

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Meeting of
Wednesday, September 14, 2022
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 September 2022, 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: Board President Stephen Bradford; Board Vice President Keenan Sanderson; Board Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Mattson; and Board Members Jordan Tabb; Paul Robbins Jr.; and Nicole Anderson. Board Member Diane Gubatayao had an excused absence.

Administrative staff present included Superintendent Michael Robbins and School Board Clerk Crystal Vail.

There were no objections to the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mr. Bradford welcomed Jack Zink, the new student member of the School Board to the meeting.

Mr. Bradford recognized Board member Diane Gubatayao for her award as an Alaska Children's Trust Champion for Kids 2022.

Mr. Bradford also recognized Kings for Peace. A group that was organized to facilitate a week of events surrounding the International Day of Peace, September 21st of each year. The Board and the public were invited to participate in an assembly on Thursday September 22, 2022 with a theme of "Meet the Moment."

CITIZEN REMARKS

Caitlyn Jacobson, resident, shared some information and data about how the approval of Proposition 2 (Defunding the Ketchikan Public Library) will affect students who use both the public and school libraries.

No other citizen remarks.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Bradford and Ms. Mattson reported they had attended Southeast Conference. Both board members discussed the overriding theme of the conference which focused on how essential it is to teach workforce skills.

Ms. Mattson also shared the multiple options offered in Ketchikan for developing workforce skills.

CLAIMS FOR INFORMATION: SEPTEMBER 2, 2022 No objections as presented, claims approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Robbins thanked the students in attendance at the meeting and congratulated Diane on her AK Children's Trust Award.

He then gave his report which included updates about the opening of schools, new hires, community and government group meetings, district trainings and upcoming school events.

STUDENT MEMBER REPORT:

Jack Zink gave a report of a variety upcoming school group activities, including sports teams, academic teams and school clubs.

ACTION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING *POLICY*

Motion to revise BP 5113 "Absences and Excuses," in the second reading.

Moved by: Sanderson

Second by: Tabb

PUBLIC HEARING

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Mattson voiced her support for the motion and stated she still has concern about some of the verbiage. She wanted to make it clear that the intent of the policy is to support attendance policies of the school and make up work policies of teachers, not to undermine either.

No other Board Discussion.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES- TABB, SANDERSON, ROBBINS JR., MATTSON, ANDERSON, BRADFORD

0 NO

MOTION APPROVED

POLICY CHANGED AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar of the regular meeting of September 14, 2022.

Moved by: TABB

Second by: MATTSON

- a. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2022.
- b. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of August 30, 2022.
- c. Motion to approve out of state travel for Ketchikan High School Close- Up Program
- d. Motion to approve out of state travel for Ketchikan High School Yearbook Team

There were no requests to pull any items from the consent calendar.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES- ROBBINS, JR., ANDERSON, TABB, MATTSON, SANDERSON, BRADFORD

0 NO

Consent Calendar APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bradford requested that the Board discuss Executive session b. on the agenda before Executive session a. There were no objections to this request.

Motion to enter Executive session b. to receive an update from legal counsel on matters of potential or pending litigation or claims, which is covered by attorney-client privilege.

Moved by: Mattson

Second by: Anderson

ROLL CALL:

6 YES- SANDERSON, TABB, ANDERSON, ROBBINS JR., MATTSON, BRADFORD

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EXECUTIVE SESSION ENTERED INTO AT 6:33 p.m.

The Board received an update on legal matters of potential or pending litigations or claims.

Motion to end the executive session at 7:03 pm with no objection.

Regular session resumed at 7:03 p.m.

Motion to enter executive session a. at 7:06 p.m. to discuss a matter, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the school district – KEA Educational Support Professionals Negotiated Agreement.

Moved by: Tabb Second by: Mattson

ROLL CALL:

5 YES – ANDERSON, ROBBINS JR., SANDERSON, TABB, MATTSON

1 NO – BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

The Board discussed the KEA – ESPs Negotiated Agreement.

Motion to end the executive session at 7:19 with no objection.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to ratify the 2022- 2025 negotiated labor contract between KGBSD and KEA ESPs

Moved by: Mattson

Second by: Sanderson

BOARD DISCUSSION:

There was no discussion.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES – SANDERSON, MATTSON, TABB, ANDERSON, ROBBINS JR., BRADFORD

0 NO

MOTION APPROVED

DISCUSSION:

Drug abuse and overdose issues:

Mr. Bradford stated he was looking forward to the work session on September 28th with Ketchikan Youth for Change.

Ms. Mattson stated she attended the Stomp the Stigma event last weekend and appreciated the hope and support of our community and continued attention to addiction and abuse.

Superintendent Robbins stated he appreciates the amount of support our community as shown to adults and children facing addiction issues.

Tribal Relations:

Mr. Bradford discussed his attendance to SE Conference and as a result of meeting with the Mayor from Metlakatla, thinks a meeting with the Annette Island School District would be a good way to support both Districts.

Mr. Sanderson stated he would be happy to facilitate a meeting with Annette Island School District about general relations.

Ms. Mattson suggested the board finds out when the debate event is in Metlakatla and wondered if some board members could be involved.

Mr. Bradford commended Superintendent Robbins for his involvement with KIC. He asked the board if they would like to have a full board or select member meeting as the Government to Government meeting with KIC.

Mr. Robbins, Jr. suggested that a specific list of action items be present if both whole boards were to meet.

Ms. Mattson agreed with Mr. Robbins, Jr. and reminded the board that there is a commitment to meet annually with whole boards. She stated she was in full support of committee meetings and liaison discussions, but the reality was that an annual meeting of full government to government needed to be organized.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Mattson thanked Jack Zink, an elected representative by the student body at KHS. She stated she is grateful for the voice he will bring to each meeting.

Mr. Sanderson gave a shout out to staff for a positive beginning to the school year.

Mr. Bradford echoed Mr. Sanderson's statement.

ADVANCE PLANNING:

School Board Listening session was tentatively scheduled for Saturday at the Pilot House from 9-11 a.m.

School Board Regular meeting with a work session with Ketchikan Youth for Change on September 28, 2022.

Mr. Bradford asked the board to give thought to the AASB Award Nominations due October 7, 2022.

Superintendent Robbins asked the board to give thought to who will attend the AASB Annual Conference November 3-6, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection to a motion to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

BOARD PRESIDENT
Stephen Bradford