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358th Regular Board Meeting (Thursday 23 May 2019)

1. PRELIMINARIES

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 9:08

Maurice McGinty, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. on 23 May 2019 at the Raven Homeschool Office Boardroom in Anchorage, Alaska.

Procedural: 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 1.3 Roll Call Conducted by Board Secretary Shirley Kruger, Present
Maurice McGinty, Chairperson, Present
Fred Bifelt, Vice Chairperson, Excused
Gloria Patsy, Treasurer, Excused
Shirley Kruger, Secretary, Present
Wilmer Beetus, Member, Excused
Wilma David, Member, Present
Dian Gurtler, Member, Present

Procedural: 1.4 Introduction of Guests Conducted by Superintendent Kerry Boyd

Kerry Boyd, Superintendent
Richard Wilkin, III, Board Secretary
Andrea Cottrell, Director of Distance Education
Chane Beam joined in person at 9:19am
Patty White joined via VTC at 10:40am
Andrea Durny joined via VTC at 10:40am

Informational; Procedural: 1.5 Board Goals and Mission Statement ~Kerry Boyd

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ACTION)

- a. Shirley Kruger moved to approve
- b. Wilma David seconded
- c. 10:00am Andrea Durny; 10:30am Assessment
- d. 9.6 (Iditarod Biography) to be tabled
- e. 9.1.1 Curriculum with Chane Beam
- f. Approved 4-0 (Fred Bifelt, Gloria Patsy, and Wilmer Beetus absent)

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION)

- a. Shirley Kruger moved to approve
- b. Wilma David seconded



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c. Approved 4-0 (Fred Bifelt, Gloria Patsy, and Wilmer Beetus excused)

ACTION (CONSENT): 3.1 How the Consent Agenda Works

ACTION (CONSENT): 3.2 Minutes from BM 357.

- Minutes from Board Meeting 357 18 April 2019~Fairbanks

ACTION (CONSENT): 3.3 Personnel Action

- Update from Kerry Boyd on leaving of teachers; hiring of new staff, transfers, and current openings.

ACTION (CONSENT): 3.4 Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Revisions

- Kristen Winters updated budgeting revisions.
 - Huslia internet connection
 - Increase to balance expenses for family allotments
 - Cost of diplomas
 - Additional maintenance expenses
 - Personnel cost increases

ACTION (CONSENT): 3.5 FY 2019 POs over \$40,000

- Raven Family computer program; purchase made in bunches (update from Kerry Boyd)

4. COMMUNITY COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

PROCEDURAL: 4.1 Community Comment on Agenda Items

- None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORTS: 5.1 Native Language and Curriculum Committee Reports

- 5.1.A Native Language Committee by Dian Gurtler;
 - Preface for Biography needed from Board members
 - Shirley Kruger and Dian Gurtler wrote and submitted prefaces
 - Outside visitors from Washington, DC guests visited;
 - Susan and Gina asked to present at next conference in Washington, DC
 - Native Language now to be allowed to be taught as a for-credit course in high school;
 - Comments:
 - Maurice McGinty: Tribe wants to work closely with school on native language. Hoping for good cooperation between tribe and YKSD. YKSD will need support from tribe and community support;



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- Kerry Boyd: Doyon interested in having YKSD write biographies and in financially backing YKSD to write biographies;
 - Maurice McGinty: Prefers individual biographies and not to combine individuals into one book;
 - Kerry Boyd: August board meeting might be a good time to add names to write about;
 - Maurice McGinty: Let's write about 1-2 people in each community;
 - Kerry Boyd: Let's make this a board agenda item in August.
- 5.1.B Curriculum Committee by Dian Gurtler
 - a. Updates
 - i. Students struggling online with Algebra II but Algebra I is solid;
 - ii. Will be changed to tax in the work place math; budgeting and banking; taxes; etc;
 - iii. Consumable book to be used in social studies again as this is viewed as being superior to other types of books to track progress; supported by Shirley Kruger;
 - iv. Writing and literature tool to be incorporated into all classes via online tool;
 - v. Civics in secondary classes will cover personal finance;
 - vi. 1 semester of civics and economics and 1 semester of a year of state history;
 - vii. ANCSA history to be taught in school;
 - viii. Flight simulator to be moved forward and program implemented;
 - ix. Biology to be taught.
 - b. Comments:
 - i. Maurice McGinty opened the floor for comments:
 1. Question: Shirley Kruger: Are we spending money on books that we are not using?
 2. Kerry Boyd: Acellus needs to be used but kids still need small group direct instruction from teachers using textbooks; blended instruction needed;
 3. Question: Dian Gurtler: are we spending money efficiently on math books?
 4. Kerry Boyd: It is on the agenda for later in the meeting.
 5. Question: Wilma David: Are the workbooks being fully used?
 6. Kerry Boyd: Training and professional development to continue to ensure that books are effectively used.



