

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting of

Thursday June 28, 2023

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 28th Day of June 2023, in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers. Board Vice President Keenan Sanderson 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 Vice President Keenan Sanderson, Clerk-Treasurer Nicole Anderson, Members Melissa O'Bryan, Diane Gubatayao and Tom Heutte. Member Paul Robbins, Jr. appeared telephonically. President Stephen Bradford had an excused absence and Vice President Sanderson presided as the chair of the meeting.

Administrative staff present included Business Manager Daniel Schuler and School Board Clerk Crystal Vail.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

none

CITIZEN REMARKS

Lisa DeLeat, parent of students in the district, commented on the 22-23 school year, stating that the school board had set 2 goals based on reading standards. She stated she was happy to see that reading at grade level as one of the goals, but never saw it discussed at any school board meetings. She brought up that KCS can choose their own curriculum and wants to see curriculum discussions for all schools. Ms. DeLeat advocated for decodable books and wondered if they were available at all schools.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Member Heutte reported that the Strategic Planning committee met to discuss the results of the strategic plan survey. Member Heutte gave a short summary of the demographics of the respondents and top areas of district improvement needed according to the survey. The committee reported the survey had closed and will reopen again late summer.

Member Gubatayao stated the Finance committee recommended the Discussion item 10 b.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION:

Claims of June 12, 2023- APPROVED

Member Gubatayao commented that she was glad to see the US foods contract on the consent agenda and wondered how the summer lunch program was going. Business Manager Schuler responded that it was going as intended and the meals had to be consumed on site for them to be at no cost.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 14, 2023.
- b. Motion to approve the Comprehensive Literacy State Development grant application in the amount of \$430, 620.
- c. ~~Motion to approve the Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) grant application in the amount of \$790, 315.~~
- d. ~~Motion to approve the School Improvement grant application in the amount of \$75,000.~~
- e. Motion to approve Amendments to the MOA between KGBSD and the Borough for the High School Boiler Replacement

APPROVED minutes of the June 28, 2023 Regular meeting

- f. Motion to approve a purchase from Summit 360 for District IT.
- g. Motion to approve the offering of certificated contracts to Jim Castle (Maritime,) Kieran Romero (3rd at KCS,) and Michelle Rhein (5th at FME,) for the 2023-24 school year.
- h. Motion to approve the offering of a professional social worker contract to Ashley Kessler for a district wide social worker for the 2023-24 school year.
- i. Motion to approve a state contract with US Foods

M/S: GUBATAYAO/ANDERSON

ROLL CALL:

6 YES-

O'BRYAN, ANDERSON, ROBBINS, JR., GUBATAYAO, HEUTTE, SANDERSON

APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motion to approve the Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) grant application in the amount of \$790, 315.

M/S: GUBATAYAO/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Member Gubatayao asked Business Manager Schuler about Title 1 student population statistics and wondered how the decisions were made on allocating funds according to priorities. Member Gubatayao commented that she would wait to ask Mr. Cron, Director of Student Supports, about the specifics on the process of prioritizing this grant funding.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES-

ANDERSON, HEUTTE, GUBATAYAO, O'BRYAN, ROBBINS, JR., SANDERSON

APPROVED

- b. Motion to approve the School Improvement grant application in the amount of \$75,000.

M/S: GUBATAYAO/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Member Gubatayao asked how schools qualified for funding from the School Improvement Grant. Mr. Schuler explained schools needed to qualify with the state to be eligible for any of this grant funding.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES-

O'BRYAN, GUBATAYAO, ROBBINS, JR., ANDERSON, HEUTTE, SANDERSON

APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to approve the Labor Contract Between KLO and KGBSD 2023-2026

M/S: ANDERSON/GUBATAYAO

DISCUSSION: Member Gubatayao thanked the team who worked on this negotiation and stated that both parties worked hard to agree and she would recommend ratification.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES-

HEUTTE, ROBBINS, JR., O'BRYAN, GUBATAYAO, ANDERSON, SANDERSON

APPROVED

- b. Motion to approve the KGBSD Maintenance Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW Local 1547 2023-2026

M/S: HEUTTE/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Member Heutte said he sat on the negotiation team and commended the professional tone set by both parties.

Sven Westergard from the IBEW negotiating team came to the meeting and thanked Mr. Schuler and Mr. Robbins (Superintendent) for their professionalism. He stated both sides made compromises.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES

ANDERSON, O'BRYAN, GUBATAYAO, ROBBINS, JR., HEUTTE, SANDERSON

APPROVED

c. Motion to approve the Central Office Salary Schedule 2023-2026

M/S: ANDERSON/GUBATAYAO

DISCUSSION: Member Gubatayao asked Mr. Schuler what changes occurred with this schedule. He commented there was an addition of 2 floating holidays and compensation levels had been modeled off negotiated agreements of building admin assistants.

Member Anderson clarified through Mr. Schuler that the funding for this salary schedule had been factored into the previously approved budget.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES

ROBBINS, JR., O'BRYAN, ANDERSON, HEUTTE, GUBATAYAO, SANDERSON

APPROVED

DISCUSSION

a. Review of Annual Agenda Calendar FY 24

Member Gubatayao asked about the purpose of having the discussion and wondered what the AASB work session was. Board Clerk Vail commented that the Annual Agenda Calendar had historically been placed on the June agenda and was a working document available for changes or suggestions at any time.

b. FY24 Budget

Business Manager Schuler gave a presentation on the current budget situation and what the board's options are moving forward. Board members asked questions regarding requesting additional funding from the Borough as the central treasurer. Mr. Schuler answered a question stating that he was not concerned that funding would be unavailable in case of emergency, just the process of obtaining the funding would look different that past years. The district would need to ask the Borough for funding to maximize the spending authority of SB 39. After more discussion regarding the budget and obtaining the proper funding from the Borough, it was suggested to move forward with a form of joint meeting or discussion between the School Board and Borough Assembly. Vice President Sanderson received 4 hands direction from the board to pursue a meeting/discussion between the two bodies.

BOARD COMMENTS

Member Heutte commented that the process of budgeting with the Borough has been confusing and is hampering the district from formulating a timely budget. He expressed his disappointment in the Governor and legislature passing such a small one time increase when they state they support education.

Member Gubatayao commented that she was interested in the M Certification of the Maritime teacher approved at the meeting. She was glad to see an M Certificate come through as it was included in one of the 2022-23 board goals. She concluded with advice to the community to continue to fight for a permanent change to the state formula for the BSA.

Member O'Bryan shared frustration with the budget situation, stating that the shortfalls will ultimately affect staff and families.

Vice President Sanderson echoed the frustration with the budget and agreed that getting through to state government from every angle possible to help government realize the importance of funding education throughout the state.

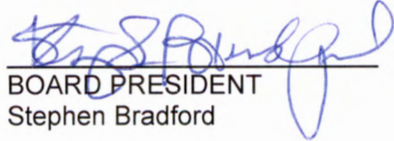
ADVANCE PLANNING

a. School Board regular meeting and/or work session July 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers

School Board Listening Sessions suspended for the summer.

Policy Committee discussed a potential meeting in the next couple of weeks.

With no objections, ADJOURNMENT at 7:00 p.m.



BOARD PRESIDENT
Stephen Bradford