

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

**Meeting of
March 27, 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 27th day of March 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, Katherine Tatsuda and Student Member Lily Gosnell. Member Melissa O'Bryan appeared telephonically.

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

Kanayama-Gero Exchange Students

Tony Hatano-Worrell, group leader of the exchange program, explained the history of the exchange program between Ketchikan and Kanayama-Gero. He invited any Gero students to make comments about their trip so far. Four students came forward and spoke about their impressions of Ketchikan. Mr. Worrel translated as the students spoke in Japanese. The group also presented the School Board with a gift, a hanging decoration of fish from Gero, representing the relationship of both cities being fishing cities.

President Bradford thanked Christa Bruce, one of the first chaperones of the Ketchikan/Kanayama exchange. She came to the podium to accept her thanks.

CITIZEN REMARKS

Lisa DeLaet, citizen, commented on her support of the Reads Act. She thanked the district for funding the program despite the lack of extra state funding.

Paul Hook, citizen, commented and asked questions about the summer school lunch program.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Guthrie shared a letter written by Cheryl Heathen. She read the positive comments and story of Mr. Lindquist's construction class from KHS working on a project at her home.

Member O'Bryan reported that the Native Education Committee had a meeting where they reviewed the proposed name change of Schoenbar Middle School and received an update on the next steps in the process.

Member Heutte reported that the Policy Committee had a meeting where they discussed several policies that they would put forward for review on upcoming meeting agendas. He also reported he would attend the Spring Boardsmanship Academy through AASB where he will participate in a review of select policies. President Bradford asked the board if there were any objections to using board funds to send Member Heutte to the events, there were no objections from the board members.

President Bradford mentioned the Finance Committee will meet on April 3, 2024 and requested that 2 budgets be brought forward for review; one with a BSA increase, one without.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION: Claims of March 22, 2024; February 2024 Operating Fund Report
No Objections. CLAIMS APPROVED

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Robbins reported current district events, highlighting the veto of SB 140 which is resulting in the district having to bring the Reduction In Force plan back for review. He reviewed the draft of the 2025-2029 Strategic Plan, explaining the process of deciding on the key measures and metrics in each category.

STUDENT REPORT

Student Member Lily Gosnell reported the recent and upcoming events at Ketchikan High School. Member Tatsuda noted a Financial Fair at the high school would be held the upcoming week.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. ~~Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2024~~
- b. ~~Motion to approve out of state travel for KHS Track & Field in April 2024.~~

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2024

M/S: BRADFORD/SANDERSON

DISCUSSION:

President Bradford offered an amendment to the minutes, asking for a dollar amount to be added to a motion contained in the minutes of March 13, 2023.

AMENDMENT: Motion to amend that statement to read "Motion to approve the FY23 operating fund budget revision with revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$42,420,835."

M/S: BRADFORD/SANDERSON

DISCUSSION: President Bradford explained the importance of the minutes reflecting the dollar amount of the revision requested in this significant financial matter.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) TATSUDA, SANDERSON, ANDERSON, GUTHRIE, HEUTTE, O'BRYAN, BRADFORD

AMENDMENT PASSED

The Board returned to the original motion, including the amendment.

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2024 as amended.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, GUTHRIE, ANDERSON, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

- b. Motion to approve out of state travel for KHS Track & Field in April 2024.

Vice President Sanderson disclosed his coaching status at the high school. President Bradford ruled that he did not have a conflict of interest. President Bradford stated that Member Tatsuda had a child on the team and he did not see that as a conflict of interest either.

M/S: BRADFORD/HEUTTE

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) O'BRYAN, TATSUDA, HEUTTE, SANDERSON, GUTHRIE, ANDERSON, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to convene in Executive Session to receive an update from counsel on matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the school district.

M/S: ANDERSON/GUTHRIE
NO OBJECTIONS
ENTERED: 7:01 P.M.
EXITED: 7:08 P.M.

President Bradford stated the Board received the report from legal counsel and have directed them how to move forward.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Bradford offered the public an opportunity to comment on any of the proposed policies up for change in first reading.

No citizens came forward to comment on the proposed changes to the following policies.

