

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING and WORK SESSION
Meeting of
May 22, 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 10th day of April 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, Clerk-Treasurer Nicole Anderson, Members Tom Heutte, Melissa O'Bryan and Katherine Tatsuda. Vice President Keenan Sanderson and Member Judy Leask Guthrie appeared telephonically.

Administrative staff present included Business Manager Daniel Schuler, Human Resource Director Alonso Escalante, Director of Student Services Michael Cron and School Board Clerk Chloe Hall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

None

CITIZEN REMARKS

Frankie Urquhart, teacher at KHS, voiced her concerns about the RIF plan.

Tommy Varela-Kossak, teacher at KHS, spoke on the Drama program at KHS and the RIF plan.

Czarina Cabillo, Ketchikan resident, shared her experience as an English Language Learner at Ketchikan High School.

Czara Cabillo, student at KHS, shared her thoughts on the English Language Learners program at Ketchikan High School.

Albrim Zhuta, Ketchikan resident, advocated for a strong English Language Learners program in our district.

Alma Manabat Parker, Ketchikan resident, spoke on the importance of an English Language Learners program at all levels.

Penny Leighton, Ketchikan resident, advocated for a stronger English Language Learners Program.

Jane Hanchett, Ketchikan resident, shared ideas on how the English Language Learners Program can improve.

Diane Gubatayao, Ketchikan resident, shared thoughts on how to help improve the English Language Learners Program.

Jerry Pierce, Ketchikan resident and Paraprofessional at KHS, spoke on where he feels KGBSD Administrative offices should be.

Rebecca Bowlen, teacher at KHS, spoke on the RIF plan and funding from the state.

Liz Jones, Ketchikan resident, spoke on the KGBSD budget and cuts being made throughout the district.

Vicki O'Brien, Ketchikan resident, spoke on the importance of activities in KGBSD.

Ali Ginter, Ketchikan resident, shared a list of questions with the Board. President Bradford asked Ms. Ginter to please email the Board her questions.

Inessa Kapralova, student at KHS, shared her thoughts on the importance of activities and extra curriculars.

Katie Neuhalfen, Ketchikan resident, spoke on the importance of the opportunities given to students through extra-curricular activities.

Kurt Lindemann, Principal at RHS, shared his thoughts about the budget and what it would mean for the programs at RHS.

Misty Hancock, teacher at PHE, spoke on the staff at Revilla Alternative School, thanking them for providing her daughter with an environment she can be successful in.

Chemaine Thomas, Ketchikan resident, spoke on the budget and the importance of vocational programs.

Sarah Campbell, teacher at KHS and KEA President, spoke to the Board about the FY2024-25 budget.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

April 2024 Report of Operations

Claims of May 10, 2024 - Approved

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

President Bradford shared that Superintendent Robbins continues to recuperate and will return to work soon.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2024.
- b. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 30, 2024.
- c. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 8, 2024

M/S: ANDERSON/HEUTTE

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, ANDERSON, BRADFORD

CONCENT CALENDAR APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

WORK SESSION

No objections to entering the work session at 7:49 p.m.

President Bradford spoke on Laid on the Table documents that show how and where staff are being recalled. Members of the Board discussed the budget for FY2024-25, building recalls, and potential cuts with input from Alonso Escalante, Daniel Schuler, and Michael Cron.

The work session ended at 8:53 p.m.

No objections to entering a second work session at 9:12 p.m.

The Board engaged in conversation with the community about the Laid on Table document and the motion to reinstate 36.2 positions in the district and gave more detail on the plan.

The work session ended at 9:25 p.m.

Motion to amend the Laid on the Table document to add 2 PreK positions

M/S: O'BRYAN/TATSUDA

ROLL CALL:

3 YES O'BRYAN, GUTHRIE, TATSUDA

4 NO SANDERSON, HEUTTE, ANDERSON, BRADFORD

SANDERSON, HEUTTE, O'BRYAN, ANDERSON, GUTHRIE, TATSUDA, BRADFORD

MOTION FAILED

Motion to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.

M/S: SANDERSON/HEUTTE

No objection

Motion for the district to reinstate the following positions: 9 Elementary teachers, 3 music Teachers, 3 PE Teachers, 4 Librarians, 5.2 CTE, 1 Counselor, 1 Science Teacher, 1 ELA, 1 Middle School Generalist, 1 RTI Support, 1 Administration at elementary level, 1 art teacher, 1 counselor, 1 7/8 Teacher, 1 ELA Teacher, 1 athletic director, 1 Tribal Scholar.

M/S: BRADFORD/ANDERSON

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

TATSUDA, GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, ANDERSON, SANDERSON, HEUTTE, BRADFORD

MOTION PASSED

The board entered a recess at 9:45 p.m.

The board came back from recess at 9:52 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

a. Motion to revise BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements, if first reading

M/S: HEUTTE/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Michael Cron shared a slide show and information about the changes to the curriculum.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

SANDERSON, GUTHRIE, O'BYRAN, ANDERSON, HEUTTE, TATSUDA, BRADFORD

MOTION PASSED

b. Motion to revise BP 1312.1 Public Complaints concerning school Personnel, in first reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/O'BRYAN

DISCUSSION: Member Heutte spoke on the minor changes being made to this policy.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

ANDERSON, O'BYRAN, SANDERSON, GUTHRIE, HEUTTE, TATSUDA, BRADFORD

MOTION PASSED

c. Motion to revise BP 1312.3 Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination, in first reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Member Heutte shared the language being added into this policy.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

O'BRYAN, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, GUTHRIE, HEUTTE, ANDERSON, BRADFORD

MOTION PASSED

d. Motion to revise BP 1400 Relations between other Government Agencies and the Schools, in first reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Member Heutte shared information about the changes to this policy, including adding language about tribal governments.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

ANDERSON, TATSUDA, O'BRYAN, GUTHRIE, SANDERSON, HEUTTE, BRADFORD

MOTION PASSED

DISCUSSION

President Bradford and several board members conversed about how the board can do better sharing and communicating information with the public.

BOARD COMMENTS

O'Bryan: Member O'Bryan asked for a compliance report for the District ELL Program and asked to initiate an ELL Task Force. President Bradford asked for Four Hands Direction to initiate the task force, and all four present members raised their hands. President Bradford directed staff to begin looking into forming a task force to look in to the districts ELL program.

Anderson urged everyone to write to their legislatures to get more funding for the district.

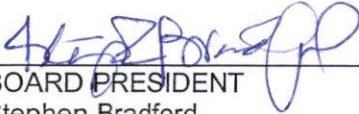
Heutte thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and being proactive.

Tatsuda shared that Health Care is still one of her concerns she would like to circle back to.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday June 12 & 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers

ADJOURNMENT at 10:31 p.m.



BOARD PRESIDENT
Stephen Bradford