

APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
YUKON-KOYUKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 4, 2012

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**Chairperson McGinty** called the 302<sup>nd</sup> Regular Board Meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District to order at 9:30 a.m. on May 4, 2012 in the School Counselors Office at the Andrew K. Demoski School located in Nulato, Alaska.

Roll call was as follows:

Maurice McGinty  
Gloria Patsy  
Dian Gurtler  
Eleanor Yatlin  
Fred Bifelt  
Jeremy Charlie  
Christina Semaken (Absent-Unexcused)

A quorum was declared present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Karen Eddy, Cyndi Nation, Leslie Ambrose, Vic Lewin, April Ambard, Ilene Madros, Gerald Patsy, Bennett Madros, Carl Knudsen, Stan Osborne, Kerry Boyd, and Cheryl Brady.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

**Chairperson McGinty** asked everyone present to introduce themselves to the District School Board. Present at the meeting were Kerry Boyd, Superintendent; Carl Knudsen, VPSC; Karen Eddy, Nulato Wellness Coordinator; Cyndi Nation; Vic Lewin, AKD Principal; Stan Osborne, Chief Financial Officer; and Cheryl Brady, Board Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the minutes for March 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the minutes for March 14, 2012. **Fred Bifelt** seconded the motion. **Jeremy Charlie** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken).

**IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

**Chairperson McGinty** opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the School Board. **Cyndi Nation** from Tanana Chiefs talked about the different grants that are in place and what they bring to the Interior and followed with a presentation to the School Board on the Sources of Strength. This program uses peer leaders to spread hope, help and strength. The 8 areas that the program focuses on are: Medical Access, Mental Health, Family Support, Positive Friends, Mentors, Healthy Activities, Generosity, and Spirituality. **Karen Eddy** gave a presentation on the Nulato 18<sup>th</sup> Health and Wellness Fair.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Chairperson McGinty** introduced the agenda. **Gloria Patsy** moved to adopt the agenda. **Jeremy Charlie** seconded the motion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Cristina Semaken).

**REPORTS:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Board Committee Reports. **Jeremy Charlie** reported on the Curriculum Committee. Science Curriculum-State Standards adoption, 55,000 for training teachers for this new curriculum. Training will be in August. The science curriculum is state based and the AGS is not preparing our students and it can no longer be used in the way it has been used in the past. There was discussion on the different areas of Curriculum. After discussion the Board would like to have a more in depth study of Vocational Education. **Kerry Boyd** reported on the Legislative Committee. Ms. Boyd gave a breakdown of the amounts and items of the legislative appropriations. The Governor has until July 1 to veto any of the projects. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** reported on the Hiring Committee. Most of the positions have been filled. There are a couple of positions that have not been filled but we are hopeful they will be filled shortly. Maintenance is looking for personnel within the village for personnel who have knowledge in the area of maintenance to fill positions that are currently not filled. The classified pay scale needs to be revamped to fall in line with the positions in the schools. This undertaking will take place next year. Research with this pay scale is currently underway. After much discussion the Board would like a workshop in June to discuss preventive maintenance.
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Superintendent Report. **Superintendent Boyd** reported on the following items: Graduation Dates; General Information; Grants; Raven Correspondence Program; Student Activities; Summary of 2012 Legislative Session; Yukon-Koyukuk School District Priorities; Student Achievement; Maintenance; Native Language and Certified and Classified Staff of the year. There was discussion.
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the report from Stan Osborne. **Stan Osborne** traveled through his report which goes through March 31<sup>st</sup> and answered questions as he explained the reports. There was discussion.  
(Attachment A thru A-5)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the written reports from Director's and Coordinator's. Chairperson McGinty accepted the reports as written.  
(Attachment B thru B-31)

11:55 - Break

12:30 - Resumed Meeting

5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Student Representative Report. **Gerald Patsy** was eager to have the School Board in his own school and present his report in person. The School Board thanked Gerald for his reports throughout the year.  
(Attachment C thru C-1)
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the VPSC Grant Report. **Carl Knudsen** went through his report and highlighted the YKSD School Success Plan explaining this grant is a three pronged comprehensive project designed to increase student achievement. There was discussion.  
(Attachment D thru D-2)

**DISCUSSION:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Public Hearing for 2012-2013 Budget. Stan Osborne went through the Revenues and Expenditures for FY13. (Attachment E)
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the first reading for BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements. Superintendent Boyd highlighted the changes for this policy. There was discussion. (Attachment F thru F-4)

**IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:**

**Chairperson McGinty** opened the floor to April Ambard, Kaltag Elementary Teacher (First through Third). **April Ambard** addressed the Board because of her non-retention and wanted the Board to get to know her and her concerns and would like the Board to reconsider her employment.

