

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Meeting of
April 30, 2024
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education met in special session on the 30th day of April 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, Members Judy Leask Guthrie, Tom Heutte, Melissa O'Bryan and Katherine Tatsuda. Student Member Lily Gosnell and 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

None

CITIZEN REMARKS

None

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

None

STUDENT REPORT

None

****PUBLIC HEARING** BUDGET**

President Bradford presented a laid on the table document which contained specific dollar amounts within the full proposed budget.

M/S: SANDERSON/HEUTTE on Motion for the Board of Education to approve the draft FY 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 the combined total amount of \$45,739,134 and also move that the school board request a combined \$11,790,456 in the funding from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly, in second reading.

No citizens commented during the public hearing.

DISCUSSION:

Business Manager Schuler and the board held a discussion about the proposed budget was based on the known educational funding and would not be able to change unless there was additional funding awarded by the State of Alaska. This proposed budget would lay off approximately 44 positions district wide. If additional funding became available, positions would be restored as possible. Debt repayment to the Borough regarding the health care deficit, was built into the proposed budget.

ROLL CALL:

6 YES – O'BRYAN, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, HEUTTE, GUTHRIE, BRADFORD
MOTION APPROVED

PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL

DISCUSSION

None


BOARD COMMENTS

Member O'Bryan encouraged citizens to review the proposed budget and contact government to advocate for increased educational funding from the state.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. School Board Finance Committee meeting Wednesday May 1, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office, RM 319 White Cliff
- b. Ketchikan Native Education Parent Committee regular meeting with elections, Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at 615 Stedman Street.
- c. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday May 8 & 22 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers

ADJOURNMENT at 6:19 p.m.



BOARD PRESIDENT
Stephen Bradford