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360th Regular Board Meeting (Wednesday, 24 October 2019)

1. PRELIMINARIES

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 9:01

Maurice McGinty, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. on 14 May 2019 at the Fairbanks Office Boardroom in Fairbanks, 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, Arrived at 9:16
Gloria Patsy, Treasurer, Absent Unexcused
Shirley Kruger, Secretary, Present
Wilmer Beetus, Member, Present
Wilma David, Member, Absent
Dian Gurtler, Member, Present
Ruth Folger, Newly Elected Member, Present

Absences and lateness are unexcused.

Procedural: 1.4 Introduction of Guests Conducted by Superintendent Kerry Boyd

Kerry Boyd, Superintendent
Kristen Winters, Chief Financial Officer
Susan Paskvan, Native Language Coordinator
Patty Woody, CTE Coordinator
Kristi Burns, Federal Programs Coordinator
Luke Meinert, Assistant Superintendent
Cristina Welker, Director of Special Education and Support Services
Chane Beam, Director of Teaching and Learning
Richard Wilkin, III, Board Secretary
Gina Hrinko, Director of Federal Programs
Patty White, Director of Operations
Sigwein Cleveland, Maintenance Department (Johnny Oldman School)

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



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2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ACTION)

- A. Shirley Kruger moved to approve
- B. Dian Gurtler seconded
- C. 7.7 will contain Executive Discussion
- D. Approved 7-0

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION)

- A. Shirley Kruger moved to approve; Dian Gurtler seconded motion.
- B. Approved 5-0

ACTION (CONSENT): 3.1 How the Consent Agenda Works

ACTION (CONSENT): 3.2 Minutes from BM 359

- Minutes from Board Meeting 359 14 August 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 budget revisions.

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

- Kristen Winters updated POs over \$40,000.

ACTION 4.1 Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members

- Gloria Patsy (Seat D)
- Ruth Folger (Seat G)

ACTION 4.2 Nominations of Board Chairs

Motion to open the floor for nominations for President of the Board:

Maurice McGinty nominated by Fred Bifelt

Nomination seconded by Dian Gurtler

Chair Maurice McGinty



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Vice President of the Board

Motion to open the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Board:

Fred Bifelt nominated by Wilmer Beetus

Nomination seconded by Dian Gurtler

Dian Gurtler nominated Shirley Kruger

Nomination seconded by Fred Bifelt

Wilmer Beetus motioned to close nominations.

Motion seconded by Dian Gurtler

Vice President of the Board: Fred Bifelt

Treasurer of the Board

Motion to open the floor for nominations for Treasurer of the Board:

Gloria Patsy nominated by Fred Bifelt

Nomination seconded by Ruth Folger

Ruth Folger nominated by Dian Gurtler

Nomination seconded by Fred Bifelt

Treasurer of the Board: Gloria Patsy

Board Secretary

Ruth Folger nominated by Dian Gurtler

Nomination seconded by Fred Bifelt

Shirley Kruger nominated by Ruth Folger

Nomination seconded by Fred Bifelt

Fred Bifelt moved close nominations

Motion seconded by Wilmer Beetus



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Shirley Kruger elected

5. COMMUNITY COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

PROCEDURAL: 5.1 Community Comment on Agenda Items

- None

6.1 COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORTS: 6.1.1 Policy Committee

- 6.1.A AR regarding charter flights reported on. Board agrees to open

REPORTS: 6.1.2 Native Language Committee

- Compiling list of elders to create biographies
 - I. Susan Paskvan presented details on elders' biographies in partnership with UAF

