

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
YUKON-KOYUKUK SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 4, 2014

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Chairperson McGinty called the 322nd Regular Board Meeting of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 4, 2014 in the counseling room at the school in Allakaket, 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 Kerry Boyd, Kimberlee Pippin, Lisa Pearce, Laurie Beam, Gale Bourne, Patty White, Carl Knudsen, Gilbert Vent, Arleigh Renolds, George Attla, Kathy Turco, Harold David Sr., Steven Bergman Sr., Julia Simon, PJ Simon, Becky Linus and Pollack Simon Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson McGinty introduced the minutes for June 6, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve the minutes for June 6, 2014. **Dian Gurtler** seconded the motion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).

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. **Gloria Patsy** moved to adopt the agenda. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. Under Reports: **Chairperson McGinty** changed Residential Committee to Certificated Hiring Committee; Under Discussion: **Chairperson McGinty** added Renolds Dog Mushing Program and Outstanding Board of the Year; Under New Business: **Chairperson McGinty** added Boarding Student Stipend and deleted Career and Technical Education Grant. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).

REPORTS:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Building Committee Report. **Dian Gurtler** listed the items on the 6-Year CIP list as given by Maintenance Director, Gale Bourne: Andrew K. Demoski is number one for renovation and Jimmy Huntington is still number one for new school. Allakaket, Minto, Gladys Dart and district-wide fuel tank removal are also on the list. Maintenance work done this summer includes: boiler service and boiler training for employees; inspections of the fire alarms, sprinklers and bulk fuel tank systems. A maintenance employee has also been trained in hazwoper operation and response. Generator inspection is going to be done every year. Allakaket had upgrades done to the water treatment plant and the kitchen food service; Huslia

had a teacher housing upgrade and various maintenance projects in school facilities; Hughes had derelict fuel tanks removed and the community is looking into building a dike around school; Koyukuk had minor upgrades to teacher housing; Nulato had the garage door and suspended ceilings fixed and an interior lighting upgrade. Some painting was also done. Kaltag teacher housing was completed and current projects include insulation and contaminated soil; Ruby had general maintenance, winterization on two teacher housing units and septic pumping; Manley had lighting upgrade and septic pumping; Minto had housing renovation, lighting upgrade, septic pumping, a boiler replacement and will have carpet replacement in classrooms; the district office will have a septic pumping. Looking into hiring a full-time maintenance man in preparation for retirement of current one. Currently are filing paperwork funding for teacher housing in Minto and Nulato. There was discussion. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Certificated Hiring Committee Report. **Superintendent Boyd** reported on new hires for all the schools and added William Bradshaw, a counselor, to the list personnel action for Allakaket. Andrew K. Demoski is short one teacher and is fortunate to have Kathleen Meckel substituting; Patty White is now the itinerant principal of Ella B. Verneti; Jimmy Huntington is fully staffed and the itinerant PE teacher is housed there. Johnny Oldman certified positions are filled but we are looking for a teacher's aide. Kaltag student numbers are lower than expected so no additional teacher is needed. MHS Gladys Dart and Merrelina A. Kangas and Raven Correspondence are fully staffed. Minto now has teacher Steve Duby who was formally working in Nulato. In response to the high turn-over of staff last year, there will be monthly phone calls and updates with principals and staff to make sure they are getting all that they need. There was discussion.

5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Principal Report. **Laurie Beam** thanked the Board for the opportunity come to Allakaket. Currently, enrollment is at 38 students. There are no seniors this year and juniors have been encouraged to get involved in activities like student council. The staff has started making home visits as they are determined to improve attendance. The maintenance department is working on getting her a telephone. Looking at RTI placement scores of students that are in the red and are in process of getting plans started to meet their needs. Thank you to Gilbert Vent, Roland Linus, Irene Henry, Marion Acker, Jessie David, Evelyn Esmailka, and the two new teachers: David Fields and Damien Zellers. Three CSC seats are open for voting on October 7th. Students said, "Sodi ke'dzeeh, gohn noh' daatl, base. We're happy you came here, thank you!"
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Superintendent Report. **Superintendent Boyd** thanked the board members who were able to attend in-service; the teachers and principals appreciated their involvement. She reported on General Information, Student Achievement and Facilities and Maintenance. There was discussion.
(Attachment A)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Chief Financial Report **Lisa Pearce** said she is glad to be here and reported on Expenditure Reports, Fiscal Year Budget Revisions, Purchase Orders Over \$40,000, and Student Activities Funds. There was discussion.
(Attachment B)

4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Coordinator's & Director's Reports.

