

APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
YUKON-KOYUKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Chairperson McGinty** called the 310<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District to order at 9:35 a.m. on March 13, 2013 in the Board of Education Room in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Roll call was as follows:

Maurice McGinty  
Eleanor Yatlin  
Dian Gurtler  
Christina Semaken  
Eileen Jackson  
Shirley Kruger

A quorum was declared present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Carl Knudsen, Randi Shrider, Michele Sturdevant, Dena Sam, Michelle Sam, Harding Sam, Mason Jimmie, LaVerne Haakanson, Melinda Chase, Karen Dullen, Kathleen Meckel, Sam Henry, Dr. Karen French, Gordon Bergman, Evelyn Esmailka, Beverly Kokrine, Harold David Sr., Jessie David, Chane Beam, Gerald Patsy, Agnes S. Dayton, Thelma Nicholia, S. Joyce Sam, Agnes Bergman, Delores Saunders, Valerie Bergman, June Ned, Marion Acker, Callie Ned, Clara Sam, Vincent Bergman, Catherine Henzie, Steven Bergman, Pam Vent, Andrea Durny, Bridget Smith, Gerald Patsy, Ava Vent, 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, Cheryl Brady, Carl Knudsen, Randi Shrider, Michele Sturdevant, Dena Sam, Michelle Sam, Harding Sam, Mason Jimmie, LaVerne Haakanson, Melinda Chase, Karen Dullen, Kathleen Meckel, Sam Henry, Dr. Karen French, Gordon Bergman, Evelyn Esmailka, Beverly Kokrine, Harold David Sr., Jessie David, Chane Beam, Gerald Patsy, Agnes S. Dayton, Thelma Nicholia, S. Joyce Sam, Agnes Bergman, Delores Saunders, Valerie Bergman, June Ned, Marion Acker, and Callie Ned.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the minutes for February 15, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the minutes for February 15, 2013. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question.  
VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Chairperson McGinty** introduced the agenda. **Shirley Kruger** moved to adopt the agenda. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. Superintendent Boyd added to the agenda under New Business, #6-Koyukuk Out of State Travel; #7-Parent Designed Courses. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED

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

**Chairperson McGinty** opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the School Board letting everyone know that they have 3 minutes for addressing the School Board.

**Kathleen Meckel** of Fairbanks is from the Village of Nulato and is an advocate for Alaska Native Educators. **Sam Henry** from Allakaket (40 years) grew up in Huslia. Currently he believes there are 10 Alaska Native Teachers in YKSD. It takes years to understand the way of life in the Village. Live, eat; way of life is what our students need so having Alaska Native Teachers in YKSD is very important. **Dr. Karen French** is from Jamestown New York. She has taught in Florida and California before coming to Alaska in 1979 where she has taught in the Aleutian Region, Nulato, Kaltag and Anvik. Dr. French wanted to thank the school Board for the opportunity to teach at Johnny Oldman School this year. **Karen Dullen** is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in Fairbanks where she has 20 years of experience. We have always applauded YKSD for your presence of Native Teachers. New teachers are in need of a lot of support. She requests YKSD to continue to invest in Alaska Native Educators. Melinda Chase from the Association of Interior Native Educators grew up in Anvik and is in support of Alaska Native Educators. **Dena Sam** is a parent of 4 soon to be 5. Ms. Sam is here asking for support for her 7 year old daughter who has been out of the classroom in Allakaket School since December. An incident took place and to this day she has not received clarification that she is willing to accept. Her daughter was placed in the Raven Correspondence Program and Ms. Sam would like for her daughter to be able to attend the Allakaket School. **Michelle Sam** wanted to thank the school board for all they do for the students of YKSD. Ms. Sam is in support of Native Teachers but in support of all teachers as they teach our Native Students. Thank you! **Evelyn David Esmailka** was raised in Allakaket and is currently teaching in Kaltag. Ms. Esmailka is grateful for her Principal/Teacher in Crooked Creek back in 1995 as he was supportive, positive, believed in her and her qualities and worked with her for 2 years. Having someone who believes and to work with her was the tool for success. **Beverly Kokrine** has been a teacher in Fairbanks for 16 years. Why are we divided when we say we are here for the children? Administrators are to reflect for all teachers and to help all teachers grow. Teachers and Administrators come and go. We need to reflect on the division and come into agreement for the betterment of the students. School should be a happy place for students. **Harding Sam** wanted the School Board to reflect on the importance of education as it is the key to success for our children and their success as adults. **Harold David Sr.** wanted to reflect on an idea of bringing music into the school as it brings out the best in students. Another need is a school bus for Alatna as they have 12 students who have a hard time getting to school either on time or at all. More EMT/ETT training in the school and village of Allakaket would bring more strength to Allakaket. Mr. David is in favor of Native Hire and retention. **Jessie David** came into the school year in Allakaket with high expectations and it is true as well today. Growing up in the 60's there were wonderful teachers who lived in the community and were a part of the community. There is no place in education for this type of negativity. Ms. David wants to continue to work and be a support for the children of YKSD. **Randi Shrider** is a daughter of a well respected tribal member in Montano. Ms. Shrider has been enriched from her time at Minto and Allakaket School. Ms. Shrider respects the students and the people she has worked with and loves to come to work every day. Allakaket may not be her home but it is a place she would like to stay for many years to come. The students of Allakaket are worth whatever it takes and that is why we as a school and community are here and that is to raise a well rounded child. **Agnes Bergman** introduced herself as the Allakaket CSC Chairperson. Ms. Bergman is in favor of Native