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7. Discussion about successful teachers and what they are doing to help kids succeed. Can these teachers offer training to others in the district?

5.2 Superintendent's Report

- River School Graduating class 2019;
- Two UA scholarships (Austin Esmailka; Jeremiah Henry); Eight graduates were accepted into college; Jolene McGinty will follow up with students over the summer;
- Raven 2019 graduating class is undetermined as they have until 30 June 2019; approximately 180 students to graduate;
- Moment of silence in remembrance of Gladys Dart and for her contributions to the Manley Hot Springs community;
- Rampart student ski video shown; discussion about the successes in Rampart;
- Update on Rampart: Not eligible to be on School Board or Vote at the moment;
- Dian's term up in October; eligible to run again.
 - Rampart would fall into Minto, Manley region once they are eligible to vote.
- Completion of PEAKS (summative assessment); results will be available 21 July; families will receive these a bit later; school report cards will be available in August/September; 8th Annual Virtual Pizza Party successfully held; River schools had almost 100% attendance during PEAKS;
- E-sports is now officially sanctioned;
- Hughes classroom update; good progress being made;
- Summer school updates;
- Budget update forthcoming;
- CTE implementation to be further discussed;
- Patty White to discuss 3rd grade reading proficiency;
- Proposed eliminations---initially bleak overview but funding is now more solid for the upcoming fiscal year;
- Forward funding still not received. Our budget does not include this funding of nearly \$300,000. When we receive this, we will reallocate these funds;
- HR update
 - A June poll vote will be required regarding the Huslia Principal position;
 - Finding counselors are few and far between;
- Discussion of new and potential policies
 - Field trips and chaperones
 - Employee substance abuse testing program
 - Facility use agreement
 - Committee membership on CSCs to include student leaders
- Review of Home Away Program



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- Summer Professional Learning to Opportunities
 - ASLI conference--Anchorage
 - National Leadership Conference in Boston for Principals
 - Conscious Discipline-June
 - NIEA School Board Training in Tulsa, Oklahoma
 - NIEA Conference in Minnesota
 - Achill Workshop August 4-5
 - Principal Training August 5-7
 - New Teacher Training August 12-16
- Juneau Legislature update
- Upcoming Events highlighted
- Congratulations for Joe Bifelt on university graduation

Meeting Break 10:27

Meeting reconvened at 10:40

5.3 Director and Coordinators' Report (joined meeting at 10:40am via VTC)

- Update from Andrea Durny on basketball
 - Letters asking for donations will be sent to top 100 vendors asking for support of regional tournament in Nulato;
 - Next school year there will be a Minto Boys Team; Minto/Huslia/Tanana girls' team to continue; Nulato girls team is young; Nulato Boys team is a maybe; (M. McGinty: Allan Agnes' son wants to transfer to Nulato which may add a student); New hosting homes needed in Nulato.
 - Golden Heart Conference met on May 14.
 - Conference handbook clarified;
 - Scheduling discussed; even Minto and Tri-valley want home games as well as river schools. Costs for Fairbanks include \$1000 a night; more for river schools
 - List of local tournaments presented
 - 5-7 March Regional Tournament in Nulato
 - Wilma David asked about the possibility of hosting more home games
 - Andrea Durny updated the list
 - AKD CSC voted to have tournament in Nulato;
- Patty White updated 3rd Grade MAP reading proficiency (joined meeting at 10:40am via VTC)
 - Both winter and spring results shown
 - Improvement noted
 - Winter results: 48.28% proficient (14 out of 29)



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- Without IEP students 56%
- Spring results: 17 out of 29 (58.62% proficient)
- 17 out of 25 (68% proficient)
- Wilma David suggesting sharing the positive feedback with TCC.

