

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR meeting of  
January 27, 2021  
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL**

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education met in regular session on the 27th day of January, 2021, in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers. Board President Kim Hodne 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 Kim Hodne; Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Mattson; Board Members Diane Gubatayao; Jordan Tabb; Paul Robbins Jr. and Nicole Anderson. Vice President Sonya Skan was absent and excused.

Student Member Henry Clark was also present.

Administrative staff present included: Business Manager Katie Parrott; Curriculum Director Alonso Escalante; and Board Clerk Kerry Watson. Superintendent Beth Lougee was out of town on leave and not present at the meeting.

President Kim Hodne cited the traditional land acknowledgment and read the school district's mission statement.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion to approve the agenda of the January 27, 2021 regular meeting.**

Moved by: GUBATAYAO; Second by: ROBBINS Jr.

**ROLL CALL**

**Student Member Henry Clark (preferential vote) – AYE**

**ANDERSON, TABB, GUBATAYAO, MATTSON, ROBBINS JR., HODNE – ALL AYES**

**MOTION PASSED**

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Board Member Diane Gubatayao recognized that two student groups had received awards at the recent Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce community awards ceremony: Ketchikan boys' basketball team for the emerging leaders award; and the Kayhi Rotary Interact group for the exemplary community service award.

President Kim Hodne stated condolences on behalf of the Board to Superintendent Lougee. He also expressed sympathy and sadness regarding the death of a local child in a house fire. She was a third-grade student in the district.

**CITIZEN REMARKS**

Dr. Valerie Brooks, speaking as vice president of Ketchikan Education Association, voiced support for all district staff to be offered the COVID vaccine as soon as possible. Ketchikan is one of the few large school districts in the state to start its school year in person; she said; and listed safety issues in regards to COVID in the schools.

Sheila Klosterman said that since she was young she knew she wanted a degree in education and to be a positive role model for Alaska Natives. She said she had served the school district for 27 years, and had been demoted from an administrator to a classroom teacher. Ms. Klosterman announced she intends to retire at the end of this school year. She gave School Board members an Elizabeth Peratrovich coin with a request that they remember her legacy in their work for the district. She gave others in attendance a piece of cedar bark.

Lisa Kreiger introduced herself as the sister of the previous speaker, Mrs. Klosterman. She spoke of her sister's dedication to the school district and personal support to her as a sister.

Gloria Burns said she is the newly elected president of the Ketchikan Indian Community. She said she looks forward to moving ahead with government to government meetings. She also addressed some comments to Mrs. Klosterman, saying she has had an impact; and then presenting a song to her.

Eric Stockhausen, district teacher and the Kayhi boys' basketball coach, expressed gratitude for the mitigation plans put into place that allowed the team to have a season. He commented on the "Meet the Kings" event, and alluded to some apparent community concerns.

### **Information and Reports from Board Members**

Board members Nicole Anderson and Diane Gubatayao briefly commented on the work session that Tongass School of Arts and Sciences had held that Monday with School Board members.

Ms. Gubatayao said that the community had qualified for the Imagination Library through the Wellness Coalition. This is a program for 0 to 5-year- old children.

President Hodne noted that the Title VI grant Native Education Parent committee had recently met. He also mentioned he had spoken to Borough staff about the Assembly/School Board Liaison committee.

### **Claims for Information**

There were brief comments and explanation given regarding several claims.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Student Member's Report: Student representative Henry Clark reported on the Meet the Kings event marking the start of Kayhi basketball. The Kayhi boys and girls' teams would have their first home games that weekend, as well as debate hosting the regional tournament the same weekend, he said. He also commented on the second semester start, and what the SBA student life committee was planning for a Valentine's Day activity.

