

APPROVED MINUTES
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Chairperson McGinty called the 317th Regular Board Meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District to order at 8:30 a.m. on January 17, 2014 in the Board of Education Room at the District Office in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Roll call was as follows:

Maurice McGinty
Eleanor Yatlin
Eileen Jackson
Wilma David
Dian Gurtler
Shirley Kruger
Gloria Patsy

A quorum was declared present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Christina Poage, Chane Beam, Patty White, Gina Hrinko, Luke Meinert, Dave Bishop, Gale Bourne, Kaylena Charlie, Doreen David, Shandara Swatling, Casey Weter, Kelly Sam, Rachel Weter, Emily Penn, Teresa Cox, Kerry Boyd, and Cheryl Brady.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson McGinty introduced the minutes for December 13, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the minutes for December 13, 2013. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Chairperson McGinty opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the School Board, there being none at this moment this section was left open.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chairperson McGinty introduced the agenda. **Eileen Jackson** moved to adopt the agenda. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. **Maurice McGinty** added under new business: (4) Resolution 14-10. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Board Committee Report. **Eileen Jackson** reported on the Budget Committee. **Eileen Jackson** reported on the following items covered at the Budget Committee: Governor's Budget, Expiring Grants, Enrollment Projections and the timeline for the Budget Development. The first budget draft will be presented at the February Board Meeting and explained the timeline for meeting the deadline of July 15th. **Shirley Kruger** reported on the Legislative Committee. The following items were covered during the Legislative Committee: CAPSIS Projects, State House Sustainable Education Taskforce, March 5-6 expected travel to Juneau. The legislature will kick off their 90 day legislative session on January 21, 2014 and they will be working with a budget shortfall this year and an election year for the

legislatures. **Dian Gurtler** reported on the Curriculum Committee. The following items were discussed at the Curriculum Committee: YKSD Basketball, YKSD Rifle, Curriculum Rotation, Principal Saturday, Math Curriculum Committee, Teacher Evaluation Committee, Principal Walkthroughs, PEAK First Semester, PEAK Second Semester, PEAK Expectations, MAP/PMAP (Study Island), classes offered through the CTE Department and alignment of classes being offered though out the district at the same time with a Highly Qualified Teacher.

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Chairperson McGinty opened the floor to CSC Chairperson Doreen David. **Doreen David** read a letter that was written by the CSC. Issues of concern were the Huslia Basketball Deficit. The Jimmy Huntington CSC would like a breakdown of per student revenue given to all YKSD schools in the district. Jimmy Huntington CSC requests a meeting between the CSC and School Board to resolve and address issues. **Chairperson McGinty** thanked Doreen David and let her know that the issues would be addressed and the Board would get back with her. Chairperson McGinty opened the floor to the Huslia Lady Hustlers. Rachel Weter, Kelly Sam, Emily Penn and Coach Casey Weter thanked the School Board for financing their way to the Regionals last year. The students expressed their appreciation for the experience and the joy of attending.

6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Jimmy Huntington Principal Report. **Teresa Cox** reported on Projected Enrollment, Staffing, Transportation, Maintenance, Technology, JHS Student Activity Accounts and her resignation at the end of the school year.
(Attachment A thru A-10)
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Superintendent Report. **Superintendent Boyd** reported on General Information; Budget; Projections for FY14/15; Human Resources; Student Achievement; Teacher Evaluation; Maintenance; Legislative; and Student Activities. There was discussion.

10:12 am – Break

10:25 am – Resumed Meeting

3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the report from the Chief Financial Officer. Chairperson McGinty accepted the report as written.
(Attachment B thru B-4)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the reports from the Coordinators and Directors. Chairperson McGinty accepted the reports as written.
(Attachment C thru C-13)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Student Representative Report. **Kaylena Charlie** reported on site updates on all schools and their activities. The Area Wide Student Council Student Board voted to move the Phlight Club in Huslia to February 18-21 prior to the basketball tournament on February 23-26. This request will be ran through Andrea Durny. Additional items of interest are: FEA Statewide Gathering, AASG Conference and Close-Up Washington DC.
(Attachment D thru D-1)

DISCUSSION:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the reading for AR 6145.22, E 6145.22, E 6141 and E 6161.4. **Superintendent Boyd** gave the detail for the modifications in the policies. **Director Chane Beam** gave additional detail on the revision for Policy E 6141. There was discussion.
(Attachment E thru E-28)
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Assessments. **Superintendent Boyd** introduced Patty White, Assessment Coordinator. **Patty White** walked the School Board through the data provided in **Grades K-2: Reading-Foundational Skills, Language & Writing, Literation & Information, Vocabulary Usage & Functions; Math-Algebraic Thinking, Numbers & Operations, Measurement & Data, Geometry. Grades 3-5: Reading-Literature, Informational Texts, Foundation/Vocabulary; Language Usage-Planning/Organizing/Research, Understanding Grammar & Usage, Punctuation & Spelling; Math-Algebraic Thinking, Numbers & Operations, Measurement & Data, Geometry. Grades 6-12: Reading-Literature, Informational Texts, Foundations/Vocabulary; Language Usage-Planning/Organizing/Research, Understanding Grammar & Usage, Punctuation & Spelling; Math-Algebraic Thinking, Real & Complex Number Systems, Geometry, Statistics & Probability.** There was discussion.
(Attachment F thru F-7)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced VHS Radios. **Superintendent Boyd** brought the discussion back to where it was left off at the last meeting. Huslia received a grant through the village using search and rescue funds for securing the VHS Radios. Through much discussion bring this item back with the cost of purchasing a VHS Radio Setup for each school and if families do not have a radio in their home then go through the village councils for securing radios for the homes with the search and rescue funds.
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Boarding Home. **Superintendent Boyd** gave Carl Knudsen additional direction on the Boarding Home. Mr. Knudsen has been working on the information secured from Ms. Boyd and is looking in the direction for the Boarding Home in Energy and Resources. Chevron is willing to give full curriculum to be used in this area of expertise. The location for the school has not been decided. Senator Lisa Murkowski stated the direction of the Boarding Home needs to drive into something that is not currently being offered in Alaska. Carl Knudsen will report to the Board in February or March.
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Native Teacher Hire. **Superintendent Boyd** has contacted all of the Universities and ATP to see what is happening in Alaska with Native Teacher Hire. Superintendent Boyd meet with Mrs. Barnhart. Mrs. Barnhart is excited in partnering with YKSD and had stated that students are not as interested in teaching as in the past. Another avenue is securing a Career Ladder for Teacher Aides who would like to pursue teaching as a career. The Superintendent of Lower Yukon will be sharing his documents and what funding source they are using for securing Native Teacher Hire.
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Teacher Housing. **Superintendent Boyd** brought Teacher Housing to the Board because of the deficit of the program. **Director Gale Bourne** brought a presentation with the cost breakdown of maintenance, electric, water & sewer, fuel and rent for each house in the district. Gale Bourne explained

