

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Meeting of  
February 7, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 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: Present members included President Stephen Bradford, Vice President Keenan Sanderson Clerk-Treasurer Nicole Anderson, Members Judy Leask Guthrie, Tom Heutte and Katherine Tatsuda and Student Member Lily Gosnell. Member Melissa O'Bryan was out with an excused absence.

Administrative staff present included Superintendent designee Michael Cron, Business Manager Daniel Schuler and School Board Clerk Crystal Vail.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

President Bradford recognized Silema Garcia, Ketchikan High School student, for her work with Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA.)

Board members read proclamations to recognize Elizabeth Peratrovich Day, National School Counseling Week, Black History Month and Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

**CITIZEN REMARKS**

Wayne Kinunen, citizen of Ketchikan, commented on the Kayhi science curriculum and the absence of marine biology and oceanography.

Nick Pader, teacher and parent at Ketchikan High School, commented on the science classes that have been cut in the high school curriculum.

Michael Collins, paraprofessional and coach at KHS, read a letter drafted by staff at KHS, regarding leadership changes happening at Ketchikan High School.

**INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

The Curriculum Committee met to discuss the middle school to high school Social Studies curriculum.

The Policy Committee met to discuss potential changes to School Board Policies.

**REPORTS FOR INFORMATION: Claims of January 26, 2024**

No Objections. CLAIMS APPROVED

**STUDENT REPORT**

Student member Gosnell reported the current events and activities at Ketchikan High School.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

The Superintendent report was included in the meeting packet, the Superintendent did not attend the meeting in person as he was attending the ASA and AASB Legislative Fly In meetings in Juneau.

President Bradford summarized the information Superintendent Robbins included in his report and Rick Dormer, Ketchikan High School Principal, came to the podium to elaborate on the most recent Legislative action regarding public school funding.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 24, 2024

M/S: SANDERSON/ANDERSON

ROLL CALL:

6 YES:

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) ANDERSON, HEUTTE, GUTHRIE, TATSUDA, SANDERSON, BRADFORD

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Motion to approve School Board Resolution 24-02 Calling on the Governor and Legislature of the State of Alaska to Make Improvements to Teachers' Retirement System (TRS.)

DISCUSSION:

President Bradford commented on the resolution, sharing with the board that if approved, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly would bring it forward for approval by their body as well.

M/S: ANDERSON/SANDERSON

ROLL CALL:

6 YES: GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) GUTHRIE, TATSUDA, SANDERSON, HEUTTE, ANDERSON, BRADFORD

### **DISCUSSION**

President Bradford asked board members if there was any objection to him speaking about HR Hiring Practices considering recent emails the board has received regarding recent hiring of personnel. There was no objection. President Bradford summarized the HR Hiring Practice that was presented to the board in October 2022 and reviewed the timeline and process that was used in the most recent hirings.

Member Tatsuda commented on the trust that can be built by effective and intentional communication between administration and staff.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Member Heutte commented on the upcoming policy work coming forward by the Policy Committee.

Member Guthrie stated her appreciation for Member Heutte's work with the Policy Committee. She commented that the Native Education Committee would meet later in the month.

Member Tatsuda commented on her excitement to represent Ketchikan School District at the AASB Legislative Fly In.

Vice President Sanderson promoted the KIC Social Services department, stating their services are available to members and non-members and that anyone needing help regarding crimes and violence should reach out to their program. He also reminded the public that School Board members are available to listen to anyone who wants to speak about district practices. He concluded by thanking Wayne Kinunen for speaking to the board to promote the return of Ocean Science and Maritime classes to the high school curriculum.

President Bradford commented that he had attended the Borough Assembly meeting and shared the topics he reported to them.

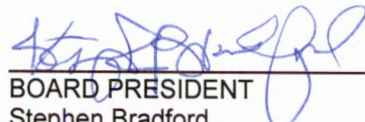
### **ADVANCE PLANNING**

- a. School Board Listening Session – President Bradford and Member Heutte volunteered to hold a listening session at Ketchikan High School from 6:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday February 9, 2024.
- b. KIC Government to Government – President Bradford reported that he had not spoken further from the KIC president and that he would follow up.
- c. Charter School Meetings – President Bradford confirmed with board members to try to schedule the date of March 4, 2024 for board members to join the TSAS APC meeting.

*APPROVED minutes of the February 7, 2024 Regular meeting*

- d. School Board Finance Committee meeting Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office, RM 319 White Cliff
- e. Assembly/School Board Liaison Committee meeting Wednesday February 28, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers
- f. School Board Regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers
- g. Strategic Plan Sub Committee Meetings February 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the KHS Library.
  - 2/26 Academic Achievement
  - 2/27 Social & Emotional Learning
  - 2/28 Career & Technical Education
  - 2/29 Communications
- h. Superintendent Evaluation Timeline – President Bradford notified board members that the Superintendent evaluation would occur at the meeting of March 13, 2024. He also mentioned he would be checking in with the Superintendent about the timeline of Administrator evaluations.
- i. Member Sanderson notified the board of the Native Education Committee meeting February 22, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at the KIC Education Building.
- j. Matt Lewis of USI will attend the School Board/Assembly Liaison meeting and the regular school board meeting of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:13 p.m.

  
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BOARD PRESIDENT  
Stephen Bradford