

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING and WORK SESSION

Meeting of October 23, 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 23rd day of October 2024, in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers. Board President Michelle O'Brien 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: President Michelle O'Brien, Vice President Jordan Tabb, Clerk-Treasurer Katherine Tatsuda, Members Keenan Sanderson, Judy Leask Guthrie, Tom Heutte, Ali Ginter, and Student Member Lily Pader.

Administrative staff present included Superintendent Michael Robbins, Business Manager Daniel Schuler, Human Resources Director Alonso Escalante, and School Board Clerk Chloe Hall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

President O'Brien read proclamations to honor 2024 Red Ribbon Week, Principals Month, Alaska Native Heritage month, and Custodians Day. The Red Ribbon week proclamation was presented to local Youth For Change students.

CITIZEN REMARKS

NONE

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Committee Assignments: President O'Brien assigned Board Members to the following committees:

Finance Committee: Tatsuda, Tabb, O'Brien

Curriculum Committee: Heutte, Sanderson, Tabb

Budget Committee: Guthrie, Tatsuda, Heutte

Policy Committee: Tabb, Heutte, Ginter

Borough Committee: - O'Brien Tatsuda, Heutte

Native Education Committee: Sanerson, Ginter, Guthrie

ELL Task Force: Ginter, Heutte

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Claims of October 11, 2024

CLAIMS APPROVED

STUDENT REPORT

Pader shared about the successful Senior Carnival, PSAT testing, and current sports at Ketchikan High School. Pader shared that there will be home volleyball games this coming weekend, along with a Kayhi Drama Kings Performance of Harry Potter and The Cursed Child.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Robbins used this time to answer questions from board members about the progress and the work that building level administrators are doing in regards to the upcoming budget process.

CONSENT CALENDAR

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WORK SESSION-

Calendar for 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Year:

Alonso Escalante shared that the calendar survey was shared with staff and the public, and received more than 400 votes. Escalante shared the results of the survey and the proposed calendars for the upcoming school years. Board members asked clarifying questions and shared concerns about the survey, and the potential calendars.

New Board Member Orientation:

Timmy Tullis with AASB presented information about the Board Policies and Board Bylaws which govern the rules, expectations and ethical responsibilities of members of the School Board. Board members participated in activities, asked questions, and clarified the intent of the policies and bylaws. They explored potential scenarios and solutions to situations in which board members may find themselves during their term.

Budget FY26: Business manager Daniel Schuler gave a presentation on FY26, including staffing and building costs, expenditure assumptions, negotiated agreements, and salary schedules. Board members asked clarifying questions.

The board was in work session from 6:27 p.m. to 9:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE


BOARD COMMENTS

Tatsuda took a moment to thank the calendar committee, Timmy Tullis, and everyone else involved in the meeting tonight.


ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. Parliamentary Procedure Basics using Robert's Rules of Order, Thursday, October 24, 12:00 p.m. Borough Assembly Chambers
- b. Annual Borough Official Training on OMA, Ethics, and Records, Monday, October 28, 5:30 p.m. Borough Assembly Chambers
- c. School Board meeting and/or work session Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers

ADJOURNMENT at 9:04 p.m.


BOARD PRESIDENT
Michelle O'Brien


Board Vice President
Jordan Tabb


Clerk Treasurer
Katherine Tatsuda