

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
YUKON-KOYUKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Chairperson McGinty called the 298th Regular Board Meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District to order at 9:42 a.m. on December 9, 2011 in the Board of Education Room at the Yukon-Koyukuk School District located in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Roll call was as follows:

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

A quorum was declared present. Also present for all or part of the meeting were Gerald Patsy, Carl Knudsen, Harry White, Cristina Poage, Gina Hrinko, Jo Nan LeRoy, Greg Turner, Jim Smola, Daniel Barnes, 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; Stan Osborne, Chief Financial Officer; Cheryl Brady, Board Clerk; Gerald Patsy, Student Representative; Harry White, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Schools Improvement; Cristina Poage, Director of Special Education and Support Services; Carl Knudsen, VPSC Grant; Gina Hrinko, Assistant Superintendent; Jim Smola, Director of Technology; Daniel Barnes, IT Specialist; Jo Nan LeRoy, Western Oregon University; and Greg Turner, Western Oregon University.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the minutes for November 2, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. **Fred Bifelt** moved to approve the minutes for November 2, 2011. **Jeremy Charlie** seconded the motion. **Jeremy Charlie** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Eleanor Yatlin-Absent).

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Chairperson McGinty opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the School Board. Chairperson McGinty left this section open.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chairperson McGinty introduced the agenda. **Jeremy Charlie** moved to adopt the agenda. **Fred Bifelt** seconded the motion. **Superintendent Boyd** asked to add Minto Field trip as #10 and Personnel Actions as #11 to New Business. **Fred Bifelt** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Eleanor Yatlin-Absent).

REPORTS:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Board Committee Reports. **Fred Bifelt** reported on the Building Committee and gave detailed information from the committee. Areas of discussion were in the areas of Boilers, Electric issues, Sprinkler, Alarms, Huslia School, Huslia Duplex, Kaltag CIP, MAK CIP, Minto-new carpet and paint. **Christina Semaken** reported on the Curriculum Committee. There was a great deal of discussion on the credits required and what is needed for the Alaska Performance Scholarship. Along there was discussion on the subject of the sciences offered within the district and the direction that needs to be focused on in the near future. There was additional time spent on the CTE program and what is available presently and what will be coming. Discussion on homework expectations were addressed and needs to be highlighted for teachers and parents. **Jeremy Charlie** reported on the Board Policy Committee. Mr. Charlie traveled through the policies pointing out the strengths and the changes within the policies. **Gloria Patsy** would like the Technology Director to address the use of kids while in school being on facebook. There is a policy and it needs to be addressed at a CSC Meeting and with Administrators. **Dian Gurtler** reported on the Technology Committee. An overview was given to the Committee and the direction of the plan was spelled out. Equipment needs to be standardized throughout the district. TV's in the schools are outdated. Equipment needs to be replaced every 3 to 4 years. Computer techs at the site could be a student and the training could come from a CTE Program. **Fred Bifelt** reported on the Budget Committee. All accounts were addressed at the committee meeting and through discussing the budget it has come apparent that hard decisions will be coming due to lack of grants. The large grants we have presently will be coming to a close at the end of this fiscal year and these grants carry a lot of our present personnel. **Gloria Patsy** reported on the Negotiations Committee. Negotiations are planned for the 23rd of January and the only item negotiable is the salary for the 2012-2013 school year. **Fred Bifelt** reported on the Legislative Committee. The committee went through the priorities that will be brought to the legislatures in February. The committee will fly to Juneau on the 7th and 8th of February to meet with the Legislatures.

10:00 pm – Break

11:15 pm – Resumed Meeting

2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Superintendent Report. **Superintendent Boyd** reported on the following items: General Information; Union Business; Budget; Staffing Update; Student Achievement; Student Activities; Native Language; Allakaket; June Nelson Scholarship/AASB; Board Retreat information and Rawhide Program. There was discussion.

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Chairperson McGinty opened the floor to Greg Turner who works with Western Oregon University. Greg introduced the program and turned it over to Jo Nan LeRoy. Ms. LeRoy introduced opportunities for students to take AP classes through Western Oregon University that otherwise they would not have the opportunity to take. Do not wish to compete with the Universities in Alaska but would like to add subjects that may not be offered here in Alaska so that needs are met for the students of YKSD.