6.2 Superintendent's Report: Kerry Boyd

- Welcome from Superintendent and welcome to Ruth Folger and Gloria Patsy;
- Thanks to Wilma David for her 12-years of service;
- Alaska Superintendents' Conference update
 - YKSD hosted this event;
 - Three schools participated: Rampart; Kaltag; and Nulato;
- NIEA Conference in Minneapolis
 - Phenomenal conference
 - Susan Paskvan and Gina Hrinko presented at the conference on native language
 - Multiple sessions attended and discussed including one on nurturing the trees within our students
 - Session from Seattle public schools implementing programs that we may want to mimic and meetings being set up
 - Fred Bifelt commented: We should reach out to Shane Doyle, Rebecca Goff, and Natushi Fish
 - Kerry Boyd: We will get preliminary information to bring to the December board meeting;
- Follow up from last Board Meeting
 - CIP Plan Submitted to DEED;
 - Budget Submitted to DEED;
 - Summer School
 - Head Start for Jimmy Huntington
 - Etc (UPDATE)
- Beginning November 15, gate installed at DO and there would be a code to let people into the gate;
- Annual Notice sent out regarding travel during the winter months;



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- Fire Drills and Earthquake drills;
- New positions being posted for science technology engineering and math (STEM) and a \$2.1million grant received;
- State Boarding Home Allotment increase and we can use this to keep our students in our own district;
 - Maurice McGinty: Disappointed in the fact that members of the community that sit on the CSC who send students away to boarding schools. This has a knock on effect where kids come back and recruit other students to leave their villages. The intent of the REAA is to keep kids in the villages in their home culture.
 - Dian Gurtler: Our own teachers have students outside of the district.
 - Shirley Kruger: Can we add a clause to the contract to make sure district teachers keep their kids in our schools?
 - Kerry Boyd: We cannot legally do this.
 - Maurice McGinty: We cannot legally do this.
 - Ruth Folger: My grandkids say that school in the urban areas of Alaska is easier than it was in Minto.
 - Maurice McGinty: Students go away for a better education but we provide a good quality education. We do not have the extra-curriculars other places have.
- Statewide initiatives
 - Reading bill
 - Superintendents Meeting with Commissioner regarding retaining students; Department of Education is working on a bill that contains a retention component; discussion of retention of students and retention for the purposes of holding students back a grade level.
 - Dian Gurtler: Opposed to the idea that students cannot read in cursive; Cursive will become like Native Language;
 - Shirley Kruger: Has an 11-year old who cannot write in cursive and cannot read in cursive;
 - Fred Bifelt: We need to look at this holistically and undiagnosed learning disabilities;
 - Discussion around teaching of cursive
 - DEED has contracted with a retired Superintendent about putting in place a statewide virtual school.
- Safety and Security Update
 - YKSD sent a team of administrators, counselors and teachers to the AK School Safety and Well Being Summit.
- Enrollment Update
 - Not finalized but we are in the 20-day count right now. River schools have 283 students; Raven has 1721.



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- Maurice McGinty: It will be interesting to see the number of students in Nulato as a number of students just withdrew;
- Fred Bifelt: What is pushing Raven's growth?
- Kerry Boyd: We are growing steadily. The quality of services is important as well.
- Staff Vacancies
 - Updates given and will be given at the next board meeting
- Systems Approach Professional Learning
 - Principals come in 5 times per year;
 - Teachers have training 4 times per year;
 - Paraprofessional training quarterly.
 - Summer training
 - Maintenance training
- Curriculum
 - ANCSA course
 - Speech course
- Facilities and Capital Projects
 - Fred Bifelt: Where are we on expanding the gym.
 - Kerry Boyd: We would get the money first and then expand it. We do not want to lose any points on our application.
 - Fred Bifelt: Could we expand it out and add in bleachers.
 - Fred Bifelt: How much did we ask for?
 - \$9-\$12 million
 - Rampart: We have spent \$40-\$50k out of the \$120,000. We sending a smaller team out in November. The architects will give us a recommendation for December on whether we can maintain the current building or do we need to find another site for a new building.
- Strategic Plan
- Upcoming Events
 - November 7-10 AASB
 - Board Retreat 3-4 December 2019
 - District Wide Shootout December 5th in Minto
 - Next Board Meeting 05 December in Fairbanks
- Break 10:45
- Meeting called to order 10:57

6.3 Directors' and Coordinators Reports

Agreed to accept all reports as given

Fred Bifelt: Requested update on carpentry workshop in Huslia and wants more of this type of curriculum instituted in our schools.



