

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
YUKON-KOYUKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 17, 2013

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Chairperson McGinty called the 308th Regular Board Meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District to order at 6:50 p.m. on January 17, 2013 in the upstairs classroom at Merrelaine A. Kangas School in Ruby, Alaska.

Roll call was as follows:

Maurice McGinty
Eleanor Yatlin
Dian Gurtler (absent-excused)
Christina Semaken
Jeremy Charlie (absent-excused)
Eileen Jackson
Shirley Kruger

A quorum was declared present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Leah Morgan, Loretta Brown, Norma Williams, Linda Captain, Anne Titus, Evelyn Sarten, Ed Sarten, Keith Bifelt, Curtis Ambrose, Tommy Dahill, 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; Leah Morgan, MAK CSC; Loretta Brown, MAK CSC, Norma Williams, MAK CSC, Linda Captain, MAK CSC, Anne Titus, MAK Principal/Teacher; Evelyn Sarten; Ed Sarten; Keith Bifelt, Johnny Oldman Student; Curtis Ambrose, Johnny Oldman Student; Tommy Dahill, Johnny Oldman Teacher; and Cheryl Brady, Board Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the minutes for December 13, 2012 Special Meeting and December 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the minutes for December 13, 2012 and December 14, 2012. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. **Eleanor Yatlin** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Chairperson McGinty opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the School Board. **Ed Sarten** addressed the board asking for an opportunity regarding hydro culture in the classroom. There is a lot of room for teaching students about the many aspects of agriculture. Mr. Sarten would like for the district to utilize his strengths in this area. Mr. Sarten had many different ideas of interest for the students of Merrelaine A. Kangas School. **Superintendent Boyd** thanked Mr. Sarten and will follow up Anne Titus. **Anne Titus** would like to see an academy in this area and this would be an area that Mr. Sarten would be able to instruct.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chairperson McGinty introduced the agenda. **Shirley Kruger** moved to adopt the agenda. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. **Chairperson McGinty** added Executive Session after number 5 in new business. **Eleanor Yatlin** added Hughes water, number 3 in discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).

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Johnny Oldman School students Keith Bifelt and Curtis Ambrose addressed the Board regarding use of iPod devices to drown out other students and with the current Board Policy we are not allowed to use these devices in our School. Superintendent Boyd and School Board directed the students to go through their Principal and CSC.

REPORTS:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Board Committee Reports. **Superintendent Boyd** reported on the Curriculum Committee. Chane Beam is the Curriculum Director of YKSD and he has been working on several areas through committees and brought forth to the Board, Curriculum Vocabulary, Curriculum Rotation, Language Arts Curriculum, New Alaska Standards and Science. Superintendent Boyd reported on the Policy Committee. Ms. Boyd went through the policies that are coming to the board for adoption at this meeting. **Shirley Kruger** reported on the Building Committee. Areas reported on were Site Reports, District-wide LED Lighting Project, AHFC Housing Renovations, Temporary Summer Wage Rates and Legislative Priorities. **Christina Semaken** reported on Legislative Committee. Christina Semaken reported on the CIP Projects and the following: (1) District-Wide LED Lighting Retrofit Project, (2) Koyukuk School Restroom Renovation, (3) Kaltag School Kitchen Renovation, (4) Computer Upgrades, (5) Borough Re-appropriation, and (6) Tech Equipment.
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Superintendents Report. **Superintendent Boyd** reported on the following: General Information, Indian Education, Human Resources, Raven Correspondence Program, Student Achievement, and a draft on the Strategic Plan. There was discussion.
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the CFO Report. **Cindy Reilly** attended the meeting telephonically and went through her report answering questions as she went along.
(Attachment A thru A-4)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the written reports from Director's and Coordinator's. Chairperson McGinty accepted the reports as written.
(Attachment B thru B-22)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Merrelaine A. Kangas Principals Report. Chairperson McGinty introduced Anne Titus. Anne Titus reported on the new Playground, Career Fair, Dancing with the Spirit, Native Language Program, Video Conferencing with Counselor, Eddie Hornsby, and Afterschool Clubs. Merrelaine A. Kangas now has 40 students which includes 7 preschoolers. Looking forward to the renovation this summer and will invite you back in a couple of years for the rededication. Names and resumes of people who wish to apply for work on the school along with folks with homes and vehicle rentals. There is a huge concern here in Ruby with choking and there is a plan to meet with parents and our counselors to

discuss the warning signs of this activity and what can be done for educating our children. There was discussion.
(Attachment C thru C-1)

