

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
YUKON-KOYUKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Chairperson McGinty called the 312th Regular Board Meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District to order at 9:36 a.m. on June 14, 2013 in the Raven Correspondence Conference Room in the Raven Anchorage Office at Anchorage, Alaska.

Roll call was as follows:

Maurice McGinty
Eleanor Yatlin (Absent-Excused)
Dian Gurtler
Christina Semaken
Eileen Jackson (Absent-Excused)
Shirley Kruger

A quorum was declared present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Carl Knudsen, Alexa Morales, Bijan Welch, Danae Davis, Terri Thurston, Carmen Romero, Valerie Thurston, Andrea Cottrell, Mark Spafford, Shauna Stepp, Kellie Fore, Hannah Fore, 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 Cheryl Brady, Carl Knudsen, and Kerry Boyd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson McGinty introduced the minutes for May 3, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the minutes for May 3, 2013. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. **Christina Semaken** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Chairperson McGinty opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the School Board, there being none this section was left open.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Chairperson McGinty introduced the agenda. **Shirley Kruger** moved to adopt the agenda. **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. **Maurice McGinty** place #5 Principals Report as #1 and dropped the rest of the reports by one. **Christina Semaken** asked for the Kaltag School be placed as #2 under discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).

REPORTS:

2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Board Committee Reports. **Dian Gurtler** reported on the Building Committee. The first half of the summer the focus is on grant funded projects as funding will not come through until July 1st. Allakaket has 9 homes being built and there are 16 local hires. Kaltag had a shaky beginning but things are looking up. There are 3 students hired to work on the project. There will

be one more hire when the student turns 16. Ruby is going well. Koyukuk work will not start until this fall. Equipment will be placed on the last barge. One bathroom will be repaired at a time so there will still be restrooms available. Kaltag the siding has been completed but the rest of the money for that project will be used for the floor soffit insulation and access hatches. The Nulato School roof will be repaired and interior ceiling tiles will be replaced that have fallen down. All Capital Grants have to be submitted by September. There was discussion.

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Andrea Cottrell, Principal of Raven Correspondence. **Andrea Cottrell** welcomed the School Board to Anchorage and is pleased to have the Board in the Raven Office for their June Meeting. Ms. Cottrell introduced her staff in the Anchorage Office. Valerie Thurston, Administrative Assistant; Bijan Welch, Administrative Clerk; Danae David, Advisory Teacher; Terri Thurston, Advisory Teacher; Brad Kennon, Technology Coordinator; Carmen Romero, Advisory Teacher; and Alexa Morales, Administrative Assistant. Ms. Cottrell gave a small overview of the Correspondence Program. Raven is the second largest correspondence program in the State. Ms. Cottrell reported on the benefits and academic Support offered through the correspondence program in Raven. There are five locations: Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Delta Junction and Wasilla. There was discussion.
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Negotiations Committee Report. **Shirley Kruger** reported on the Negotiations Committee. There was discussion about the MYEA Negotiated Agreement and where the district and the union are in the breakdown of ratifying the agreement. **Wilma David** reported on the Curriculum Committee Meeting. Schedules were discussed and shown where we are today and the suggested change to the schedule rotations. There are three areas that were discussed in the meeting. They are Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. All of these areas have had extensive reviews from teams. These teams are represented from several sites from across the district consisting of teachers and administrators. The recommendations have been made to increase effectiveness as they give direct instruction to the students of Yukon-Koyukuk School District. There was discussion.

10:50 am – Break

11:02 am – Resumed Meeting

DISCUSSION:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Mark Spafford from the Denali Commission. **Mr. Spafford** introduced himself and position to the School Board. There are three communities that have received funding for Bio Mass and they are Anvik, Koyukuk and Hughes. These communities are really considered test cases for the State. If there is success with these three communities then the State will look at additional communities for the Bio Mass Projects. Mark Spafford went into detail with what will take place in these communities and it involves many areas of improvement throughout the community so that energy efficiency will take place in all areas of the buildings. There was discussion. Hughes is the only community that has funding for the school as well. Koyukuk does not have the funding secured for the school currently. Out of discussion the School Board would like statistics for cost savings at the August Meeting.

REPORTS:

3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Superintendents Report. **Superintendent Boyd** reported on the following: General Information, Human Resources, Raven Correspondence Program, Student Achievement, PEAK Professional Development, Facilities and Student Highlights. There was discussion. An additional item discussed was the Kaltag Construction where a Project Superintendent walked off of the job. To hire a Project Superintendent in this late date the District offered a rate of \$75.00 an hour. There was continued discussion.