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Patty Woody: Update on future trainings for students
Add on to next meeting about shops and equipment.

Shirley Kruger: We need to get all of the shops working properly.

6.4 CFO Report~Kristen Winters

- Audit was completed;
- No audit findings
- Presentation will be at Anchorage Board Meeting
- Food Services Update: \$9271 grant approved for upgrades for Nulato; Koyukuk; and Ruby
- Budget revisions given;
- Budget updates given;
- Thanks to Gana-A'yoo for donation to three schools
 - Fred Bifelt suggested to place a letter in the newspaper thanking these organizations for their donations.

6.5 Principals Reports

- Accepted

7.1 Community Communications

None

7.2 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): Student Achievement

- All River Schools achieved universal ratings
- All students and staff received a hoodie to celebrate this achievement

8.1 GeoForce Brian Reggiani Presentation

- Wants to recruit 12 students from YKSD;
- Requires a 'B' average in math and science;
- Completely free to students

8.2 Rampart School: Alaska Division of Elections

- Update on boundaries and correspondence brought forward;
- Bringing Rampart into the district has not yet been done through the Alaska Division of Elections.



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8.3 Jimmy Huntington and Andrew K. Demoski Head Start Programs

- Jimmy Huntington is running well;
- Meeting with TCC occurred right after the past Board Meeting;
- TCC is waiting for one more vote from its board to approve Andrew K. Demoski's Head Start program;
- TCC requested a one-year waiver of rent if the program can begin this year;
- Two people from Nulato will be hired to run this program.

8.4 Administrative Regulation: Charter Flights

9.1 Old Business~None

10.1 District Wide Inservice

Motion by Shirley Kruger to discuss
Seconded by Fred Bifelt

Presentation by Chane Beam

Call for questions: Shirley Kruger
Fred Bifelt motioned to approve
Shirley Kruger seconded
Approved 6-0

10.2 AASB Annual Conference

Motion by Shirley Kruger to discuss
Seconded by Ruth Folger

Discussion:

- Gloria Patsy and Fred Bifelt will not be able to attend;
- Discussion of calendar/agenda

Attendance approved 6-0

10.3 Montessori

Motioned by Dian Gurtler
Seconded by Shirley Kruger

Discussion:

Kerry Boyd: explained Montessori models of education



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Fred Bifelt: requested more information on Montessori models of education to be presented at next board meeting.

10.4 Summer School

Motion by Shirley Kruger to discuss
Seconded by Fred Bifelt

Presentation by Chane Beam

Call for questions: Shirley Kruger
Fred Bifelt motioned to approve
Shirley Kruger seconded

10.5 YKSD Biographies

Motion to approve: Shirley Kruger
Seconded by: Dian Gurtler

- Presentation was earlier by Susan Paskvan;
- Need preface from various board members
- Book to be published in spring 2020

Approved 6-0

10.6 Greenhouses Farms to Schools

Motion by Shirley Kruger to discuss
Seconded by Fred Bifelt

Motion to approve: Shirley Kruger
Seconded by: Fred Bifelt

- Each greenhouse requires a point person;
 - Greenhouses can be community run;
 - Classbased is also an option;
 - Implementation would be next year;

Call for Questions: Shirley Kruger
Motion to approve: Fred Bifelt
Seconded by Ruth Folger
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10.7 Minto Out of State Field Trip

Motion by Shirley Kruger to discuss



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Seconded by Fred Bifelt

Call for questions: Maurice McGinty

Approved 6-0

10.8 Board Recognition of Staff and Students

- Ronald Pitka from Kaltag selected;
- Julie selected
- Andrianna from Raven selected;
- Alexis Moses from Koyukuk selected;

Approved 6-0

10.9 AHFC Teacher Housing Grant Application

Motion by Shirley Kruger to discuss
Seconded by Ruth Folger

Call for questions: Maurice McGinty

Approved 6-0

10.10 Architectural Contract

Motion by Shirley Kruger to discuss
Seconded by Fred Bifelt

Attempting to get a five-year contract with an architectural firm for a 5-year retainer. ECI was the clear winner of this tender process.