8:09 pm – Break

8:17 pm – Meeting Resumed

DISCUSSION:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced 4 Day School/Pilot Site. **Superintendent Boyd** explained that this approach of 4 days in class and 1 day cultural activities would provide more opportunities for our students. Superintendent Boyd has asked for more information on this concept and Mr. Knudsen will do more research and bring it to the Board. Before we make a jump in this direction we need hard facts and statistics. There was discussion.
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced discussion on the second reading on BP 8120-Elections. **Superintendent Boyd** explained the change to this policy and answered questions. There was discussion.
(Attachment D)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced discussion on the Hughes water. **Eleanor Yatlin** wanted to bring this issue to the attention of the School Board as the chlorine level in the water has not been kept consistently. **Superintendent Boyd** will address this in writing to the City of Hughes. There was discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the following Policies for adoption: BP 5040, BP 5125.1, BP 5128, BP 5131.43, BP 5131.6, BP 5131.62, BP 5137, BP 5138, BP 6174.1 and BB 9310. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the following Board Policies: BP 5040, BP 5125.1, BP 5128, BP 5131.43, BP 5131.6, BP 5131.62, BP 5137, BP 5138, BP 6174.1 and BB 9310. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).
(Attachment E thru E-28)
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 13-09. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 13-09. **Eileen Jackson** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).
(Attachment F)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Temporary Construction Worker Pay Scale. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Temporary Construction Worker Pay Scale. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Eleanor Yatlin** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).
(Attachment G)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY13 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve FY13 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. **Christina Semaken** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).
(Attachment H)

5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Leave of Absence for Chris Simon. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the Leave of Absence for Chris Simon. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. **Superintendent Boyd** gave the intent of this request. **Shirley Kruger** and **Eleanor Yatlin** pulled their motion. **Christina Semaken** moved to table the leave of absence request until the February Board Meeting and receive a recommendation from the Jimmy Huntington CSC. **Shirley Kruger** seconded the motion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).
(Attachment I)

Shirley Kruger moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:55 pm for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).

08:55 pm - Entered into Executive Session

10:15 pm - Came out of Executive Session

6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Personnel Actions. **Christina Semaken** moved to approve Personnel Actions and remove 1 and 2 under classified hire and add Fred Bifelt to classified hire. **Eileen Jackson** seconded the motion. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).
(Attachment J thru J-1)

ITEMS INTRODUCED BY BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Chairperson McGinty asked for items for the next board meeting agenda. Summer pay scale, leave of absence and Hughes water. Chairperson McGinty stated that if you have anything to add to the agenda for the February meeting to call the Board Clerk.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Eleanor Yatlin has not been in Ruby since the 90's and this Board Meeting was a very difficult meeting but a good one. The time here in Ruby was enjoyable.

Christina Semaken extended her appreciation to the people of Ruby. I saw kids engaged and positive things happening here in Merrelina A. Kangas School.

Shirley Kruger commented on how important it is to be an advocate for children.

Coming to the different communities is very vital for making the decisions we do while on the School Board.

Eileen Jackson is very happy to be able to meet all of the teachers here at Merrelina A Kangas School. I enjoy coming together every 6 weeks and being a part of the decision making for the students of YKSD.

Maurice McGinty thanked the Board for being able to sit down and make decisions where a lot of people would shy away from the decision making that this Board has to address for the betterment of the children.

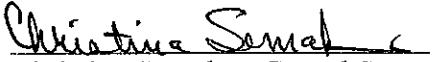
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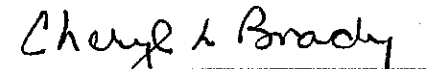
Chairperson McGinty introduced the date and place of the next meeting. The Regular School Board Meeting will be the 15th of February in Manley Hot Springs.

ADJOURNMENT:

Christina Semaken moved to adjourn the meeting. **Eileen Jackson** seconded the motion. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Jeremy Charlie and Dian Gurtler).

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.


Christina Semaken, Board Secretary


Cheryl L. Brady, Board Clerk