



Board of Education Meeting
February 26, 2020
Superintendent Report

Superintendent Remarks

Dear School Board Members,

The last two weeks have been very busy and exciting throughout KGBSD. On February 4, 2020, WISH was notified that they were selected and approved for the Victims of Crime Grant Program. As a partner with WISH and KIC, this grant will place a mental health expert and two behavior health aides (BHA's) at schools to provide services for our youth. In the coming weeks Mr. House, Ms. Bohlert and I will continue to meet with WISH and KIC representatives to work out the details and will notify as information is confirmed. We are currently working on a plan to begin services as soon as after spring break or not later than August 2020.

The district negotiation team met with the KEA negotiation team, and Administrative Assistant negotiation team. The teams have been meeting and reports from all sides are each meeting has been productive in establishing ground rules and reviewing information. During the days of February 20th, 21st and 24th, 2020 the teams reconvened to continue discussions. The KGBSD team will begin negotiations with IBEW in early March.

The Elizabeth Peratrovich Day Celebration's that took place at each school were wonderful. Each school celebrate Elizabeth Peratrovich legacy with activities that help children of all ages remember her as a civil rights leader. If you had the opportunity to attend one of the assemblies you were able to see celebrations through dance, song, drumming, poems, short plays, speeches and art.

On February 21, 2020 the high school seniors were able to ask questions directly to Senator Murkowski. Senator Murkowski attend in person through an invite by Government Teacher Ms. Stone. This opportunity provided Kayhi seniors the honor of being able to ask questions and learn about the many issues facing our nation.

Looking ahead, March 30- May 1, 2020 is the set dates for the PEAKS Assessment. Each school has set dates and times students will be taking the assessments. Parents can contact their students school for their students PEAKS Assessment dates and times.

The Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) and the Alaska Science Assessment are designed to measure a student's understanding of the skills and concepts outlined in the [Alaska English Language Arts \(ELA\) and Mathematics Standards](#) and the [Alaska Science Grade Level Expectations - GLEs \(pdf\)](#). The Alaska English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards are specific rigorous expectations for growth in students' skills across grades.

The Alaska English language arts (ELA) standards demonstrate the expectation that students' skills will build across grades in reading and analyzing a variety of complex texts, writing with clarity for different purposes, and presenting and evaluating ideas and evidence. The ELA standards are designed to help students develop a logical progression of fluency, analysis, and application, moving toward college and career readiness. The Alaska mathematics standards have the expectation that students' skills will grow across grades in mathematics content as well as mathematical practices. The mathematics standards are designed to help students develop a logical progression of mathematical fluency, conceptual understanding, and real world application.

The PEAKS assessments are administered to students in grades 3-9. The science assessment is administered to students in grades 4, 8, and 10.

As a reminder to school board trainings coming up. There will be a school board training on March 24 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for all school board members provided by Timi Tullis and John Sedor from AASB. AASB has also confirmed they will be providing training in reviewing the results from the School Climate and Connectedness Survey May 13 from 4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. On May 12 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. there will also be a community presentation.

This year the decision was made to improve our efforts in recruiting and retaining teachers. We continue our normal practice of advertising on Alaska Teacher Placement System (ATP). However, to improve and increase the recruiting efforts teams will be traveling to:

Anchorage: March 12-14, 2020

Attending: Beth Lougee
Sheri Boehlert
Terri Crofcheck
Cath Aililn

Minneapolis: April 2, 2020

Attending: Jason House
Michael Cron
Linnaea Troina
Cath Aililn

Portland: April 8, 2020

Attending: Teresa Varnell
Sheri Boehlert
Terri Crofcheck
Cath Aililn

In addition to recruiting teachers our efforts with offering a mentoring program have been very beneficial to date. Bob Hewitt and the mentors have offered valuable support to our new teachers and we plan to continue this program moving into 2020-21. In early April the group of mentors, mentee's and Mr. Hewitt will evaluate the program for any changes and improvements and continued summer support will be offered as we all know teachers don't take the summer off, they rest physically but mentally their minds are always teaching!

Lastly, I want to provide you with a timeline of budget presentations to the school board as the draft budget is developed and presented on March 31, 2020. It is important to view and understand the process of informing the public and gathering their input, holding conversations with our staff about needs and changes and building a budget that is built an informed decision making process. Below is a timeline of school board and public presentations, comment times and surveys:

- February 12th School Board Meeting - District Funding & Historical Spending Presentation, Current Year Financial Status & Spending Target Analysis
- February 17th - Release of District Budget Survey
- February 26th School Board Meeting - Historical Budget & School/Department Level Budget Presentation
- March 7th Public Budget Meeting (Kayhi Library 2pm) - Present on District Historical Spending, Current Budget Allocations, & Results of Public Survey
- March 31st Completion of FY21 Draft Budget
- April 8th School Board Meeting - First Public Hearing on FY21 Budget
- April 22nd School Board Meeting - Second Public Hearing on FY21 Budget

Beth Lougee, Superintendent

Reports

1. Houghtaling Elementary School Annual Report Presentation
2. Business Manager- Historical Budget & School/Department Level Budget Presentation
*February 17th - Release of District Budget Survey-update
3. Director of Curriculum- Curriculum Report (written)
4. Director of Maintenance- Introduction of Al Jacobson
5. Director of Special Education- Special Education Report (written)
6. SBA Student Report-verbal