how to read the document and what would be needed per month to bring the deficit to zero. **Chairperson McGinty** directed Superintendent Boyd to draft a letter to all of our teachers in houses that need to have increased rent to \$82.50 effective by the time they get their contracts from the District. For homes that are dilapidated not quite sure of the increase possibly \$25.00 or \$30.00 per month. The Superintendent will bring this back to the February Board Meeting as an action item. The Kaltag washateria Contract should be revisited along with more in depth information on the electric and water consumption. There was discussion.

(Attachment G thru G-1)

12:42 pm – Break

01:19 pm – Resumed Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the BP 6145.22. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to approve BP 6145.22. **Eileen Jackson** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION.
(Attachment H thru H-1)
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Budget Journal Entries. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Budget Journal Entries. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.
(Attachment I)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Personnel Actions. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Personnel Actions. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.
(Attachment J)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 14-10 Legislative Requests. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 14-10 Legislative Requests. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.
(Attachment K)

ITEMS INTRODUCED BY BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Chairperson McGinty asked for items for the next board meeting agenda. Internet Usage in Schools; Assessments; VHS Radio and Teacher Housing. If you have other items prior to the meeting get with the board clerk.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Gloria Patsy would like more information on the funding sources for the student travel budget, more clarification not only for ourselves but for the Communities. Schools that are not offering an after school activity need to be supported that way we are not disappointing our students and that way they will stay in our district. Why are after school activities not being offered in our schools? We need to focus more on how our teachers are adapting to different students in their classroom? Teachers are to teach every student and our Principals should not be allowing teachers to send students office/home without really reaching out to the student. That child no matter how difficult deserves an

education. Need clarification on the school vehicle for staff use during times that school is not in session.

Shirley Kruger thanked the Board for the working relationship and making decisions that will benefit the student's district wide. This is our number one priority and focus, children. I am excited for change, the things in the past are the past, and it is not working today as it did in the past. We have to look at change and there is a big change coming down the pike, we need to move our District forward. There are a lot of communication barriers but they are being addressed and when we work for the good it will come together.

Wilma David wanted to thank the board members for a really good meeting. There still needs to be more information on the Jimmy Huntington Budget. The issues have not been cleared and it needs to be addressed. Excited about the change, excited about the video conference with highly qualified teachers teaching classes, where all students are taught by a highly qualified teacher.

Eileen Jackson is happy to be on the Budget Committee and will do better reporting out to the Board as a whole. During the Christmas Break the community wanted the gym opened. Communication needs to be addressed in ways that will help the community to understand the reasons for not always complying with their requests. Really good meeting.

Dian Gurtler really good meeting. The Board covered a lot of ground today and learned a lot of new things. Excited about the Teaching Island, excited about the schedule change so that all students can be taught by a highly qualified teacher in their subject. After school programs for students is very vital for our schools. We should have at least two activities a week that our students could attend. We cannot let one person stop an activity from coming into our schools, we need to make sure our students receive everything that is available to them.

Eleanor Yatlin believes focusing on our students is number one. We need to quit pleasing the staff and focus on our students. When issues are brought up it may seem minor but it is a major issue to us back in the village and deserves to be addressed.

Maurice McGinty thought it was a really productive meeting. Maurice McGinty requests a complete layout of the Jimmy Huntington School with the existing classrooms and number of students in each classroom. This would be helpful for when we go to the Legislative. How much square footage does each child have? Classroom Management- every teacher is trained to manage and has the skills to do so but choose not to and sends students to the Principal. Suspension of students is being used to easily and can harm them. We are in the business to teach and not to send home! School gyms during off times needs to be ran through the CSC's. Someone needs to be there and be the responsible one for the school.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Chairperson McGinty introduced the date and place of the next meeting. The Regular School Board Meeting will be the 21st of February in Minto.

The March meeting scheduled for March 20, 2014 is during the time of the Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks. March 10-14, 2014 is Tanana Chiefs/Doyon meetings. Kaltag Stick Dance is March 24-29, 2014. KRC is the 1st week-end of April. A suggestion of April 11, 2014 Kaltag Meeting in the place of the March meeting. This date will be decided on at the February Meeting in Minto. Tenured contracts need to be postmarked in March so there may need to be a special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Shirley Kruger moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 pm. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Wilma David, Board Secretary

Cheryl L. Brady, Board Clerk