5.3 Directors and Coordinators Accepted as Presented

- Moved to accept by Shirley Kruger
- Seconded by Wilma David
- Motion carried 4/0

5.4 Principals Report by Andrea Cottrell

- Welcome School Board to Anchorage
- Raven has 1227 students for next year
- 166 of these are new
- 29 students to receive Pre-K support
- This year we had slightly over 1700 students
- Goal for upcoming year is 2020 students for the year 2020;
- 5 Raven Scholarships to be awarded (2*\$1000; 3*\$500) by Raven;
- Other scholarships discussed;
- Ravens' Call Newsletter distributed;
- Raven incentive program of 20-minutes a day of reading offered to all students to encourage reading proficiency;
- Tech coaches sought to implement programs with basic skills relating this area: coding; drones; etc.
- Juneau office had a yearbook club and produced a yearbook
 - (Costs queried by Chairman McGinty? \$10-\$15)
- Goodie bag given out to enrollees in a recyclable/reusable bag
- Questions: Wilma David—How many graduates? Can we have these posted in newspapers?
 - Andrea Cottrell---This will be done after 30 June 2019
- Graduation of Raven students discussed

5.5 Student Representative Report ~ None to present

- Chief Financial Officer's Report ~ Kerry Boyd presented in lieu of CFO absence from meeting
 - Recommended to submit 2 budgets (one with Manley/one without)
 - Flights discussed and follow-up with Wrights.
 - Suggested that staff can individually donate trips on Wrights if Wrights won't give to YKSD directly.

6.1 Community Communications~None



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6.2 Every Student Succeeds Act

- Information communicated with Board

7.1 Johnny Oldman School Building

- Pictures shown; brief discussion

7.2. Basketball Activities and Fundraising

- As discussed previously in coordinator reports

7.3 Summer School by Chane Beam

- 57 students
- 7 schools
- Duration 3 weeks
- Grades 1-5
- Transport provided in Nulato
- Allakaket: in log cabin

Kerry Boyd: Baseline to be administered upon entrance and exiting

Maurice McGinty: What will they be working on during this time?

Chane Beam: Focus on reading, writing, and math

7.4 Strategic Planning by Chane Beam

- Continuation upon prior meetings
- Highlighting of changes: 1. Goals align with state's educational challenge goals; 2. CTE dorm to be built
- Non-negotiables from Superintendent
- Strategic Plan
 - School goals emanate from these two items and each school has these goals
 - Discussion among board members about strategic planning
 - Dian Gurtler: Reports from Principal and Teachers give thorough reports to CSC
 - Shirley Kruger: We need policy documents for CSC
 - CSC handbooks are needed
 - Chane Beam: Trello introduced to Board
 - Feedback on Trello is positive
 - Art showed from student that Rocky supervised during this year

7.5 Huslia Head Start discussed

- Set to begin
- Nulato will have no head start; not enough students; YKSD can petition Head Start board



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- Maurice McGinty: If numbers are not there, they are not there. So far there are 8 students. Urged going forward with petition;
- Also trying to have Pre-K with Head Start if needed
- 17 students 0-4 in Nulato; if we include 2-year olds then we can proceed

7.6 Feasibility Study on Purchasing of an Airplane

- Outline of BSSD air service
- Maurice McGinty: More research needs to be done
- Dian Gurtler: Can we just lease a plane from one of the air services?

7.7 Student Achievement ~Patty White already completed during Directors' Reports

Break: 12:03

Reconvened 13:47

8.1 Old Business ~ None

9.1 Adoption of Board Policy (BP 8110 CSC Committee Memberships; BP6153 School-Sponsored Trips; BP/E 1330 Use of School Facilities 3rd readings)

- Motion to approve ~ Shirley Kruger
- Seconded~Wilma David
- Discussion ~ Kerry Boyd outlined three policies to be approved (BP 8110; 6153; BP/E 1330)
- Questions called: None
- Policies approved and adopted 4/0

9.2 FY 20 Budget

- Motion to approve~ Shirley Kruger
- Seconded~Dian Gurtler
- Discussion: Two budgets are included; one with Manley included; one without
- Questions called:
 - Should we approve both? Discussion. Agreed to adopt both pending Manley-Gladys Dart closure
- Both budgets approved 4/0

9.3 Gladys Dart/Manley Hot Springs School Operations FY20

Motion to approve: Shirley Kruger

Seconded~ Wilma David



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Update from Kerry Boyd addressing issues that have arisen:

