchange program continued. More than 1,000 students have traveled to each other's cities so far in the exchange, said Mr. Eisenhower. The Kanayama-Gero students and chaperones each introduced themselves to the Board. Gifts were exchanged between the group and the Board.

Wilfred Agoney, Sophie Agoney and Jason Seludo, Ketchikan students, were recognized for their recent accomplishments at the Alaska Native Youth Olympics competition on March 16 and 17, 2019 in Juneau. Starla Agoney, who'd accompanied the team, introduced the athletes and briefly highlighted their performances. Wilfred competed in 9 out of 10 possible events, placing in the top ten in all of them. Jason placed first in the wrist carry and second in the Alaska high kick. Sophie placed second in the one-handed reach and secured within the top five in several other events. Wilfred and Jason spoke briefly about the program. The students will compete in Anchorage at the state competition.

Next, Board Member Tom Heutte announced the 2019 ASAA Division 1 state cheer squad to applause. Coach Jaylyn Merrill and several of the team members came forward. Ms. Merrill said that although the squad won the regional cheer squad competition, the team had not originally planned to attend the state competition. However, with the support and encouragement of Kayhi activities director Melissa Johnson and the community, they did so. In addition to competing, the Ketchikan squad was able to cheer on the Kayhi boys' basketball team to its state title. Ms. Merrill noted that the Ketchikan team competed against larger schools in its division, such as Bartlett and Dimond. Maya Parker, one of the captains, also spoke briefly, and thanked the community and Board for its support.

CITIZEN REMARKS

There were no citizen remarks.

INFORMATION & REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Health Insurance Task Force - Board Member Heutte informed the Board of the next meeting date for the Task Force, and stated its charge is to reduce costs of health insurance for both the school district and its employees.

Policy Committee, Native Education Committee - A Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for the next day, and a meeting of the Native Education Committee will be scheduled soon, said Board Clerk-Treasurer Diane Gubatayao. She also commented on attending a "Prevention Summit" recently in Anchorage and shared a document on "Trauma Engaged Schools" from the event.

CLAIMS FOR INFORMATION: - June 14, 2019: A check for athlete drug testing services was referenced, and it was confirmed that these drug tests are random.

REPORTS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS – SUPERINTENDENT/STAFF

Student Member Brendan Roof: First, Brendan Roof remarked everyone knew that the Kayhi boys basketball team "blew the roof off at state." He also cited the accomplishment of the girls' basketball team in winning regionals, and the cheer squad winning at state. Brendan then highlighted and complimented three classmates who'd recently traveled to Juneau for a Rotary Youth Leadership event - Sarah Palaruan, Cathleen Pearson, and Olivia Phelps. Lastly, he reported that the Student Body Association had erected a United States flag in the Kayhi commons that day, gifted by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski.

Superintendent Beth Lougee: Superintendent Beth Lougee reported the district will probably move its science curriculum review to next year. Curriculum work in that subject area had been held off this year as the state is still working on adopting a science curriculum and publishing standards. Most curriculum work this year has instead been concentrated on the Career and Technical Education department. Meanwhile, new Curriculum Director Alonso Escalante has been planning professional development for next year.

Superintendent Lougee also outlined the meet and greet schedule and interview process for the two principal finalists for Ketchikan High School, taking place that Friday and Saturday. One is an internal candidate and one is from out of state.

Business Manager:

Katie Parrott, Business Manager, spoke about budget assumptions for FY 20, which were also covered in her written report included in the Board packet. The assumptions are still somewhat in flux, but Ms. Parrott said she is feeling encouraged after being in Juneau the past few days. There is really no traction for nixing the \$20 million one-time funding for this year, she added. She also noted the community budget forums being held to share the district's budget information. One was scheduled for that Saturday.

In addition, Business Manager Parrott reported the district had received final certification from the state of the district's student count. Three intensive students were not certified, which means a decrease in overall funding to the district of \$231,270. There were some comments about the number of intensive students trending upwards; and Board President Eisenhower briefly explained the 13 times multiplier attached to intensive needs student funding.

