

APPROVED MINUTES
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Chairperson Wright called the 272nd Regular Board Meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District to order at 9:32 a.m. on October 24, 2008 in the Juneau Room, Anchorage Marriott Downtown Hotel at Anchorage, Alaska.

Roll call was as follows:

Jack Wright
Shirley Kruger
Gloria Patsy
Wilma David
Eddie Bergman (Absent)
Fred Lee Bifelt (Absent)
Maurice McGinty

A quorum was declared present. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Kerry Boyd, Yuri Morgan, Marvin Yoder, Carl Knudsen, Carl Rose, Kathy Christie, Brian Hirsh, Scott Ruby, Melissa Taylor, David Thomas and Cheryl Brady.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Vice-Chairperson Kruger asked everyone present to introduce themselves to the District School Board. Present were Yuri Morgan, Lobbyist; Marvin Yoder; Carl Knudsen; Cheryl Brady, Board Clerk; Dave Thomas, Alaska Business and Kerry Boyd, Superintendent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Chairperson Wright** introduced the minutes for September 12, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the September 12, 2008 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **Shirley Kruger** seconded the motion. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED Absent (Eddie Bergman and Fred Bifelt).

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Chairperson Wright opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the School Board. **Marvin Yoder** would like to address the Board regarding the following items: Biomass Project in the Region, Borough Formation and Wood Burning Projects. Mr. Yoder will address these items as they come up on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chairperson Wright introduced the agenda. **Shirley Kruger** moved to adopt the agenda. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. **Superintendent Boyd** asked the Board to add under new business number 8-resolution 09-06; **Maurice McGinty** asked to add to new business number 9-Rodney and Celine Hildebrand House; number 10-Executive Session. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED Absent (Eddie Bergman and Fred Bifelt).

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Superintendent Boyd introduce Carl Rose the Executive Director of Association of Alaska School Boards.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

1. **Chairperson Wright** introduced the Oath of Office. Chairperson Wright asked Dian Gurtler to give the Oath of Office. **Dian Gurtler** read the oath of office. **Chairperson Wright** asked Maurice McGinty to give the Oath of Office. **Maurice McGinty** read the oath of office. **Chairperson Wright** asked Eleanor Yatlin to give the Oath of Office. **Eleanor Yatlin** read the Oath of Office. **Chairperson Wright** congratulated the newly elected Board Members.
2. **Chairperson Wright** introduced the Election of Officers. **Chairperson Wright** opened the floor for nomination for Chairperson. **Wilma David** nominated Shirley Kruger. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. **Eleanor Yatlin** nominated Maurice McGinty and **Mr. McGinty** declined the nomination. **Dian Gurtler** closed the nominations. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. . VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED Absent (Eddie Bergman and Fred Bifelt). **Chairperson Wright** turned the chair over to Shirley Kruger. **Superintendent Boyd** thanked Mr. Wright for his service with the District Board and his service as Chairperson of the Board. Ms. Boyd also thanked Mr. Bifelt for his many years of service with the District Board. The Board thanked Jack Wright for his service.

Chairperson Kruger opened the nominations for Vice-Chairperson. **Eleanor Yatlin** nominated Gloria Patsy for Vice-Chairperson. **Maurice McGinty** seconded the motion. **Maurice McGinty** moved to close nominations. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. **Chairperson Kruger** congratulated Gloria Patsy for the office of Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson Kruger opened the nominations for Secretary. **Gloria Patsy** nominated Wilma David for Secretary. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to close nominations. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. **Chairperson Kruger** congratulated Wilma David for the office of Secretary.

Chairperson Kruger opened the nominations for Treasurer. **Eleanor Yatlin** nominated Dian Gurtler for Treasurer. **Maurice McGinty** seconded the motion. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to close nominations. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. **Chairperson Kruger** congratulated Dian Gurtler for the office of Treasurer.

3. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced the Committee Appointments. Chairperson Kruger asked everyone to select what committees they would like to serve on and give to the Board Clerk Cheryl Brady. Chairperson Kruger asked for it to be compiled.

REPORTS:

1. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Board Committee Reports. At this time the Board has no Committee Reports.
2. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced the Superintendent Report. **Superintendent Boyd** reported on the following items: General Information regarding tasks assigned by the Board; Videoconferencing for YKSD Students in Outside Boarding Programs; Incident in Ruby; New Hires and Vacancies; September Inservice; PEAK Site Visits;

School Improvement; Computer Use in the Classroom; Website Development; Research and Development; Manley Hot Springs Gladys Dart School; Kaltag School Head Start; Grants; Association of Alaska School Boards; Education Summit November 13 & 14, 2008; Staff Recognition and YKSD Enrollment.

3. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced the Alaska Education & Business Services., Inc. Report. **Dave Thomas** walked through his report. There was discussion. (Attachment A thru A-3)
4. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced the written reports from Director's and Coordinator. Reports were accepted as written. (Attachment B thru B-39)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Yuri Morgan introduced Scott Ruby and Melissa Taylor from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.