### Ketchikan Charter School Annual Report

Ketchikan Charter School Principal Kayla Livingston began Ketchikan Charter School's annual report by noting the school's mission statement closely aligns with the district's, and that the school also has goals based on instruction, safety and trust. She spoke about characteristics of the charter school that set it apart, including its use of Core Knowledge for most subject areas, its capping of class size. Principal Livingston explained how the school dealt with the unique 2020-2021 year by splitting grades K-5 into two sections and holding middle school (grades 6-8) at an annex at Holy Name School. Ms. Livingston also reported on AIMSWeb benchmarks from last year for KCS; and instructional goals to continue improving ELA scores from grades 5 to 6 and to raise middle school math scores. The school was able to improve safety by obtaining a buzz-in system for the school's entrance, she also noted. The KCS principal concluded the school report by describing the school's long-term plans for more space, and possibly renting to do so. The charter school is considering offering universal preschool, which would be one use for additional space. Space is also needed for a band/music area, an office for a counselor, and a student sensory room, said Ms. Livingston.

The principal answered some questions from the Board.

### Business Manager's Report - Initial FY 22 budget discussion

Katie Parrott, Business Manager, explained various reports provided in the meeting packet before speaking about the fiscal year 2022 budget. She also announced that the Governor's recently released budget proposal for FY 22 includes full funding for education. In regards to planning and developing the FY 22 budget, Ms. Parrott described how COVID-related uncertainty will affect the planning. Administration is projecting that enrollment will decrease; not by enough to trigger a hold-harmless provision, but potentially enough to incur a drop of \$800,000 in state foundation funding, she said. Ms. Parrott also noted other critical pieces to the district's budget planning, including the local education fund; and the approximate \$1.5 million deficit in the health insurance fund. She said it will be critical to address the health insurance fund deficit in the FY 22 budget. About \$800,000 worth of COVID-related expenses in the operating fund can be covered by COVID-relief funds, allowing for those funds to potentially be put towards the health insurance fund deficit, said Ms. Parrott.

She summarized by stating that the administration is recommending a conservative approach to the budget. It will assume funding levels will be flat; prioritize addressing the health insurance fund; continue to look for efficiencies; and use the COVID relief funds for anything applicable. She briefly described the type of expenses those funds could be used for in answer to a Board member question. It was noted that acceptance of the funds was an action item later in the meeting.

**\*\*PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY\*\***

**Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention in first reading.**

Moved by: ROBBINS JR; Second by: MATTSON

Public Hearing

There were no public comments on the policy.

Board Discussion

Board Member Paul Robbins Jr. noted that the Board had decided to send the policy to the policy committee for its review. The policy committee concurred with the proposed changes.

Board Member Gubatayao commented on her hope for a screening tool that could be used to help identify students at risk.

President Hodne remarked on a concern for students falling behind and having difficulty in this school year.

**ROLL CALL**

**Student Member Henry Clark (preferential vote) – AYE**

**ANDERSON, TABB, ROBBINS JR., MATTSON, GUBATAYAO, HODNE – ALL AYES**

**MOTION PASSED**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar of January 27, 2021**

- a. *Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 9, 2020.*
- b. *Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of December 10, 2020.*

Moved by: ROBBINS JR.; Second by: MATTSON

**ROLL CALL**

**Student Member Henry Clark (preferential vote) – AYE**

**GUBATAYAO, MATTSON, ROBBINS JR., TABB, ANDERSON, HODNE – ALL AYES**

**MOTION PASSED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion to approve the out-of-state travel request for a 2023 Kayhi band group trip to the New York Wind Band Festival in New York City.**

Moved by: MATTSON; Second by: ANDERSON

Discussion

Bradley Crowe, Kayhi band director, spoke to this trip request. He noted that although the band was accepted to the New York festival for the 2022 year, the trip was pushed back to 2023 to allow more time for fund-raising and in consideration to current economic hardship in the community. He described how the band had to operate in this unprecedented year, with rehearsing being done in pods by instrument type. He complimented the quality of his students and for their selection for the prestigious festival.

Kayhi Principal Jason House complimented Mr. Crowe, who is in his first year at Kayhi, and noted his support for this festival endeavor. Board members also complimented Mr. Crowe for his work and pursuit of the festival idea.

