



# SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Board Report November 28, 2018**

### **Workshop**

#### **Strategic Plan and Testing Data**

Nick and Alan will lead the discussion on these two topics.

#### **Financial Audit**

Lucienne will speak to the audit. Thanks to her exceptional leadership we have another fine audit without any significant issues.

#### **Cell Phone Use**

Nick and Alan can speak to this issue. There had been some concerns over our cell phone and other device policy. In particular, it was raised in Port Alexander. The issue was reviewed at length in a recent teacher Inservice. Our existing policy seems adequate and sites have the ability to address issues with use on site. The topic was important so we have allowed time for further discussion.

### **Meeting**

#### **Kasaan Housing**

We recently sold the old housing unit. It should be moved from the property this month. We will then decide whether to buy another modular or to bid out a stick-built home. We will have insurance money to work with for the replacement unit; however, due to restrictions on how the insurance company would reimburse us, we will not be able to build it ourselves.

#### **New Hollis School**

The Hollis School replacement is sitting at number two on the Capital Improvement Project list for construction projects. When the list was first published, I had been pretty optimistic that it would be funded this year, as Alaska had seemed to be climbing out of the fiscal hole. The recent events in Saudi Arabia have resulted in a dramatic drop in oil prices. Oil has dropped from \$75.00 to \$50.00 a barrel. With the resulting decrease in revenue, I don't think that the budget for education will fare well. I am not optimistic on funding for the school or any improvement in education funding. Should the new school be approved, expect a year of planning and construction the following year.

### **Special Education Position**

Carlyn Wooten has resigned her position at Thorne Bay School. We have just posted the opening. Janet Stout is covering with some assistance from Priscilla Goulding. We hope to have someone in place in January.

### **Animal MOA**

We had an issue at a site regarding care of livestock. While we have sorted this problem out, we need to make sure that livestock and other animals at sites are receive proper care. We are working to make expectations clear for sites with animals and are developing a document to explain the acceptable standard for animal care and maintenance of facilities. Should the District be required to perform cleanup, the site will be responsible for those costs.

### **American Red Cross Shelters**

Our sites will be available as shelters for emergencies. A representative from the Red Cross is coming by the schools to measure square footage.

### **11. B. Power School Purchase of Registration Signature Module**

This is to reduce the paperwork burden on parents enrolling students and to reduce the burden later when we don't have the needed documentation. The price is guaranteed for the life of the contract. Nick and Chris can speak to this issue. **I recommend approval.**

### **11. C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Board Policy 3310, Purchasing Procedures**

When we approved this policy earlier in the year, we had failed to include a dollar amount. Lucienne recommended \$25,000. Chris or Lucienne can speak to this. **I recommend approval.**

### **12. B. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading AR 3580.1, Criminal Justice Information Security**

The Department of Public Safety recently audited all entities that perform fingerprint-based background checks on employees. One requirement that was highlighted in the audit was that we get these policies enacted. **I recommend moving this to a second reading to allow time for further review.**

### **12. C. 2018-2019 Occupational Therapy Contract Addendum with Tara-Renee H. Whalen**

This addendum includes an addition of service days since we have more students requiring these services than originally anticipated. **I recommend approval.**

### **12. D. Memorandum with Organized Village of Kasaan**

The Organized Village of Kasaan has offered to take responsibility for summer greenhouse management. We have stated that they can utilize the produce as they see fit during that time. This saves the district the cost of an employee in the summer and should see the greenhouse in full production when students arrive in August. **I recommend approval.**

**12. E. Resolution 2019-01: A Resolution Regarding the Rehire of Retired Teachers**  
We have no plan to seek retired teachers in particular but we are required to have this in policy should we decide to seek a retired teacher. **I recommend approval.**

**12. F. Memorandum of Agreement with Southeast Island Education Association for Changes to Rental Rates**

It had come to our attention that our rental rates were flawed. Rates were previously based on how many bedrooms were in a unit, with no consideration for the size or type of unit. This update reduces the single-wide trailer rates to less those for than a larger units. **I recommend approval.**

**12. G. Marksmanship Program Proposal**

John and James Stevens have been looking hard a marksmanship program. We had made attempts to get this program in place some years ago but have been thwarted by more cumbersome coach training requirements. We have some pellet guns but they are just sitting in general. They are considering the possibility of making it a Thursday elective class at Thorne Bay with expansion to outer sites if training can be arranged.

The second consideration is a program involving small caliber pistols or rifles. I have watched the video of this program and I am confident we would have high student interest. This is more complicated but I would endorse both opportunities. John was unable to get a proposal in for Chris to include with the packet. We may discuss this further tonight but would not expect action without a written plan.

Sincerely,



Lauren Burch  
Superintendent