12:05 pm – Break

12:17 pm – Resumed Meeting

3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the report from Stan Osborne. **Stan Osborne** moved through his report and explained items in detail and answered questions as he went through the reports. There was discussion.
(Attachment A thru A-2)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the written reports from Director's and Coordinator's. Chairperson McGinty accepted the reports as written.
(Attachment B thru B-33)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the VPSC Grant Report. Carl Knudsen went through his report and gave details on items of consideration that is needed to bring forward the prongs for improvement for instruction. PEAK has got to be used by every P/T and teacher in all schools. The District Wide in-service with PEAK has been set for January 24th through the 27th in Fairbanks. Legislative strategies were discussed and there was a good deal of discussion with a Special Board Meeting tentatively planned for the 15th of December by Video-Conference at 3:30 pm.
(Attachment C thru C-1)
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Student Representative Report. **Gerald Patsy** walked through his report and answered questions from Board Members.
(Attachment D thru D-1)

DISCUSSION:

- 2-8. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Board Policies for the 1st and 2nd readings. These policies have been presented in detail during the Board Committee Reports so no further discussion is needed at this setting.
(Attachment E thru E-20)

While School Climate & Connectedness Survey Results Presentation was being set up Chairperson McGinty came back to the discussion regarding the Virtual Coaching for teachers and wanted to get the feel from the Board on the issues at hand. The Board is directing Superintendent Boyd to move forward with all teachers being videoed for the PEAK program. The Board has been in favor of this program from the beginning and wants the program to continue and is in agreement with the next prong for continued success for all.

9. **Chairperson McGinty** has tabled the Camp Kick Ash PowerPoint until the January Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced IDEA, Title IV-B and 619 (Combined) Grant Award. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve IDEA, Title IV-B and 619 (Combined) Grant Award. **Fred Bifelt** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Eleanor Yatlin-Absent).
(Attachment F)
- 2-8. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced New Business 2-8-Board Policies (3rd Readings) or Board Policies that need approved for minor changes that does not change the language of the policy. **Fred Bifelt** moved to approve the New Business items 2-8.

- Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Eleanor Yatlin-Absent).
(Attachment G thru G-11)
9. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY12 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Fred Bifelt** moved to approve FY12 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Eleanor Yatlin-Absent).
(Attachment H)
10. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Minto Field Trip. **Jeremy Charlie** moved to approve Minto Field Trip. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Eleanor Yatlin-Absent).
(Attachment I)
11. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Personnel Actions. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve Personnel Actions. **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Fred Bifelt** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Eleanor Yatlin-Absent; Gloria Patsy-Out of the room during the vote).
(Attachment J thru J-8)

DISCUSSION:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced School Climate & Connectedness Survey Results Presentation. **Bridget Smith** from AASB introduced the survey. 18 percent participation was received from the students and staff from YKSD. The scores from the 18 percent who took the survey are in the above average from around the state. There was much discussion and after discussion because of the small amount of students that participated in the survey the Board felt it was meager statistics and would like the survey to be completed again this year and strive for a higher amount of students and staff participation.
(Attachment K thru K-63)

Chairperson McGinty introduced Travis Sutton, Counselor for YKSD. **Travis Sutton** explained in more detail about how the Alaska Performance Scholarship Program works and what targets the District needs to focus on. **Superintendent Boyd** would like for the Curriculum Committee to dig deeper into the issues raised from this discussion and bring it back to the Board at a later date.

Eight students applied for the Sarah Good and LeFevour Scholarship. Official transcripts will be received after the first semester and after receiving the transcripts four of the eight will receive scholarships based on the guidelines set out for this scholarship.

ITEMS INTRODUCED BY BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Chairperson McGinty asked for items for the next board meeting agenda. Items for the next agenda are: Basketball Tournament, Facebook Monitoring-an update from the Director of Technology, Kick Ash Power Point. If any others come to mind before the meeting in January get in touch with the Board Clerk or Superintendent.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Jeremy Charlie received useful information from the Board Retreat and Committee Meetings. The time was well spent. Thank the staff and administrators.

Dian Gurtler is really happy for the new toy and looking forward to using it. The retreat was very useful and a lot of useful information was given. Thanks everyone for their time and input in the retreat.

Gloria Patsy is glad that we are moving towards the iPad. If this way will save money for the district then this is the way we need to go. Felt really bad for the presenter from AASB but now we know what needs to be done to get the best information from the survey.

Christina Semaken really appreciates the time the staff spent with the Board. The retreat was impacted with really good information. The new iPad is a welcomed tool and looking forward to learning my new toy as we go. Curriculum wise we are moving in the right direction. Gerald Patsy I am really proud of you. Great job!

Fred Bifelt enjoyed getting with the Board-good meeting. It is really important to find funding sources and being ready for what comes our way.

Maurice McGinty thanked the Administration for all of the hard work. In the past the Board was always fighting old wars but today we are working towards better things for our students every time the Board comes together. Nulato has been selected for Biomass and Nulato is looking forward to this new method. Somewhere along the line we need to think in that direction and get ready.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING:

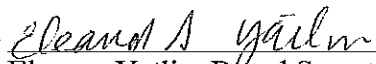
Chairperson McGinty introduced the date and place of the next meeting. The Regular School Board Meeting will be the 13th of January in Minto

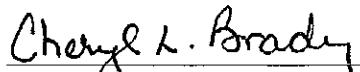
ADJOURNMENT:

Gloria Patsy moved to adjourn the meeting. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion.

VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Eleanor Yatlin-Absent).

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.


Eleanor Yatlin, Board Secretary


Cheryl L. Brady, Board Clerk