Fred Bifelt: Were there two firms?

Kerry Boyd: We would have back-up firms. ECI would be first; BCI second.

Call for questions: Shirley Kruger

Approved 6-0

Lunch Break: 12:21pm
Meeting resumed: 12:47pm



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11.1 Future Agenda Items

Please let Kerry Boyd or Richard Wilkin know.

11.2 Community Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Subsistence schedule brought up by Ruth Folger
- Input received from CSC of each school
- Submitted to Department of Education

11.3 Board Closing Comments

Dian Gurtler: Looking forward to seeing the Montessori education feedback

Ruth Folger: Happy to be on the Board and be here. Enjoys being part of the education process.

Wilmer Beetus: Sorry that everyone did not make it to Hughes. Interesting to be in the meeting via tele-conference. Congratulations to Ruth Folger. Thank you to Wilma for your service. GeoForce is interesting. Summer school is also interesting. Happy that more biographies are being added. The greenhouse project will work in some areas. The Huslia shop on the next agenda is really important to have hands on learning. We need more talk of CTE. Happy that Hughes and Rampart are on the CIP list. Spoke with John Moeller at AFN and told him that Rampart hadn't been changed to YKSD. Montessori is interesting and he is keen to learn more.

Shirley Kruger: Welcome to Ruth Folger. Welcome back to Gloria Patsy. Thank you to Wilma David. Thank you to the staff for making meetings happen. Thank you to Richard for running around and making these happen. The conversation on curriculum at NIEA was interesting. The statistics on Alaska sad and we need to do better. We are discussing Montessori. I would like to see success with Montessori lead to an increase of skills. The socio-emotional learning makes things better. We need to invest in our younger kids in order to make changes. The calendar is a big deal. We need to think about this in terms of consistency in education. I'm glad about the calendar we have. The biography progress is good. NIEA Annual Conference feedback: We need to do partnerships with other school districts. Happy to be here. Thank you to all.

Fred Bifelt: Welcome to Ruth Folger; welcome back to Gloria Patsy. Appreciative of Wilma David's contributions. We are traveling a lot to conferences in an effort to better serve our students. If what we are doing is not totally working for our students, we have an obligation to push the envelope and give our kids more options. We don't need to keep doing what we've done for 200 years. Can we shift and reshape our schools to find better solutions for our kids. We are finding some solutions for some of our kids but a good portion of our student body we aren't doing enough for them. We need to do more with indigenous cultures; Montessori, and play-



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based education. We need to be risk-takers; step out of our comfort zone; and I believe we can do it. We should also name our schools after some people and make this an agenda item. In closing, I respect everyone here and I'm proud to be part of the school district.

Maurice McGinty: We have one of the best superintendent's in the state and she was recognized! Congratulations to Ruth Folger and Gloria Patsy. Thank you for acknowledging our absence from Hughes. I'm anxious to learn more about Montessori. I'm anxious to hear more about GeoForce. I was just looking at what's happening in Greenland and the melting of ice and how it's affecting global change and the rising sea level and how it will affect us. Who would believe that we could walk around October 24 in Alaska in a t-shirt. The biographies are good. The greenhouse is getting me excited. We need to tie in our Tribal Governments to this project. This was a good meeting; short. Please fix the clock on the wall. The next meeting is in Anchorage in December.

12.1 Date and Place of Next Meeting

December 5, 2019

Anchorage, AK

12.2 Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Fred Bifelt
- Motion seconded: Shirley Kruger
- Meeting adjourned 13:45