Educators as long as they do their job and teach the children. **Clara Sam** has been concerned for the children of Alatna. Her granddaughter was hurt and Ms. Sam knows it is going through proper procedures and that it is a process that has to be followed. Ms. Sam thanks Randi for her support of the students in Alatna. **Valerie Bergman** used to be a teacher's aide and had the pleasure of working with Virginia Ned. Ms. Bergman would like to see her come out of retirement as she was an outstanding teacher and role model. Ms. Bergman supports all teachers as long as they are doing their job. **Catherine Henzie** introduced herself as an Allakaket CSC member and is in total support of all Native Teachers but in the same breath Randi Shridder is doing a good job and everyone should work together. I have a couple of grandchildren that are not in the Allakaket School but in Correspondence. I support their mother but believe this is something that needs to be looked at as well. **Steven Bergman's** children all graduated from Allakaket School and he now has his grandchildren in the school. Mr. Bergman is in support of retention for Jessie David and Priscilla Williams. **Wilmer Beetus** from Hughes thanks Dr. Karen French and give condolences to Diane Shirrell for the loss of her husband Al. Mr. Beetus would like to address the Tank Farm in Hughes. When it flooded in 2006, 2 tanks tipped over and there are 4 tanks that are currently standing in the tank farm and not be used. Would like to know when this will be cleaned up. Hughes will also be getting a Bio Mass Wood Boiler and would like the district to be aware as it can serve the school as well. **Gertie Esmailka** is a retired teacher from Jimmy Huntington who had taught for 31 years. Ms. Esmailka is here to support Jessie David and Priscilla Williams. Times as a native teacher were not an easy task in the village. Everyone should be working together for the children they are serving. Not all of the Principal Teachers I worked with supported me but I knew I would still be in the school when they moved on. We have got to work together and be there for one another. **Margaret Williams**, CSC Chairperson for Johnny Oldman School is a firm believer that the CSC should be a part of the hiring process. If the CSC had been a part of that process it may not be where it is today. Support needs to be given to all teachers, natives and non natives alike. It should not be at this level. **Michele Sturdevant**, teacher at Allakaket School came from Montana to Allakaket School. Ms. Sturdevant is grateful and thankful to have the opportunity to be teaching at Allakaket School. She has been in the profession for 28 years. When interviewing for the position she was asked about supporting the kids and their culture and would she incorporate both. This is what is taking place and she looks forward to teaching in Allakaket School next year.

10:33 am – Break

10:51 am – Meeting Resumed

#### **DISCUSSION:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced YKSD Kevin LeFevour and Sarah Good Scholarship Recipient Report. **Gerald Patsy**, recipient of the Kevin LeFevour and Sarah Good scholarships wanted to thank the School Board for their support in scholarships. This being the first year was a good year and he is excited to go into Social Work and follow in the steps of Derek Peterson. Part of his schooling is going and volunteering in Social Work so that we students can see what the job pertains to after graduation. There was discussion.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

**Chairperson McGinty** gave the Oath of Office to Wilma David. Chairperson McGinty welcomed Wilma David to the School Board.

**REPORTS:**

3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the CFO Report. **Cindy Reilly** highlighted areas of her report that she wanted the Board to see and understand.  
(Attachment A thru A-8)

**DISCUSSION:**

5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 Budget. **Cindy Reilly** discussed the budget for 2013-2014.  
(Attachment B)

**REPORTS:**

4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the report from Carl Knudsen. **Carl Knudsen** is looking at a grant for a Sullivan Learning Center to work with students in Kaltag, Allakaket and Chevak that are having problem areas that can be addressed through Sullivan Learning Center. This would target enrichment for after school. There was discussion.  
(Attachment C thru C-2)
1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Board Committee Reports. **Shirley Kruger** reported on the Technology Committee. The recommendation from the Technology Committee is to award DRS the River Schools and GCI the road system schools and district office for Internet Services. **Chane Beam** reported on the Curriculum Committee Meeting. The new Alaska State Standards will be more rigorous for the Math and Language Arts standards beginning in 2015. Secondary Language Arts will be changed from the Novels to Textbooks and Writing. Language Arts will go into effect in the FY14 school year. Looking to add another Science into the Curriculum. Science Kits would be a helpful tool to send around to the schools. There was much discussion. **Shirley Kruger** reported on the Building Committee. Contracts were accepted on projects. Projects will be completed on the Merrelaine A. Kangas School, Allakaket and Kaltag Housing. There was discussion. **Kerry Boyd** reported on the Legislative Committee. We have two representatives and senators for our District. We have Representative Guttenberg and Representative Foster. Senators are Olson and Hoffman. All programs were cut except for corrections. We presented 5 legislative requests, and they are: Koyukuk School Restroom; YKSD Classroom Technology; Kaltag School Kitchen; Kaltag School Exterior Repair and Phase I Districtwide Energy Upgrade. **Dian Gurtler** reported on the Certified Hire Committee. Ms. Gurtler went through the recommendations for the personnel actions. There was discussion.