Ms. Parrott noted she had also included an updated charter school funding formula and explanatory memo in the packet.

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY

Motion to approve the revised Board Policy 3312 - Contracts in first reading.

Moved by: MATTSON; Second by: GUBATAYAO

Public Hearing

No public persons spoke.

Board Discussion

Business Manager Katie Parrott explained that the Business Office had been reviewing policies relating to its department for compliance with updated laws and for best practice. The revisions being proposed for Board Policy 3312 provide more specificity on contract guidance, she said. For example, added language will make it clear that the Superintendent is the only one that can obligate the district contractually in an exchange of money or services.

ROLL CALL

Student Member Brendan Roof (preferential vote) - AYE

GUBATAYAO, HEUTTE, BREITHAUPT, MATTSON, EISENHOWER - ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED

Motion to approve the Revised Board Policy 0510 - School District Report Card in first reading.

Moved by: GUBATAYAO; Second by: BREITHAUPT

Public Hearing

There were no comments from the public.

Board Discussion

Ms. Parrott stated that the proposed revision updates the requirements under the federal ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) law for the 2018-19 school year to provide disaggregated financial reporting of per pupil expenditures for federal, state, and local funds.

ROLL CALL

Student Member Brendan Roof (preferential vote) - AYE

BREITHAAPT, HEUTTE, MATTSON, GUBUTAYAO, EISENHOWER - ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED

CONSENT CALENDAR

- *Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of December 04, 2018.*
- *Motion to ratify the Separation Agreement with Robert Boyle*
- *Motion to approve Out-of-State travel for the Kayhi National Ocean Sciences Bowl Finals competition in Washington DC beginning on April 11, 2019*
- *Motion to approve an Administrative contract for Linnaea Troina as the Principal at Fawn Mountain, effective March 2, 2019.*
- *Motion to approve a long-term substitute contract for Anne Elliott at Ketchikan High School.*
- ~~*Motion to approve Tenured Teaching Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year. (Removed from Consent Calendar).*~~
- *Motion to approve an administrative contract for Kayla Livingston effective July 1, 2019.*
- *Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2018*
- *Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 09, 2019.*

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar of March 27, 2019.

Moved by: HEUTTE; Second by: MATTSON

Ms. Gubatayao requested removal of the tenured teacher contracts approval from the Consent Calendar as she said she had a conflict of interest.

ROLL CALL

Student Member Brendan Roof (preferential vote) - AYE

BREITHAAPT, HEUTTE, GUBATAYAO, MATTSON, EISENHOWER - ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to approve the Tenured Teaching Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved by: EISENHOWER; Second by: MATTSON

Discussion

President Eisenhower ruled that Ms. Gubatayao did have a conflict of interest. (Ms. Gubatayao had a family member who was on the tenured teacher contract list).

ROLL CALL

Student Member Brendan Roof (preferential vote) - AYE

HEUTTE, BREITHAAPT, MATTSON, EISENHOWER - AYES

GUBATAYAO - ABSTAIN

MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept Glen Thompson's letter of resignation effective March 27, 2019 and declare a Board Vacancy.

Moved by: BREITHAUPT; Second by: GUBATAYAO

Discussion

Mr. Eisenhower said information on the vacancy would be posted soon on the website. There was some discussion on a timeline for accepting applications and filling the vacancy.

ROLL CALL

**Student Member Brendan Roof (preferential vote) - AYE
GUBATAYAO, MATTSON, BREITHAUPT, HEUTTE, EISENHOWER - ALL AYES**

MOTION PASSED

Motion to approve Resolution #19-03, part of the Joint Resolution between the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly; School Board; City of Saxman and the City of Ketchikan, opposing Governor Dunleavy's FY 2020 Budget Proposal.

