

SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Heidi Young called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

Shannon Silverthorn attended in person. Sandy Curtis and Student Representatives Ashia Cross and Caitlin Aspery attended via video teleconferencing. Heidi Young, Molly Kimzey, and Rebecca Saffold attended via phone. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: *Approve the agenda*

By: *Kimzey*

Second: *yes*

Student Representative Vote: *2 in favor; 0 opposed*

Board Vote: *5 in favor; 0 opposed*

Resolved: *motion passed*

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Board President Heidi Young and Board Clerk Shannon Silverthorn welcomed visitors – in Coffman Cove: Chad Dillman, Janie Wainscott; in Kasaan: Shane Scamahorn, Nannette Scamahorn; in Hollis: Lisa Cates, Kelsey Beck; in Hyder: Scott Haugen, Tiffany Haugen, Amy Craft, Jackie Korpela; in Naukati: Laura Anania, Tara Musser; in Port Alexander: Jake Markey, Pennie Cornett, Paul Young, Shanna Smith, Isaac Blair, Izaak Markey, Karis VonDoloski, Savannah Markey, Avery Markey, Jackson VonDoloski, Odessa VonDoloski, Heidi VonDoloski, Martin VonDoloski, Joe VonDoloski, Debra Gifford; Thorne Bay: Branzon Anania, Alan Schwab, Brad Clark, Sam Sawyer, Jay Kohn, Terri Kohn, Priscilla Goulding, Karen Clark, Airica Tripple; via phone: Mark Gunkel, Tracy Gunkel, Joanna Schneider, Charles Becker, Joseph VonDoloski

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brad Clark commented regarding school climate and Principal at Thorne Bay School. Alan Schwab commented regarding Dancing with the Spirit program, staff changes, and shout-out for a departing employee. Sam Sawyer commented regarding concerns with providing comments in the past, frustrations with District and programs, contributions of the former Technology Assistant, and effects of cutting Technology Assistant position. Lisa Cates commented regarding Hollis School, courses and projects, occupational therapy student intern, thanks to staff and students, and the Dancing with the Spirit program. Amy Craft commented regarding a letter from the District to Hyder School families. Shanna Smith read letters from the Port Alexander ASC and a community member regarding the school and in support of retaining the current Lead Teacher. Jake Markey commented in support of the Port Alexander Lead Teacher. Paul Young commented regarding a petition signed by community members, a statement by a high school student, and offered his own comments all in support of retaining the current Port Alexander Lead Teacher. Karis VonDoloski commented regarding support of retaining the current Port Alexander Lead Teacher. Savannah Markey commented in support of the current Port Alexander Lead Teacher and family. Izaak Markey commented in support of the current Port Alexander Lead Teacher. Jackson VonDoloski commented on his positive experience at Port Alexander School and in support of retaining the current Lead Teacher. Avery Markey commented in support of the current Port Alexander Lead Teacher and family. Joseph VonDoloski commented regarding his positive experience at Port Alexander School and in support of the current Lead Teacher.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: *Approve the consent agenda [November 20, 2019 regular meeting minutes; January 2020 financial report; FY 2021 certified employment for Christine Cook, Chadwick Dillman, Julia Trischman, Julie Vasquez; FY 2020 classified employment for Jonathan Bates (Food Service Worker, Freight/Delivery), Jasmine Clyburn (Food Service Worker), David Schneider (Custodian), Jason Wakefield (Archery Coach), Michael Congdon (Archery Coach), Mark Gunkel (HS Boys & Girls Basketball Coach)]*

By: *Silverthorn*

Second: *yes*

Student Representative Vote: *2 in favor; 0 opposed*

Board Vote: *5 in favor; 0 opposed*

Resolved: *motion passed*

ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD REPORTS

Sherry Becker gave the Superintendent report. Topics included: legislation, staffing, parent affidavits, increasing visibility for our schools and district, recommendations on business items, and an update on information for the Float House sale.

Alan Schwab gave the Assistant Superintendent report. Topics not covered in public comment included maintenance crew efforts with winter weather and a leak in the Thorne Bay gym.

Charles Becker gave the Assistant Principal/Coordinator report. Topics included State compliance board review of grants in December, changes to the Naukati School Improvement grant to respond to community input, the Alaska Reads Act, and VTC class model.

Lucienne Smith gave the Business Manager's report. Topics included:

Branzon Anania gave the Maintenance Director Report. Topics included: thanks to the maintenance team, current and upcoming projects, the SISD float, and busses.

Caitlin Aspery and Ashia Cross gave their student board reports. Topics included courses, events, activities and student feedback district-wide.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion: Approve [Item] 10.A., the general fund revision of the FY 2020 budget

By: Kimzey

Second: yes

Student Representative Vote: 2 in favor; 0 opposed

Board Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed

Resolved: motion passed

Motion: Approve the professional services contract with National Evaluation Group, LLC, for THRIVE grant evaluation and consultation services

By: Silverthorn

Second: yes

Student Representative Vote: 2 in favor; 0 opposed

Board Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed

Resolved: motion passed

Motion: Approve the professional services agreement for Opioid Response Planning Grant services with Haley Armstrong for up to \$40,000

By: Silverthorn

Second: yes

Student Representative Vote: 2 in favor; 0 opposed

Board Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed

Resolved: motion passed

Motion: Enter into negotiations with GCI Communication Corporation – the lowest responsible bidder for RFP #20-ISP1, Digital Transmission Services/Internet Services – for a three-year contract based on their proposal.

By: Silverthorn

Second: yes

Student Representative Vote: 2 in favor; 0 opposed

Board Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed

Resolved: motion passed

Motion: Approve the purchase of four school busses awarded through the school bus grant for \$441,674 plus \$18,228 shipping.

By: Saffold

Second: yes

Student Representative Vote: 1 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstained

Board Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed

Resolved: motion passed

ADVANCE PLANNING

The next regular Board meeting will be at Thorne Bay School on February 19, 2020 at 5:30 pm, preceded by a workshop at 4:30 pm for board self-evaluation [the date was later changed to February 24, 2020].

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Clark commented regarding Thorne Bay School climate, support of the current Principal, and concern over changes. Brad Clark commented regarding becoming political, community jobs, the grant to pave the Kasaan road, a long term comprehensive plan, and support of Port Alexander involvement. Janie Wainscott commented regarding decision making, the Howard Valentine Coffman Cove weight room, and equipment use. Mark Gunkel commented in support of retaining the current Port Alexander Lead Teacher.

BOARD COMMENT

Shannon Silverthorn commented regarding community input and involvement and staff recognition. Molly Kimzey commented regarding budget cuts and contacting legislators. Heidi Young commented regarding parent and community involvement, pride in students, and budget solutions. Ashia Cross commented regarding STEAM week.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Motion: Move into executive session [to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the character and reputation of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion, more specifically, superintendent evaluation, superintendent/board relations, superintendent contract negotiations].

By: Silverthorn

Second: yes

Student Representative Vote: 1 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstained

Board Vote: 5 in favor; 0 opposed

Resolved: motion passed

Time: 8:06 PM

Caitlin Aspery, Ashia Cross and Molly Kimzey did not rejoin the meeting after executive session.

Motion: Go back into regular session.

By: Silverthorn

Second: yes

Board Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed

Resolved: motion passed

Time: 9:14 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn

By: Young

Second: yes

Board Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed

Resolved: motion passed

Time: 9:15 PM

Heidi Young, Board President

Date

Shannon Silverthorn, Board Clerk

Date