Chairperson McGinty accepted the reports as written. **Carl Knudsen** discussed how residential school options for this fall show that there is not a lot of funding this year. We missed the grant last year and the state doesn't have any openings now but there may be an option for students to qualify for the boarding rebate. There was discussion. (Attachment C)

10:41am – Break

10:58 am – Resumed Meeting

IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

Chairperson McGinty reopened the option for persons desiring to address the board.

Mayor Bergman thanked the board for coming to Allakaket. All his kids went to this school here and his grandkids currently are attending. He thanked the board for hiring his sister Jessie. He has full confidence in her and is glad she is here. **Harold David Sr.** said welcome to all you folks to Allakaket haven't seen school board in a while and appreciate George Attla and his crew here: something different. We just got back from Minto last year and had a blast there. Thank you all.

DISCUSSION:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Renolds Dog Mushing Program. **Chairperson McGinty** presented to the board the Frank Attla Youth Sled-Dog Program books: a compilation of notes from Jimmy Huntington School students saying thank you for the program. The books can be found for viewing at Yukon-Koyukuk School District office in Fairbanks. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced **George Attla** who said that for a kid to have pride in who he is and where he came from, he has to know his history. He started the program by talking to kids and asking how their great-grandfathers and their grandfathers made a living. The dog program goes with teaching traditions and it is more than just dog mushing, but it is a way of life. Mr. Attla has found a lot of support for the program. **Dr. Renolds**, Dean of Veterinary Department of Science at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and sprint dog racer in Alaska, shared his vision and goals for the veterinary medicine program at UAF. The program was started to find students from rural Alaska who are interested and help them continue education from middle school to college. He would like to find funding for the program and will know in about a month if the NIH grant will be awarded. The things you can learn from dog mushing are life-long lessons. **PJ Simon** commented on how dog mushing provides opportunity for kids to learn hard work and have something to do. It's a bonding mechanism for the community. There was discussion.
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced ASPI Results. **Superintendent Boyd** introduced **Patty White** who explained the Alaska School Performance Index (ASPI) results. There was discussion. (Attachment D)
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced School Climate. **Superintendent Boyd** explained the School Climate and Connectedness Survey Report for 2014. There was discussion. (Attachment E)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced the Graduate Update. **Superintendent Boyd** shared about graduate activities including: College attendance, employment, program and training involvement, military and fire fighting. Our graduate rate of those attending college and pursuing careers is the highest that we've had in many years.

5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Board Member Nomination Seat. **Superintendent Boyd** talked about AASB's Board of Director's Nomination Seat. Eleanor Yatlin and Shirley Kruger are interested. There was discussion.
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Carl Rose Governance Award. **Superintendent Boyd** talked about Carl Rose Governance Award. Chairperson McGinty would like to choose Dian Gurtler as she is very involved in the entire process. There was discussion.
7. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Outstanding Board of the Year. **Superintendent Boyd** talked about Outstanding School Board Award. There was discussion.

12:20pm – Lunch

12:46 pm – Resumed Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Resolution 15-00 School Board Stipends. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to approve Resolution 15-00 School Board Stipends. **Eileen Jackson** seconded the motion. **Superintendent Boyd** talked about Resolution 15-00. There was discussion. **Eleanor Yatlin** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).
(Attachment F)
2. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced AASB Resolution 15-01. **Shirley Kruger** moved to approve AASB Resolution 15-01. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).
3. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced AHFC Resolution 15-02. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to approve AHFC Resolution 15-02. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Gloria Patsy** called for question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).
(Attachment G)
4. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Indian Education Pre-K Grant. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to approve Indian Education Pre-K Grant. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).
(Attachment H)
6. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced ANE (Bridge Project) Grant. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve Board Retreat. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).
(Attachment I)
5. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Counseling Grant. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to approve Counseling Grant. **Wilma David** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Eileen Jackson** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).
(Attachment J)

7. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced CIP List. **Gloria Patsy** moved to approve CIP List. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Eileen Jackson** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).
(Attachment K)
9. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced FY15 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Eileen Jackson** moved to approve FY15 Purchase Orders over \$40,000. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. There was discussion. **Eileen Jackson** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).
(Attachment L)
10. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Personnel Actions. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to approve Personnel Actions **Gloria Patsy** seconded the motion. **Superintendent Boyd** added William Bradshaw, school counselor based out of Allakaket, to the list. There was discussion. **Wilma David** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED (Shirley Kruger-Video Conference).
(Attachment M)
8. **Chairperson McGinty** introduced Boarding School Stipend. **Eleanor Yatlin** moved to approve Boarding School Stipend. **Eileen Jackson** seconded the motion. There was discussion. School Board Stipends was tabled and will be brought to the next meeting as an action item.

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 please contact the board clerk.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Wilma David enjoyed the people coming to the meetings, having Second Chief and Mayor here and the input from community. Enjoyed seeing kids at covered dish. Enjoyed the meeting and comments. Thank you to Evelyn for opening her home. Good meeting. Thank you.

Dian Gurtler can see the dog mushing program helping the school. Can see a great future for motivational speaking spreading the word about dog mushing. Glad to see so many here at the meeting. It was a lovely trip coming out here. Thanks to Evelyn and her husband for the lovely lunch, thanks to the cook for letting her use the kitchen and she looks forward to coming out again.

Gloria Patsy thinks it's a good thing for the board to come out to the schools. Really enjoyed meeting the principal of Allakaket and has high hopes for this year. She says we need to keep a mindful eye on the schools that need our extra support. So glad to have the chance to visit and it's good to see everybody, the school and the kids. Hopes Allakaket continues to have a lot of parent, grand-parent and community involvement. Everyone stay safe and have a lot of luck hunting.

Eileen Jackson thanked the community of Allakaket for feeding us the wonderful fish last night. Says it's good to be back in Allakaket and good to see the teachers. She hopes the word gets out that kids need to be attending schools to move up. The dog mushing that happened in Huslia; she thinks we'll have to listen to the pros and cons. More supervised; she knows it will do the kids good but worried about safety of the kids.

Eleanor Yatlin had a good dinner and the turnout was really great. She believes in Evelyn's approach to have kids bring grandparents and parents. It was a good turnout with people from city government: that way can get input from different entities. We're

really working hard to try to bring Allakaket back up. When looking at the graph, four schools went down and we still have a lot to work on to improve. Wishes the message would go out that kids would attend school. We had a good lunch and meeting and she wants to say, "Thank you."

Shirley Kruger would like to share with Allakaket to apologize for not visiting your community and your school. Looks forward to attending every year but due to work she couldn't attend. Emphasized the importance of visiting each site to realize what true communities are. So good to hear the successes of Allakaket. The community is starting to feel the pride. When the kids come to us and say, "We are happy you're here," they know we are making decisions to benefit them and they know we are there for them. Thank you Pollack Simon for sharing the story because we learn from our ancestors. She stressed the importance of local entities tribes/cities to share responsibility so that not everything is put on school and staff. Statewide funds have been cut in education so we really have to put out a lot for grants. To Allakaket: Still with you in heart soul and mind and she sits and listens through teleconference so she know your needs. Thank you to school board and staff. We really appreciate it and we see a positive coming out of Allakaket and that makes her happy.

Maurice McGinty Thank you to Allakaket. It was a very nice visit; a friendly community; very well treated. Thank you to the board for being there to help make tough decisions for betterment of schools and students. We work hard with Superintendent to strive for excellence for our young men and women. Special thank you to Allakaket for a job well done.

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 3rd of October at Hughes School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Wilma David moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 pm. **Eleanor Yatlin** seconded the motion. **Eileen Jackson** called for the question. VOTE: 7/7 YEA, MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Wilma David, Board Secretary

Kimberlee Pippin, Board Clerk