- If school closes, Dian can remain on board as a resident of the area;
 - Recommendation is to leave school heated for one year; maintained for at least one year
 - Situation is regrettable;
 - If school is opened with only 6 students, it is \$500,000 out of operational funds
 - Comment: Shirley Kruger—We do not want to do this. This school is named after Gladys Dart; it is sad since she just passed away;
 - Maurice McGinty community was notified prior; unfortunate;
 - Wilma David: budget precludes us from doing anything else;
 - Kerry Boyd: need to continue recruiting and try to reopen school a year later;
 - Dian Gurtler: four students coming up from within the community; 3 will be eligible for Head Start next year;
 - Kerry Boyd: to call commissioner regarding regulations on closing school
 - Wilma David: what are costs to heat school
 - Kerry Boyd: care taker is inexpensive; oil is already on site for next year
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- 4-0 carried

9.4 Resolution 19-08 Honoring Retirement of Andrea Cottrell

- Motion to Approve~ Shirley Kruger;
- Seconded ~ Dian Gurtler
- Presented by Kerry Boyd
- Speech from Andrea Cottrell
- Resolution adopted 4/0

9.5 Board Recognition Awards

- Motion by Shirley Kruger;
- Seconded by Wilma David
- Presented by Kerry Boyd
 - Employee
 - ~Dorothy Juneby: Rampart
 - River Student
 - ~Lewis Williams: Hughes
 - Raven Student
 - Summer Powell: Eagle River
- Adopted 4/0

9.6 Tabled



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9.7 Rasmusson Grant Application

- Moved ~ Shirley Kruger;
- Wilma David seconded
- Kerry Boyd updated on application status

9.8 NIEA Board Meeting

- Shirley Kruger moved;
- Dian Gurtler seconded;
- Questions and Discussion: Significant and meaningful training

Approval 4/0

- Instructions given to conduct early bird registration for Board

9.9 Board Per diem (BR 20-00)

- Moved ~ Wilma David;
- Seconded ~ Shirley Kruger
- Discussion on BR 20-00
 - Maurice McGinty: Per diem is cheap but sufficient

Questions called: Shirley Kruger; none

Adopted 4/0

9.10 YKSD Regional Board Meeting Schedule

- Wilma David moved;
- Shirley Kruger seconded;
- Kerry Boyd discussed
- Allakaket tabled until August 2020
- Koyukuk scheduled in April 2020
- All board members encouraged to attend Tulsa conference
- Minnesota travel encouraged but optional
- Approval 4/0

9.11 Curriculum

- Shirley Kruger moved;
- Wilma David seconded;
- Social studies/science/speech/reading curricula have been examined improved
- Approval 4/0



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10.1 Future Agenda Items

Please forward to Kerry Boyd or Richard Wilkin

10.2 Community Comment on Non-Agenda Items

10.3 Board Closing Comments

- Wilma David: Expressed sadness about closing Gladys Dart; enjoyed board meeting; acknowledges progress; commending everyone for tough decisions;
- Dian Gurtler: Glad that Chane gave information on curriculum and approves of these changes (i.e. civics classes); glad biography book is doing well; sorry to see Andrea Cottrell leave; appreciates change of pace provided by Anchorage meeting; wishes those upriver wellness; sad to see Gladys Dart School close but sees no alternative; thanks to board for heating facility for a year; Superintendent spoke regarding student funds still in the school and transferring to scholarship fund;
- Shirley Kruger: Sad about Gladys Dart School closing; schools keep a community alive; sad and happy for Andrea Cottrell and gave thanks for the efforts; happy to have Rampart join district; long-term goal is to have a boarding home for students with larger sites that will stop kids from going to other schools; desires a boarding home that will house 15 students. YKSD needs to share assessment results with TCC; graduation ceremonies need to acknowledge school board and teachers and local administrators need more training on this protocol; thanks for a beautiful meeting; hopes to see missing 3 members at the next meeting;
- Maurice McGinty: Andrea Cottrell-thanks for the years of service; Richard Wilkin-thank you for learning and working with us; boarding home ~ Nulato could be home owned by McGinty sisters; Gladys Dart School closure was tough decision; goals are coming together from years of work; good leaders on top and good workers; students are getting what Board thinks is good for them; more planning sessions needed to improve upon what we are doing already; thanks to board; thank you to Andrea Cottrell for hosting meeting;

WD recused herself at 14:43

- Shirley Kruger asked to share biography preface; granted.

11.1 Next Board Meeting

- August 15, 2019 in Fairbanks

11.2 Adjournment

Maurice McGinty: moved to adjourn

Shirley Kruger: seconded

Motion carried: 3/0