

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING and WORK SESSION
Meeting of
April 24, 2024
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education met in regular and work session on the 24th day of April 2024, 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 President Stephen Bradford (telephonically,) Vice President Keenan Sanderson, Members Judy Leask Guthrie, Tom Heutte, Melissa O'Bryan, Katherine Tatsuda and Student Member Lily Gosnell. Clerk-Treasurer Nicole Anderson had an excused absence.

Administrative staff present included Superintendent Michael Robbins, Deputy Superintendent Melissa Johnson, Business Manager Daniel Schuler and School Board Clerk Crystal Vail.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mental Health Awareness Month
Asian- Pacific American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Alaska's Spirit of Youth Award Nominees – Lily Gosnell and Alondra Resto, KHS Seniors

CITIZEN REMARKS

Matt Beimler, KHS teacher, introduced the KHS E-Sports team and reported they finished in 4th place in the Alaska State tournament.

Amy-Toepfer, citizen of Ketchikan, spoke about the Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials regarding the book, Red Hood, by Alana Arnold

Pat Tully, citizen of Ketchikan, spoke on the Citizen's R Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials regarding the book, Red Hood, by Alana Arnold.

Kayla Livingston, Ketchikan Charter School Principal, spoke to the Board of the budget struggles they are facing in the 2024-2025 school year.

Braidyn Young, Sophia Cook and Morgan DeLaet spoke about their experience at the Alaska Association of Student Government Conference in Barrow, Alaska.

Paul Hook, citizen of Ketchikan, spoke about the School District budget goals. Superintendent Robbins and Member Tatsuda clarified some questions Mr. Hook had about growth goals versus proficiency levels.

Nina Hopps, citizen of Ketchikan, spoke on the Citizen's R Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials regarding the book, Red Hood, by Alana Arnold.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The School Board Finance Committee met on Wednesday April 17, 2024 and discussed the FY 2024-2025 budget.

Assembly/School Board Liaison Committee met on Tuesday April 16, 2024 and discussed items surrounding the 2024-20205 budget, including the supplemental appropriation, debt repayment, the district's 6 year capital

improvement plan and a joint work session between the Borough Assembly and School Board when forming the 2025-2026 school district budget.

Member Heutte reported on his attendance at the AASB Policy Workshop and Spring Boardsmanship Academy.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Robbins reported on the work being done to increase the Base Student Allocation locally and in the Alaska State Legislature. He encouraged high school seniors to keep working hard until the end of the year.

Superintendent Robbins gave a presentation on the English Language Learners (ELL) program as requested by the Board.

STUDENT REPORT

Student Member Lily Gosnell reported on the latest events and activities going on at Ketchikan High School.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 10, 2024
- b. Motion to approve Resolution 24-03 Hazardous Routes
- c. Motion to approve the DEED 6 year Capital Improvement Plan

M/S: GUTHRIE/HEUTTE on Motion to approve the consent calendar of April 24, 2024

ROLL CALL:

6 YES – GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) HEUTTE, TATSUDA, SANDERSON, GUTHRIE, BRADFORD
MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

The Board took a 5 minute recess from 7:18 p.m. to 7:23 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to approve an extension and modification to the employment contract with Mr. Michael Robbins as Superintendent of Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District through the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year as presented.

M/S: HEUTTE/O'BRYAN

DISCUSSION: none

ROLL CALL:

6 YES – GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, BRADFORD
MOTION APPROVED

- b. Motion for the Board of Education to approve July 17, 2024, November 13, 2024 and December 18, 2024 as regular meeting dates of the School Board.

M/S: O'BRYAN/GUTHRIE

DISCUSSION: Member Tatsuda disclosed a conflict for the available July dates.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES- GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) O'BRYAN, GUTHRIE, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, HEUTTE, BRADFORD
MOTION APPROVED

- c. Motion for the Board of Education to uphold the Superintendent's determination and recommendation in relation to the complaint concerning instructional materials regarding the book, Red Hood, by Alana Arnold.

M/S: HEUTTE/GUTHRIE

DISCUSSION:

The complainant spoke to the Board about her request to remove the book from the KHS library.

Board members discussed the complaint and the response by the Library Review Committee.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES – GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) SANDERSON, TATSUDA, O'BRYAN, GUTHRIE, HEUTTE, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGBUDGET****

Vice President Sanderson opened the floor to any public comments on the FY 2024-2025 Budget.

No citizens commented.

- a. Motion for the Board of Education to enter a work session to review the fiscal year 2025 school district budget

M/S: HEUTTE/GUTHRIE

There were no objections to entering a work session at 7:41 p.m. and entering back into regular session at 8:12 p.m.

- b. Motion for the Board of Education to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 proposed budget in the amount of \$38,491,312 for the operating fund and \$7,247,822 for the special revenue fund for a combined total amount of \$45,739,134, in first reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/GUTHRIE

DISCUSSION:

A discussion was held about the process if additional funding came in from the state.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES – GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) HEUTTE, SANDERSON, GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, TATSUDA, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC HEARINGPOLICY****

Vice President Sanderson opened the floor for public comments regarding the proposed changes to board policies on the agenda.

No citizens commented.

- a. Motion for the Board of Education to approve revisions to Board Policy 0100 Philosophy, in second reading.

M/S: GUTHRIE/TATSUDA

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL:

6 YES – GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

POLICY REVISION EFFECTIVE

- b. Motion for the Board of Education to approve revisions to Board Policy 1340 Access to District Records, in second reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/O'BRYAN

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL:

6 YES – GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) HEUTTE, TATSUDA, SANDERSON, O'BRYAN, GUTHRIE, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

POLICY REVISION EFFECTIVE

- c. Motion for the Board of Education to approve revisions Board Policy 1000 Concepts and Roles, in second reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/GUTHRIE

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL: GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) SANDERSON, TATSUDA, GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

POLICY REVISION EFFECTIVE

- d. Motion for the Board of Education to approve revisions BP 1312 Public Complaints Concerning the Schools, in second reading.

M/S: O'BRYAN/HEUTTE

M/S: GUTHRIE/TATSUDA

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL:

6 YES – GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) O'BRYAN, TATSUDA, HEUTTE, SANDERSON, GUTHRIE, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

POLICY REVISION EFFECTIVE

DISCUSSION

- a. Assembly/School Board Joint Work session

A discussion was held regarding holding a work session between the Board and Assembly during the fiscal year 2025-2026 school district budget process.

BOARD COMMENTS

Member Guthrie thanked school district staff for their hard work.

Member O'Bryan acknowledged the district employees who wore Red for Ed to support an increase in the state Base Student Allocation.

Member Tatsuda acknowledged the difficult conversations and impacts budget cuts may have on the district and the community. She encouraged people to contact the Legislators to advocate for increased educational funding.

Member Sanderson also advocated for people to contact the Legislators in support of an increase to educational funding. He acknowledged the process of requesting reconsideration of instructional materials and stated his support for asking questions and following the process.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. School Board Special Meeting Tuesday April 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers
- b. School Board Finance Committee meeting Wednesday May 1, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office, RM 319 White Cliff
- b. School Board Policy Committee meeting Monday May 6, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Email schoolboard@k21schools.org for the link to join
- c. Ketchikan Native Education Parent Committee regular meeting with elections, Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at 615 Stedman Street.
- d. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday May 8 & 22 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers
- e. KIC Graduation Ceremony May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 615 Stedman Street.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:29 p.m.


BOARD PRESIDENT
Stephen Bradford