Moved by: GUBATAYAO; Second by: MATTSON

Discussion

Ms. Gubatayao said the resolution was well-written and comprehensive, covering the major impacts on the community if Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget goes into place.

President Eisenhower read the portion of the joint resolution that applied to the school district. Governor Dunleavy's proposed cuts to education would mean a loss of approximately \$6.4 million in state funding for Ketchikan, according to the resolution. To absorb that loss, the district would need to eliminate about 70 teaching positions, or 208 support staff positions, said Mr. Eisenhower.

Mr. Heutte commented he'd attended the House Finance community meeting hosted by Representative Dan Ortiz that previous Saturday and there was overwhelming opposition to Dunleavy's budget from those who showed up.

ROLL CALL

**Student Member Brendan Roof (preferential vote) - AYE
HEUTTE, GUBATAYAO, MATTSON, BREITHAUPT, EISENHOWER - ALL AYES**

MOTION PASSED

Motion to approve Resolution #19-04, FY20 Proposed State Budget Implications to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District.

Moved by: GUBATAYAO; Second by: BREITHAUPT

Discussion

President Eisenhower expressed appreciation to staff for writing the resolution.

ROLL CALL

**Student Member Brendan Roof (preferential vote) - AYE
HEUTTE, GUBATAYAO, MATTSON, BREITHAUPT, EISENHOWER - ALL AYES**

MOTION PASSED

Motion to approve Resolution #19-05 Authorization of District Bank Accounts and Check Signers to update Fawn Mountain Elementary Authority.

Moved by: BREITHAAPT; Second by: HEUTTE

Discussion

There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL

Student Member Brendan Roof (preferential vote) - AYE

BREITHAAPT, HEUTTE, GUBATAYAO, MATTSON, EISENHOWER - ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED

DISCUSSION

FY 20 Draft Budget - An hour-long discussion and Power Point presentation on the budget covered such topics as: a review and explanation of the state's education funding mechanism; historical district budget information; speculation on the Legislature's approach to education funding and reaction to Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget; the district's planning for likely budget cuts; and district budget deadlines.

Strategic approach to engaging the community in the state budget discussion: Ideas for engaging the community, including encouraging letter writing to legislators, were discussed.

CITIZEN REMARKS

No citizens commented.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Bridget Mattson remarked that there were many speakers who referenced education at the House Finance committee meeting in Ketchikan the previous weekend. The Ketchikan community supports its schools and youth, she said; and will make sure they have the best opportunities for their future regardless of what the Governor tries to do.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by Kerry Watson, Clerk to the Board

Attached for reference: School Board Resolution #19-04.



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #19-04

Opposition to the FY20 Governor's Amended Budget

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Alaska in Article 7, Section 1 dictates that the legislature shall establish and maintain a system of public schools open to all children of the State; and

WHEREAS, the policy for providing public education in Alaska is defined in Alaska Statute 14.03.015 as "to help ensure that all students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them"; and

WHEREAS, the public education system in Alaska relies on funding from the State to operate educational programs in accordance with the constitutional obligation to provide an open and accessible public education system; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District receives approximately 73% of its operating fund from the State of Alaska to operate and maintain its public schools; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy's proposed FY20 amended budget reduces foundation funding to Alaska's schools by 24%, undermining the ability of Alaska's public education system to meet educational goals and improve outcomes for students; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reduction removes approximately \$6.4 million in operational education funding from Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District; and

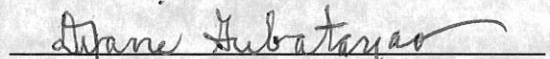
WHEREAS, Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District spends between 75-80% of funds received on instructional purposes and less than 10% on district administration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reduction in funding will mean the catastrophic loss of teaching positions, untenable and unsustainably large class sizes, complete elimination of entire academic and extra-curricular programs, and possible closure of school facilities; and

*Adopted by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education
on this 27th day of March, 2019.*



Matthew Eisenhower, Board President



Diane Gubatayao, Board Clerk-Treasurer