

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Meeting of  
Wednesday, October 12, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 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; Board Members Jordan Tabb; Paul Robbins Jr. (telephonically), Diane Gubatayao, Nicole Anderson and Student Member Jack Zink.

Administrative staff present included Superintendent Michael Robbins, Assistant Superintendent Melissa Johnson, and School Board Clerk Crystal Vail.

There were no objections to the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Mr. Bradford read a Proclamation recognizing and honoring Indigenous People's Day.

Ms. Gubatayao recognized TSAS for their celebration of Indigenous People's Day and recognized teachers for their work with Parent Teacher Conferences.

Mr. Sanderson recognized the Senior class members who attended the meeting.

**CITIZEN REMARKS**

Robb Arnold- voiced his opinion against the waiving of graduation requirements. He gave examples of why he thought the requirements were important for graduation and college preparation.

Kayla Livingston- Principal of Ketchikan Charter School, voiced her opinion against of the waiver of graduation requirements.

Kurt Lindemann- Principal of Revilla School, voiced his opinion in favor of the waiver of graduation requirements.

**INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

None

**CLAIMS FOR INFORMATION:** SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 and SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Ms. Gubatayao- stated she didn't have a question, but she noted the price of oil for Ketchikan High School and stated her hope of reducing costs in the future.

No objections as presented, claims approved.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Superintendent Robbins gave a report on the recent conferences he attended. He highlighted various groups he is currently working with as well as upcoming KHS activities.

**STUDENT MEMBER REPORT:**

Student Member Jack Zink reported KHS student activities for October. His report included sports, clubs, no school days and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fil-AM Festival.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Ms. Gubatayao made a request to pull item 8 c. from the Consent Calendar to Unfinished Business. There was no objection.

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar of the regular meeting of October 12, 2022.**

Moved: Tabb

Second: Sanderson

- a. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2022
- b. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2022
- ~~c. Motion to approve out of state travel for Ketchikan High School Softball team.~~
- d. Motion to approve out of state travel for Ketchikan High School Baseball team.
- e. Motion to approve out of state travel for Ketchikan High School Drama Kings Club.

ROLL CALL:

7 YES- ZINK (PREFERENTIAL VOTE,) TABB, ANDERSON, MATTSON, SANDERSON, ROBBINS, JR.,  
GUBATAYAO, BRADFORD,  
0 NO  
Consent Calendar APPROVED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Motion to approve the out of state travel for Ketchikan High School Softball team.

Moved: Gubatayao

Second: Tabb

Ms. Gubatayao questioned the process of funding travel for lower income students. She stated she would like to hear from coaches how they support students with different resources.

ROLL CALL

7 YES- ZINK (PREFERENTIAL VOTE,) MATTSON, ROBBINS, JR., ANDERSON, TABB, GUBATAYAO,  
SANDERSON, BRADFORD  
MOTION APPROVED

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to waive the community service or work hour requirement for graduation for school year 2022-23 and to waive the requirement for participation in WorkKeys, ACT or SAT assessment for graduation for the 2022-23 school year. (BP 6146.1; BB 9314)

Moved: Tabb

Second: Mattson

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

The Board members discussed the history of how this waiver initiated and how the intention was to slowly reinstate the requirements as COVID restrictions diminished throughout the years. There were board members who were in support of waiving all requirements and others that were in favor of waiving portions of the requirements. The discussion included statistics of current college requirements and current practices at KHS in supporting students who were in jeopardy of not fulfilling the requirements. There was discussion of the long

term versus temporary status of the changes and how that aligns with Board Bylaw 9314. The Board also discussed amending the motion to include a reduced amount of work/volunteer hours required.

There was then an Amendment made to the motion:

Motion to suspend for the graduating class of 2023 the following provision of BP 6146.1: Additional requirements include 50 hours of work experience or community service and no participation in the WorkKeys/ACT/SAT is required.

ROLL CALL:

5 YES – ZINK (PREFERENTIAL VOTE,) SANDERSON, TABB, ANDERSON, ROBBINS, JR., GUBATAYAO

2 NO – MATTSON, BRADFORD

MOTION PASSED

**DISCUSSION:**

Drug abuse and overdose issues:

Ms. Gubatayao discussed her support of Ketchikan Youth for Change and hoped they would have participation in Red Ribbon Week throughout the schools.

Superintendent Robbins discussed his meeting with the Police Department concerning safety around Halloween activities.

Board Goal #3 TRUST: Develop and adhere to specified fair hiring practices across district positions.

Ms. Johnson gave a presentation from the HR Task Force.

The Board members discussed their views on the progress of the newly created HR Task Force and clarified the timeline of more information coming to the Board.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Ms. Anderson thanked Ms. Mattson for her years of service on the School Board and encouraged the board to revisit the graduation requirement policy.

Ms. Gubatayao thanked Mr. Tabb and Ms. Mattson and stated she had enjoyed working with them and learned from them as they served on the School Board. She mentioned she would like to follow up on her question of equity regardless of resources for out of state travel at the next meeting.

Mr. Zink thanked Mr. Tabb and Ms. Mattson for their work on the SB. He commented he was interested in revisiting the graduation requirements.

Mr. Sanderson agreed the graduation requirements policy should go to a committee level. Thanked Mr. Tabb and Ms. Mattson for their articulation and stated his appreciation learning from them.

Mr. Tabb hopes that the policy committee can meet before his time on the board ends. He complimented this board and their work to find the best solutions for the community.

Mr. Bradford asked the board members to think about the standing committees and how to reorganize as board members and offices change.

Ms. Mattson thanked the incoming board members for running for office and expressed her gratitude to the board for all of the time spent working together in the past 4 years of her being a member.

**ADVANCE PLANNING:**

School Board Listening session Sunday, October 16 at Cape Fox from 9-11 a.m.

Regular meeting and work session Wednesday October 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

Parliamentary Procedure Basics using Robert's Rules of Order, Wednesday, October 26, 12:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

Annual Borough Official Training, Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 5:30 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no objection to a motion to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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BOARD PRESIDENT  
Stephen Bradford