

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
YUKON-KOYUKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 21, 2014

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**Chairperson McGinty** called the 319<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District to order at 9:30 a.m. on March 21, 2014 in the Board of Education Room at Yukon-Koyukuk School District Office in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Roll call was as follows:

Maurice McGinty  
Eleanor Yatlin  
Eileen Jackson  
Wilma David  
Dian Gurtler  
Shirley Kruger  
Gloria Patsy

A quorum was declared present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Irene Henry, Cristal McGill, Karen Eddy, Cyndi Nation, Roxanne Frank, Karlene Manuel, Carl Knudsen, Luke Meinert, Sharon Hubbs, Chad Cottet, Kerry Boyd, and Cheryl Brady.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Chairperson McGinty** introduced the minutes for February 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve the minutes for February 21, 2014. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

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

**Chairperson McGinty** opened the floor for anyone wishing to address the School Board.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Chairperson McGinty** introduced the agenda. **Shirley Kruger** moved to adopt the agenda. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. **Dian Gurtler** added under discussion: (6) Curriculum. **Kerry Boyd** requested the following additions to new business: (9) Classified Employee of the Year; (10) Certified Employee of the Year. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

**REPORTS:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Certified Hiring Committee Report. **Wilma David** reported on the Certified Hiring Committee: 10 vacancies from across the district at present but could change if awarded the Grant from the Moore Case which would give Allakaket and Kaltag full time principals. There was a request from two teachers to transfer from their current school to another open position within the district. April 11-12 is the Anchorage Job Fair where the Certified Hiring Committee will be in attendance. **Eleanor Yatlin** reported on the Native Language Committee. Susan Paskvan, Coordinator of the Native Language Program reported on courses and the focus on classes in the Elementary and High School and outlined what the students were learning and shared the principles used for teaching the language. Schools participating in the Native Language classes have Paraprofessionals assist in

the culture weeks, translation services and Wednesday story hour, who co-teach Denaakk'e through the direction of Coordinator Susan Paskvan. Summer Activities and Henshaw Creek Science Camp will be summer activities that will be available to the students of Yukon-Koyukuk School District. The district needs to focus on grants to enhance the Native Language Program which would help Ms. Paskvan bring elders and others alongside her. **Shirley Kruger** started her report with asking the board to change the title of the committee to Residential instead of Boarding Home. The first part of the timeline will be to decide on the location of the Residential Program. The following timeline will take place: What do you want the Residential Program to look like, what will you offer in the program; Overview of what needs to be done and potential for funding. A survey will be completed and brought back to the Board in May prior to sending out to the communities and schools.

2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Superintendent Report. **Superintendent Boyd** introduced Janice Frank, Raven Correspondence Administrative Assistant and had the School Board introduce themselves to her. Superintendent Boyd reported on General Information; Maintenance; Raven Correspondence Program Marketing and Enrollment 2014-2015; Student Achievement; Teacher Evaluation using the Danielson Framework; Legislative; Student Activities; and First Aid & CPR Class/Certification. There was discussion.

10:40 am – Break

10:55 am – Resumed Meeting

#### **DISCUSSION:**

2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Student Leadership Training. **Superintendent Boyd** introduced Cristal McGill from LeadWell. This curriculum is an executive-caliber, active-learning training curriculum for 14 to 18 years olds. There was discussion.  
(Attachment A thru A-6)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Behavioral Health Services. **Superintendent Boyd** introduced Roxanne Frank, Karlene Manuel, Cyndi Nation and Karen Eddy from Behavioral Health Services through Tanana Chief Conference. Each speaker has a specific area to offer the District and they outlined their strengths in their departments and what they have and will have to offer in the future. There was discussion.

#### **REPORTS:**

4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the reports from the Coordinators and Directors. Chairperson McGinty accepted the reports as written. Carl Knudsen highlighted areas of his report that he felt would be of interest to Board Members. There was discussion.  
(Attachment B thru B-19)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the report from the Chief Financial Officer. Chairperson McGinty turned it over to Superintendent Boyd for discussion. **Superintendent Boyd** gave a quick overview on the formula used to determine each school. There was discussion regarding the Jimmy Huntington School Student Activity Fund and Superintendent Boyd will look for clarity in the issue raised. There was discussion  
(Attachment C thru C-5)

5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Student Representative Report. Chairperson McGinty accepted the reports as written.  
(Attachment D thru D-1)

#### **DISCUSSION:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced BP 4117.2 Resignation. **Superintendent Boyd** discussed the language change in the BP 4117.2. There was discussion.  
(Attachment E)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Technology Overview. **Luke Meinert** introduced Chad Cottet and Sharon Hubbs to the Regional School Board as they will be presenting to the Board this afternoon. **Chad Cottet** and **Sharon Hubbs** explained what services DRS is currently supplying to the district and what they will have in the future for the school district. There was discussion.