**DISCUSSION:**

6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced staffing. **Superintendent Boyd** presented staffing needs. There was discussion.
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the School Climate and Connectedness Survey Report. **Bridget Smith** from AASB presented discussion on the School Climate and

Connectedness Survey Report. An overview of the SCCS, a summary of findings for this district, and then detailed results for students and for staff were presented. There was discussion.

(Attachment D thru D-98)

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

**Chairperson McGinty** opened the floor to Ava Vent. **Ava Vent** asked for help in speaking against HBJR 1 and SB 19. These bills would place a constitutional amendment before the voters allowing state funds to be utilized for private and religious based schools. The next date for testifying is March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

(Attachment E thru E-1)

#### **REPORTS:**

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 Legislative Updates. There was discussion.
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the written reports from Director's and Coordinator's. **Chairperson McGinty** accepted the reports as written.  
(Attachment F thru F-23)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Student Representative Report. **Chairperson McGinty** accepted the report as written.  
(Attachment G thru G-1)

3:23 pm – Break

3:35 pm – Meeting Resumed

#### **DISCUSSION:**

3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the first reading for BP 4161.8 Political Appointments/Leave of Absence. **Chairperson McGinty** accepted the first reading as presented.  
(Attachment H)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced discussion on AR 5040; AR 5128; AR 5131.43; AR 6174.1; E 5125.1; E 5128; and E 6174.1. **Chairperson McGinty** accepted as presented.  
(Attachment I thru I-28)

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** postponed Old Business until the next meeting in May as the Jimmy Huntington CSC did not have a quorum to discuss the leave of absence for Chris Simon. **Shirley Kruger** moved to table the leave of absence for Chris Simon until the May Meeting. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. **Christina Semaken** rescinded her first opinion on this leave of absence. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 13-10 Alaska State Legislative Requests. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 13-10 Alaska State Legislative Requests. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment J thru J-1)
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Award for the Ruby Contract. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Ruby Contract Award. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment K thru K-3)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Internet Services Contract Award. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the Internet Services Contract Award. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Christina Semaken** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment L thru L-1)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY13 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve FY13 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. **Christina Semaken** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment M)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY13 Budget Revisions. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve FY13 Budget Revisions. **Eileen Jackson** seconded the motion. **Dian Gurtler** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment N)
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Personnel Actions. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Personnel Actions. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. VOTE: 4 YEA and 3 NAY (Wilma David, Eileen Jackson, Eleanor Yatlin), MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment O)
7. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Raven Correspondence Parent Designed Courses. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Parent Designed Courses. **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Eleanor Yatlin** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment P)
8. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Ella B. Vernetti Field Trip Request. **Eileen Jackson** moved to approve the Field Trip Request for Ella B. Vernetti. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment Q thru Q-1)

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

**Chairperson McGinty** asked for items for the next board meeting agenda. An item for the next agenda is Science Kits/Grant. **Chairperson McGinty** stated that if you have anything to add to the agenda for the February meeting to call the Board Clerk.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Shirley Kruger** was happy to see a very productive day. Bottom line is to benefit the children. I would like to see a workshop on protocol. Wilma David welcomed to the Board.

**Eileen Jackson** is glad to work through this Board Meeting. Welcome Wilma David to the School Board.

**Wilma David** is glad to be back on the School Board. This is where my heart is. I have received concerns in two areas. They are: More native hire within the district office and throughout the school district, and the lack of presentation from the district office at Regional's.

**Dian Gurtler** was an experience. Bottom line is the kids. Glad to see Wilma David back on the board.

**Eleanor Yatlin** votes by the majority of what the people ask and that is how my vote is cast. I am glad to have the voice for the people for whom I am representing. I respect everyone. There is no offense to anyone. I appreciate everyone. Welcome to Wilma David. We are a hard working board.

**Christina Semaken** enjoyed being on the Legislative Committee. This decision today played a big part on my heart. Outcome was good and I am pleased that we work as well together for the betterment of the children. Wilma David welcome to the School Board.

**Maurice McGinty** congratulations Wilma David for being back on the School Board. Today was a difficult day for this Board but voting the heart is important. Off of the record I will be talking to Tanana Chiefs regarding this issue that was placed on the floor. When I talk with Tanana Chiefs I will not be talking as a Board Member for YKSD. This Board is a great working Board. Thank you!

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> of May in Koyukuk.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Shirley Kruger** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Christina Semaken  
Christina Semaken, Board Secretary

Cheryl L. Brady  
Cheryl L. Brady, Board Clerk