12:06 pm – Break

01:40 pm – Resumed Meeting

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Chairperson McGinty opened the floor to the PAC Committee. **Valerie Thurston**, PAC Family Representative introduced the PAC members that are present here today to present to the Board. They are Shauna Stepp, Kellie Fore, Hannah Fore (Student) and Advisory Teacher Danae Davis. Each person talked about the beginning of Raven to where the program is now. The communication and program has grown hugely. The Raven's Call has been a huge instrument of information for the families in Raven Correspondence. Our hats are off to Valerie Thurston for all her hard working pulling the Call together. Another new area is the Field Trips, workshops and Challenge Hour. They have helped pull families together and this also helps the Community get to know more about the Raven Correspondence Program. Hannah Fore, a student from Raven Correspondence rewrote a Classic Tale and she is going to read her rewritten story and use her Alaska voice. Andrea Cottrell thanked Hannah Fore and the PAC Committee for their presentation.

4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the CFO Report. **Chairperson McGinty** accepted the report as written.
(Attachment A thru A-5)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the reports from Coordinator's and Director's. **Chairperson McGinty** accepted the reports as written.
(Attachment B thru B-24)

DISCUSSION:

2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Kaltag School. **Christina Semaken** would like the school to be available for all of the visitors that will be in Kaltag. There was discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 13-12 (Alaska Housing Finance Corporation). **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 13-12 (Alaska Housing Finance Corporation). **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment C)
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Resolution 13-13 (GASB 54). **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 13-13. **Christina Semaken** seconded the

motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment D)

3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 13-14 (Carl Rose). **Christina Semaken** moved to approve Resolution 13-14 (Carl Rose). **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment E)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced BP 4161.8 Political Appointments/Leave of Absence (3rd Reading). **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve BP 4161.8 Political Appointments/Leave of Absence (3rd Reading). **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment F)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Title VI-B and 619 (Combined) Federal Grant Application. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Title VI-B and 619 (Combined) Federal Grant Application. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Christina Semaken** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment G)
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Indian Education Formula Grant Application. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the Indian Education Formula Grant. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment H)
7. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Project *Fierce* Obesity Grant Application. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Project *Fierce* Obesity Grant Application. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment I)
8. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the FY13 Budget Revisions. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve FY13 Budget Revisions. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Christina Semaken** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment J)
9. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the FY13 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the FY13 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment K)
10. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 14-00 (School Board Stipends & Per Diem). **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 14-00 (School Board Stipends & Per Diem). **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was

- discussion. **Christina Semaken** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment L)
11. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY14 Organizational Chart. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the FY14 Organizational Chart. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment M)
 12. **Chairperson McGinty** tabled the MYEA Negotiated Agreement until the August Meeting.
 13. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced YKAA Salary Schedule. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the YKAA Salary Schedule. **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment N)
 14. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Classified Fiscal Year 2014 Pay Scale. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the Classified Fiscal Year 2014 Pay Scale. **Wilma David** Seconded the motion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment O)
 15. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Curriculum Adoption. **Wilma David** moved to approve the Curriculum Adoption. **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment P thru P-2)
 16. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the 2013-2014 School Board Meeting Schedule. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the 2013-2014 School Board Meeting Schedule. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 5/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).
(Attachment Q thru Q-3)
 17. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Personnel Actions. **Wilma David** moved to approve Personnel Actions. **Christina Semaken** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 6/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Absent-Eleanor Yatlin).
(Attachment R)

ITEMS INTRODUCED BY BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Chairperson McGinty asked for items for the next board meeting agenda. Call the Board Clerk if you have anything to add to the agenda on the August Agenda.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Shirley Kruger thanked you for a successful Board Meeting. It was great to hear about everything taking place in the Raven Correspondence Program. Great things are taking place.

Christina Semaken thanked Andrea Cottrell for everything that she has accomplished running the Raven Correspondence Program. Was great hearing from the PAC Committee.

Dian Gurtler is pleased with the Raven Correspondence Program. The story from Hannah was very good. We do need to pursue getting more money for the handicapped students that attend the Raven Correspondence Program. I have enjoyed my visit to Anchorage. This is the first time I have made a trip to Anchorage during the summer, much different than winter time.

Maurice McGinty would like to revisit that when the Board travels to town or villages for a meeting, board members are to be present at the meeting. This is just a friendly reminder. We really need to look for a district plane because the travel is so expensive. Just would like to know if this is possible but we would have to show a profit.

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 23rd of August in Kaltag.


ADJOURNMENT:

Christina Semaken moved to adjourn the meeting. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. VOTE: 4/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger was out of the office during the vote)(Absent-Eleanor Yatlin and Eileen Jackson).

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.



Christina Semaken, Board Secretary



Cheryl L. Brady, Board Clerk