

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Meeting of
January 24, 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 24th day of January 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, Melissa O'Bryan and Katherine Tatsuda and Student Member Lily Gosnell.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

none

CITIZEN REMARKS

Amie Toepfer, citizen, commented on restricting access to books.

Riley Boss, citizen, commented on the challenged book, *Flamer*.

Judith McQuerry, citizen, commented on the challenged book, *Flamer*.

Deborah Simon (President Bradford asked Ms. Simon if she would like to speak during Public Comment, because she signed up, or to wait and be part of the discussion of the book challenge. She decided to speak during the discussion of the action item.)

Sophia Pilgrim, citizen, commented on her support of the presence of the book, *Flamer*.

President Bradford asked the Board if there was any objection to adjust the agenda to move the Book Challenge item before Information and Reports from Board Members. There was no objection.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to uphold the Superintendent's determination and recommendation in relation to the complaint concerning instructional materials regarding the book, *Flamer*, by Mike Curato.

M/S: SANDERSON/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION:

Deborah Simon, complainant, spoke about her complaint and why she was opposed to this book being retained in the Ketchikan High School library.

Board members and Student Member Gosnell stated and discussed reasons for their opinions of the book and its content.

ROLL CALL:

7 YES: GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) ANDERSON, HEUTTE, O'BRYAN, GUTHRIE, TATSUDA, SANDERSON, BRADFORD.

MOTION APPROVED

The Board agreed to take a 5-minute recess.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

none

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION: Claims of January 12, 2024
No Objections. CLAIMS APPROVED

STUDENT REPORT

Student Member Gosnell reported the recent and current events at Ketchikan High School.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Robbins reported the past month's events and current events in the school district and with the state of Alaska concerning public education.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 10, 2024
- b. Motion to approve a five-year copier contract with annual renewal options with Kelley Connect for the 2024-2025 school year.
- c. Motion to approve a change in banking and treasury management services from Wells Fargo to Northrim Bank.

M/S: ANDERSON/SANDERSON

ROLL CALL:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

****PUBLIC HEARING: POLICY****

- a. Motion to revise BP 3310, Purchasing Procedures, in second reading.
- b. Motion to revise BP 3311, Procurement (Quotes and Bids,) in second reading.
- c. Motion to revise BP 3312, Contracts, in second reading.
- d. Motion to revise BP 3314, Payment for Goods and Services, in second reading.
- e. Motion to revise BP 3315, Relations with Vendors, in second reading.
- f. Motion to revise BP 3400, Management of District Assets/Accounts, in second reading.

President Bradford asked the Board if there was an objection to holding the public hearing for all the policies as a group. There were no objections.

No citizens came forward during the comment period.

- a. Motion to revise BP 3310, Purchasing Procedures, in second reading.

M/S: ANDERSON/SANDERSON

DISCUSSION:

President Bradford brought forward a request to change the language in these policies from "his or her" to "their" he asked for a separate motion before voting on the policy changes.

Member O'Bryan made a motion regarding the language change:

Motion to change "his or her" to "their."

M/S: O'BRYAN/ANDERSON

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION APPROVED

ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO REVISE BP 3310 IN SECOND READING:

7 YES: GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL) O'BRYAN, HEUTTE, SANDERSON, TATSUDA, ANDERSON, GUTHRIE, BRADFORD.

MOTION APPROVED

b. Motion to revise BP 3311, Procurement (Quotes and Bids,) in second reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/GUTHRIE

DISCUSSION:

Member O'Bryan made a motion regarding the language change:

Motion to change "his or her" to "their."

M/S: O'BRYAN/ANDERSON

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION APPROVED

ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO REVISE BP 3311 IN SECOND READING:

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

MOTION APPROVED

c. Motion to revise BP 3312, Contracts, in second reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/ANDERSON

DISCUSSION:

Member O'Bryan made a motion regarding the language change:

Motion to change "his or her" to "their" in items 10 c. through 10 f."

M/S: O'BRYAN/ANDERSON

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION APPROVED

ROLL CALL ON MOTION TO REVISE BP 3312 IN SECOND READING:

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

MOTION APPROVED

d. Motion to revise BP 3314, Payment for Goods and Services, in second reading.

M/S: SANDERSON/HEUTTE

DISCUSSION: none

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION APPROVED

e. Motion to revise BP 3315, Relations with Vendors, in second reading.

M/S: HEUTTE/SANDERSON

DISCUSSION: none

ROLL CALL:

7 YES: GOSNELL (PREFERENTIAL,) O'BRYAN, GUTHRIE, TATSUDA, ANDERSON, SANDERSON, BRADFORD

MOTION APPROVED

f. Motion to revise BP 3400, Management of District Assets/Accounts, in second reading.

M/S: SANDERSON/GUTHRIE

DISCUSSION: none

ROLL CALL:

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

A short recess was taken to adjust technology.

DISCUSSION

a. FY '25 Budget

Business Manager Schuler gave a presentation on the FY 25 Budget.
Board members asked questions and discussed the information which was presented.

b. Possible resolution regarding teacher retirement

President Bradford told the board about a letter to the editor in the Ketchikan Daily News regarding teacher retirement options in Alaska. He asked the board if they would object to bringing a resolution to the next regular meeting which would be in support of the state government adjusting the retirement system to help retain quality teachers.

BOARD COMMENTS

Member O'Bryan commented on the Drama Kings fundraiser saying it was a creative way to raise funds.

Member Tatsuda commented on her upcoming trip to the AASB Fly-In, stating she was excited to advocate for school funding.

Member Heutte commented on school funding from the legislature.

Member Guthrie commented that she was looking forward to attending the Drama Debate and Forensics meet to learn how to be a judge of the competition.

Clerk- Treasurer Anderson commented on the student who commented at public comment and commended her for speaking to the board.

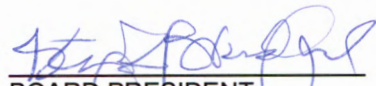
Vice President Sanderson commented he was excited to begin budget discussions.

President Bradford commented on the district's efforts to recognize different types of heritage.

ADVANCE PLANNING

- a. School Board Policy Committee meeting Tuesday February 6, 2024 in the Superintendent's Office, RM 319 White Cliff Building
- b. School Board regular meeting and/or work session Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers.
- c. School Board Listening Session, the board discussed upcoming activities where the board could hold a listening session. They decided February 23 may be a good option and to bring it back to the meeting of February 7th.
- d. Strategic Plan Sub Committee Meetings will be held February 26-29, 2024 each from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the KHS Library.
 - 2/26 Academic Achievement
 - 2/27 Social & Emotional Learning
 - 2/28 Career & Technical Education
 - 2/29 Communications

ADJOURNMENT at 7:51 p.m.



BOARD PRESIDENT
Stephen Bradford