1:10 pm – Break

1:47 pm – Resumed Meeting

5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Public Hearing 2014-2015 Budget. Superintendent Boyd gave an overview of the budget for next year. There was discussion.  
(Attachment F)
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Curriculum. Dian Gurtler would like to raise a concern with the Math Class taught by UAF at Manley Hot Springs Gladys Dart School. The content is being delivered to fast and students do not feel that they are grasping the content before moving on. Solutions raised by Ms. Gurtler is having the class earlier in the day or providing more support to students during this class. Superintendent Boyd will look into this concern and get back with Ms. Gurtler.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Classified Protocol for Hire. **Shirley Kruger** moved to postpone this action until the May 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting and at that meeting the Board will entertain a video conference with the CSC Committee. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. There was discussion. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION). **Shirley Kruger** moved to post the Allakaket Teacher Aide Position internally for five days. Gloria Patsy seconded the motion. There was discussion. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 14-12. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 14-12. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION). (Attachment G)
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 14-13. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 14-13. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED. (Attachment H)

3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 14-14. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 14-14. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment I)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 14-15. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Resolution 14-15. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment J)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Site Control. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Kerry Boyd, Superintendent of Yukon-Koyukuk School District to sign the quick claim deed for Lot 9, Block 6, U. S. SURVEY NO. 2754 A and B. TOWNSITE FOR TANANA, Alaska; Records of the Ft. Gibbon Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Shirley Kruger** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment K)
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY14 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve FY14 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment L)
7. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY14 Budget Journal Entries. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve FY14 Budget Journal Entries. **Shirley Kruger** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment M)
8. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Personnel Actions. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Personnel Actions. **Eileen Jackson** seconded the motion. **Superintendent Boyd** added to the personnel actions the following: Dave Bishop, Allakaket Principal/Teacher; Sarah Jacobson, Nulato Teacher. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.  
(Attachment N thru N-1)
9. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Classified Employee of the Year. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Cheryl Brady as Classified Employee of the Year. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.
10. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Certified Employee of the Year. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve Peggy Bruno as Certified Employee of the Year. **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. There was discussion. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

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

**Chairperson McGinty** asked for items for the next board meeting agenda. If you have other items prior to the meeting get with the board clerk.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Gloria Patsy** urges the Board to continue placing Highly Qualified/Core Areas as a high priority. We need to support our Teachers in the River Schools. YKSD teachers should be champions for our students.

**Eleanor Yatlin** is pleased with the meeting today. When a teacher is away for a long period of time it is hard on the school and students. Our Native Language is becoming successful. Along with the language the culture follows. We need to hang onto our language and document what we can.

**Wilma David** wanted the Board to know that the people who were in attendance at the Minto School Board Meeting were impressed with the business and the Board. We need Highly Qualified Teachers in all subjects in our schools. Very proud of my granddaughter, we will be sending her to a Science Camp this summer.

**Dian Gurtler** was pleased with the meeting. Was pleased with the discussion regarding the curriculum and it will bring a positive closure to the parents of Manley Hot Springs.

**Shirley Kruger** liked the positive meeting today. The comment given by Wilma David regarding the Board Meeting in Minto was a favorable one for the Board. Having positive discussions such as Behavioral Health and Leadership is an encouraging direction. Elders and Community Members need to take ownership of their school, this would help with students who are and have been struggling in the school. Another area is having highly qualified teachers in all of our schools. This is a must.

**Eileen Jackson** thanked everyone for a good meeting.

**Maurice McGinty** was pleased with the direction of the meeting and what all was presented to the Board. We need to wake up and move into the betterment of education in our schools with following the channels from our CSCs.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> of May in Nulato.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Wilma David** moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm. **Shirley Kruger** seconded the motion. VOTE: 7/0 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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Wilma David, Board Secretary

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Cheryl L. Brady, Board Clerk