**REPORTS:**

7. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Andrew K. Demoski Principal/Teacher Report. **Vic Lewin**, Principal of Andrew K. Demoski reported on the current and projected enrollment for the Andrew K. Demoski School. Mr. Lewin highlighted the following: Maps Test Scores, Activities, Schedule, Graduation and Staffing for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Lewin ended his report thanking Superintendent Boyd, Assistant Superintendent Hrinko and Staff at AKD. (Attachment G)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1-2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY12 Classified and Certified Employee of the Year. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the FY12 Classified and Certified Employee of the Year. **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. There was discussion. A secret ballot was handed out and passed to the Board Clerk to tally the votes. Irene Henry was selected as Classified Employee of the Year and Travis Sutton was selected as the Certified Employee of the year. **Jeremy Charlie** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken) (Attachment H thru H-9)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant Application. **Fred Bifelt** moved to approve the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant Application. **Jeremy Charlie** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken). (Attachment I)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant Continuation Grant Applications. **Jeremy Charlie** moved to approve the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant Continuation Grant Applications. **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken). (Attachment J)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Merrelaine A. Kangas CSC Member Employment. **Fred Bifelt** moved to approve the Merrelaine A. Kangas CSC Member.

- Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Fred Bifelt** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken).  
(Attachment K)
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Merrelaine A. Kangas Early Graduation Request. **Jeremy Charlie** moved to approve the early Graduation Request for Merrelaine A. Kangas. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Fred Bifelt** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken).  
(Attachment L thru L-2)
7. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY12 Budget Revision. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the FY12 Budget Revision. **Jeremy Charlie** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Fred Bifelt** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken).  
(Attachment M)
8. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY13 Classified Pay Scale. **Fred Bifelt** moved to approve FY13 Classified Pay Scale. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Jeremy Charlie** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken).  
(Attachment N)
9. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 12-07 (Vic Lewin Retirement). **Fred Bifelt** moved to approve Resolution 12-07 (Vic Lewin Retirement). **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. **Fred Bifelt** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken).  
(Attachment O)
11. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Personnel Actions. **Jeremy Charlie** moved to approve Personnel Actions. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken).  
(Attachment P thru P-1)
10. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 12-08 (Gertie Esmailka Retirement). **Jeremy Charlie** moved to approve Resolution 12-08 (Gertie Esmailka Retirement). **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Fred Bifelt** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken).  
(Attachment Q)

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Executive Session for the Superintendent Evaluation. **Jeremy Charlie** moved to enter into Executive Session to complete the Superintendent Evaluation. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion.

02:32 pm - Entered into Executive Session

03:45 pm - Came out of Executive Session

#### **ITEMS INTRODUCED BY BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

**Chairperson McGinty** asked for items for the next board meeting agenda. If an item needs to be added to the agenda call Cheryl Brady the Board Clerk.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Fred Bifelt** stated it was a long meeting. Had a nice visit and appreciates Nulato.

**Jeremy Charlie** thanked the Board had a good meeting. Mr. Charlie wanted to leave a quote that he liked: "Anyone can be a leader it just depends on whether or not you are a good or bad one." by Bennett Madros.

**Dian Gurtler** enjoyed her visit with Nulato as usual. Ms. Gurtler cannot get over the school from 2 years ago. She enjoyed the cover dish and enjoyed the video tapes of the kids. Really Nice!

**Gloria Patsy** wanted to stress that there is an area that is missing in our schools that was just touched on and it is Gifted and Talented along with Honor Roll. A list of students that made the honor roll should be posted in our schools.

**Eleanor Yatlin** enjoyed this meeting. Ms. Yatlin thanked Gloria Patsy for putting her up at her place. We have a great working board that supports each other and it shows for the betterment of our students and staff.

**Maurice McGinty** thanked the Board for their trip to Nulato. All in all the board meeting went very well even the tough issues are easier due to the continuity with the Board. Bennett Madros opened my eyes today and I see things a little differently. Mr. McGinty thanked the administration.

**DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

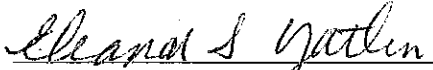
**Chairperson McGinty** introduced the date and place of the next meeting. The Regular School Board Meeting will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of June in Fairbanks.

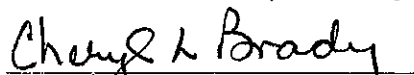
**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Gloria Patsy** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Jeremy Charlie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Christina Semaken).

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

  
Eleanor Yatlin, Board Secretary

  
Cheryl L. Brady, Board Clerk