- a. Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 3291 Revenue- Grant Application, in first reading

M/S: SANDERSON/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Member Heutte explained the reasoning behind the proposed change. Member Sanderson stated his support for the proposed change.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES
GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) ANDERSON, HEUTTE, GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, TATSUDA, SANDERSON,
BRADFORD
MOTION APPROVED

- b. Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 1260 Visits to the Schools, in first reading

M/S: ANDERSON/SANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Member Heutte explained the proposed language changes.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES
GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) O'BRYAN, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, ANDERSON, HEUTTE, GUTHRIE,
BRADFORD
MOTION APPROVED

- c. Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 4112.61 Employment References, in first reading

M/S: SANDERSON/HEUTTE

DISCUSSION: Member Heutte explained the proposed language changes.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES
GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) HEUTTE, TATSUDA, O'BRYAN, GUTHRIE, ANDERSON, SANDERSON,
BRADFORD
MOTION APPROVED

- d. Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 4119.25 Political Activities of Employees, in first reading.

M/S: GUTHRIE/SANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Member Heutte explained the changes to language for increased clarity.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES
GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) HEUTTE, SANDERSON, GUTHRIE, TATSUDA, O'BRYAN, ANDERSON,
BRADFORD
MOTION APPROVED

- e. Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, in second reading.

M/S: ANDERSON/SANDERSON

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) ANDERSON, TATSUDA, SANDERSON, GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

- f. Motion to adopt Board Policy 1311 Participation in Community Life, in second reading.

M/S: SANDERSON/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION:

Member Guthrie offered an amendment to change the word "respectful" to "mindful" in the proposed policy change for BP 1311.

AMENDMENT: Motion to amend BP 1311 changing the word "respectful" to "mindful."

M/S: GUTHRIE/SANDERSON

DISCUSSION: Member Guthrie explained she had spoken with the committee and they agreed on this proposed amendment.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) GUTHRIE, TATSUDA, HEUTTE, O'BRYAN, ANDERSON, SANDERSON, BRADFORD

AMENDMENT APPROVED

The Board returned to the original motion including the amendment.

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) SANDERSON, ANDERSON, O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, TATSUDA, GUTHRIE, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

President Bradford ruled this policy would be in effect after the second reading, stating the amendment did not change the material of the policy and did not require another reading.

- g. Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 4000 Concepts and Roles, in second reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, ANDERSON, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

- h. Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 5137 Positive School Climate, in second reading.

M/S: ANDERSON/SANDERSON

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) HEUTTE, TATSUDA, SANDERSON, O'BRYAN, ANDERSON, GUTHRIE, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

- i. Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 5147 Dropout Prevention, in second reading.

M/S: SANDERSON/GUTHRIE

DISCUSSION: NONE

ROLL CALL: 7 YES

GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) SANDERSON, TATSUDA, GUTHRIE, O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, ANDERSON, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

DISCUSSION

- a. Superintendent 360° Evaluation response summary

President Bradford explained the delay in getting the survey out to stakeholders and stated that it would be sent on Thursday March 28th and available until noon on Tuesday April 9th. He referred to an "On the Table" document that held the survey questions. He and the Superintendent exchanged some questions and answers about the next steps in the evaluation process. Mr. Bradford planned an executive session for the next regular meeting on April 10, 2024

BOARD COMMENTS

Member O'Bryan thanked Deputy Superintendent Johnson and Member Heutte for the work on the policy committee they have been doing.

Member Tatsuda also thanked the Policy Committee.

Member Heutte thanked the Policy Committee for working on the policies and the School Board for unanimously approving the presented policy revisions.

Member Guthrie thanked the School District staff for hard work during the school year.

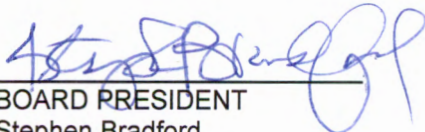
Clerk-Treasurer Anderson also thanked the School District staff and encouraged anyone inclined to reach out to Alaska legislators to support a BSA increase.

President Bradford reminded the board they have been asked to provide a letter of support for the renaming of Schoenbar Middle School. He asked the board if an agenda item would be appropriate or to wait for the Assembly to address the request at one of their meetings. He also notified the Board that the book challenge of "Red Hood" would be held at the meeting of April 24, 2024.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. School Board Policy Committee meeting Monday April 1, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom; email schoolboard@k21schools.org for the link to join.
- b. School Board Finance Committee meeting Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office, RM 319 White Cliff.
- c. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday April 10 & 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers
- d. Assembly/School Board Liaison Committee meeting Tuesday April 16, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers

ADJOURNMENT at 7:40 p.m.


BOARD PRESIDENT
Stephen Bradford

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