**ROLL CALL**

**Student Member Henry Clark (preferential vote) - AYE**

**TABB, GUBATAYAO, MATTSON, ANDERSON, ROBBINS JR., HODNE – ALL AYES**

***MOTION PASSED***

**Motion to approve the revised 2020-2021 school year calendar with the recommended changes.**

Moved by: GUBATAYAO; Second by: MATTSON

Discussion

Board Member Mattson, who is on the calendar committee, clarified that recommended changes had been made to the current year calendar to resolve discrepancies.

**ROLL CALL**

**Student Member Henry Clark (preferential vote) - AYE**

**MATTSON, ROBBINS JR., TABB, ANDERSON, GUBATAYAO, HODNE – ALL AYES**

***MOTION PASSED***

**Motion that the Board of Education approve the application and receipt of ESSER II Coronavirus Response and Relief funds in the amount of \$1,955,491.**

Moved by: ROBBINS JR. Second by: ANDERSON

Discussion

Ms. Parrott reiterated that these funds can be used retroactively for applicable expenses back to March of last year, as well as toward this year's budget and up until September 30, 2023. She said that previously received COVID funds had been expended; however, there is about \$800,000 in potential expenditures in this year's budget to which these funds might be applied. The remainder will be used for relevant expenses not yet anticipated or incurred, she said.

**ROLL CALL**

**Student Member Henry Clark (preferential vote) - AYE**

**ANDERSON, TABB, GUBATAYAO, ROBBINS JR., MATTSON, HODNE – ALL AYES**

***MOTION PASSED***

**Motion to approve a teaching contract for Adam Rosenlund for the 2020-21 school year (SMS) at KGBSD, in the amount of \$39,305."**

Moved by: MATTSON; Second by: ROBBINS JR.

Discussion

It was noted that this teaching contract is for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

**ROLL CALL**

**Student Member Henry Clark (preferential vote) - AYE**

**ANDERSON, GUBATAYAO, ROBBINS JR., MATTSON, TABB, HODNE – ALL AYES**

***MOTION PASSED***

## **DISCUSSION**

Review of proposed 2021-2022 school year calendar. Board members discussed and made suggestions for the calendar to Curriculum Director Alonso Escalante to take back to the calendar committee for possible incorporation.

School District staff and the COVID vaccine. The Board discussed and agreed to write a letter to key officials urging availability of vaccines to school staff as soon as possible.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Board Member Mattson stated concern that Coach Stockhausen felt he had to come to the Board, due to some community comments and behavior. She remarked on the role of the School Board. Ms. Mattson also thanked band teacher Crowe for his vision. She expressed gratefulness for staff and administration work this year, and expressed her condolences to the superintendent.

Board Member Jordan Tabb referred to the recent public comments regarding grievances and personnel issues, and stated there is a process for that. He encouraged those listening to use the appropriate process for personnel issues.

Student Board Member Henry Clark commented on the band trip opportunity. He noted his role as student board member, and clarifying information for students as a result of the Board meetings. He expressed thanks to teachers and staff, and also to fellow students for their patience this year.

Board Member Nicole Anderson said she is sad to hear of Ms. Klosterman's retirement plans and thanked her for the gifts. She expressed her condolences to Ms. Lougee and her family. She stated her support for advocating for vaccines for teachers, and thanked them for their work to educate students in person.

Board Member Gubatayao thanked Eric Stockhausen and his team members for attending the meeting. She thanked Ms. Klosterman, commenting that she has touched students and will be missed.

Mr. Robbins commented on school board meetings not being the appropriate place to get a grievance answered. He added that Facebook and Twitter aren't appropriate venues for that either. He noted that there are legal reasons for why public officials should not respond to issues posted on social media. He also made a statement regarding how the community and parents should resolve school-related issues.

Mr. Hodne stated he didn't want the public to fear approaching the Board. He indicated that this was appropriate, if there were no other avenue. He referred to the impact of the COVID year on people's psyche. Mr. Hodne also thanked Ms. Klosterman for her service.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upcoming meetings were noted, before a motion was made and seconded for adjournment. With no objections expressed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

*Minutes approved as distributed at the February 10, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Education.*

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BOARD PRESIDENT  
Kim Hodne