REPORTS:

5. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Melissa Taylor from the Local Boundary Commission. **Ms. Taylor** passed out information on the Home Rule/Unified/First Class Boroughs. **Ms. Taylor** and **Mr. Ruby** walked through the process of forming a borough and went through the options that are available to YKSD. This process is a lengthy project. **Mr. Yoder** and **Mr. Morgan** gave insight into the many options available. There was much discussion. The outcome of the discussion was the length of time it would take to pursue this project and whether or not it should come from the School District.

11:19 am - Break

11:35 am - Meeting Resumed

REPORTS:

6. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Carl Rose Executive Director for the Association of Alaska School Boards. **Mr. Rose** spoke on areas that are available from the Association to the Board and the role for School Boards across the State. There was discussion.
7. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced a presentation for energy resources. There was a presentation of a slide show and the study shown in the slide show stretches from Tanana to Kaltag. This study had to do with BTL (Biomass to Liquids) and the benefits to Bush Alaska.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Resolution 09-05/Manley Hot Springs Gladys Dart School. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve Resolution 09-05/Manley Hot Springs Gladys Dart School. **Maurice McGinty** moved to second the motion. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman). (Attachment C)
2. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Kaltag Headstart Facility Request. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the Kaltag Headstart Facility Request. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded

- the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman).
(Attachment D thru D-2)
3. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Manley Bed and Breakfast Request. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the Manley Bed and Breakfast Request. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
(Attachment E thru E-1)
 4. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced RCS Parent Designed Classes. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to approve the RCS Parent Designed Classes. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman).
(Attachment F)
 5. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced FY09 Budget Change Request. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the FY09 Budget Change Request. **Maurice McGinty** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman).
(Attachment G thru G-51)
 6. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced the Statewide Education Summit Representative. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the Statewide Education Summit Representative. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman).
(Attachment H)
 7. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Personnel Actions. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve Personnel Actions. **Maurice McGinty** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman).
(Attachment I thru I-7)
 9. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Hildebrand House. There was discussion. This issue was given to the Superintendent to look into and bring back to the Board.
 10. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced the Allakaket School and Water System. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the Allakaket School and Water System. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman).
 8. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Kathy Christy and Brian Hirsh from Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council. **Brian Hirsh** walked through his slide show and explained how the study worked. This study was completed in Ruby, Alaska. There was discussion. **Kathy Christy** added additional information that was found as she was working on the Renewable Energy Grant and laid out a plan of action for the School Board to look over and to plan. **Gloria Patsy** moved to adopt Resolution 09-06. **Maurice McGinty** seconded the motion. **Eleanor Yatlin** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman).
(Attachment J thru J-2)

REPORTS:

8. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced John Sedor Attorney for the School District. **John Sedor** introduced himself to the Board as at this time he has nothing to bring to report to the Board. The Board introduced themselves to Mr. Sedor as he does not know everyone at the table.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. **Chairperson Kruger** introduced Executive Session. **Gloria Patsy** moved to enter into Executive Session. Maurice McGinty seconded the motion. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman).

2:25 pm – Entered into Executive Session

3:28 pm – Came out of Executive Session

Chairperson Kruger reported that the Board would like to visit School Board Policy Stipend at the next meeting. The Board directed the Administration to write a letter to the Kaltag Tribal Government about the selection of School Color.

ITEMS INTRODUCED BY BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Wilma David would like to know if the transition to Alaska Business is working out and would like to see it brought to the Board. **Shirley Kruger** would like to see a Board Retreat for planning for the School Board Vision for 08-09. The Retreat is set for December 3, 2008, Committee Meetings December 4, 2008 and Board Meeting on December 5, 2008.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Eleanor Yatlin has been attending meetings where it has been spoken about shutting down head start programs. There were a lot of issues raised with concerns and the program.

Gloria Patsy is concerned with the Grant that the District has for better Schools. We are losing our students and we need to advertise our Schools and what we have to offer our students. A concern is when we do not hire teachers that are not highly qualified in the area that they were hired. Missing the AASB training is a misfortune but I would like to attend other trainings. I would like to see the Head Start Program in our School. I would like to see a Financial Workshop. Welcome to the new Board Members to the Board.

Wilma David welcomed the new Board Members. At the Native Language workshop they aligned the PEAK traits with the Languages. Wilma thanked Superintendent Boyd for her weekly update. Superintendent Boyd said she would continue the weekly update.

Maurice McGinty wanted to share that Danny Patrick heats 5 houses with less than 40 cords of wood per year. So what they Board has been talking about is a doable option. Research needs to continue in this area.

Shirley Kruger congratulated the new Board Members.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Chairperson Kruger introduced the date and place of the next meeting for December 5, 2008 in Fairbanks.

ADJOURNMENT:

Maurice McGinty moved to adjourn the meeting. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED, Absent (Eddie Bergman).

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm

Wilma David

Wilma David, Board Secretary

Cheryl L. Brady

Cheryl L. Brady, Board Clerk