



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING March 26, 2025

MINUTES

Location: Thorne Bay School and via Zoom,
1010 Sandy Beach Rd, Thorne Bay, Alaska 99919

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Tony Lovell called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Benjamin Blair and Tony Lovell (President) attended in person. Debbie Fehr, Molly Kimzey (Clerk), and William Tyrell attended via audio/video conference.

Student Representative: Teagen Taylor attended in person.

Quorum: yes

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. DISTRICT VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS

The Board reviewed and reaffirmed the District Vision, Mission, and Goals.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve today's agenda.

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

6. WELCOME TO VISITORS

Board President Tony Lovell welcomed all visitors attending in person and via Zoom.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including: February 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes, March /18/2025 special meeting minutes, the March 2025 financial report, and employment including FY 2026 teacher contracts, pending

receipt of required documentation for Joseph Burch, Joe Harrington, and Laureen Lapan; FY 2026 teacher contract addendums for Sonya Cook and Julia Trischman; FY 2025 classified employment, pending receipt of required documentation, for Amanda Hotch; and FY 2025 extracurricular contracts for George Nix and Korrisa Oatman.

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

9. ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD REPORTS

Rod Morrison presented the Superintendent's report. Topics included: goals, engagements, upcoming events, and shout-outs. Superintendent Morrison then invited each department and school to share highlights of their reports.

Area Principal/Dean of Students Shaine Nixon share highlights about events and activities district-wide and at AK-TRAILS, Naukati, and Thorne Bay Schools. He also shared a video presentation. Lead Teacher Mike Congdon shared highlights from Barry Craig Stewart Kasaan School. Co-Lead Teacher Lisa Cates shared highlights from Hollis School. Mackenzie Slayton shared highlights from Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School. Lead Teacher Patrick Trischman shared highlights from Port Alexander School. Lead Teacher Andy Cook shared highlights from Whale Pass School. Amanda Blankenship shared highlights from the Activities department. Brandy Schmitz-Prefontaine shared highlights from the Greenhouse/Agriculture department. Scott Randall shared highlights from the Maintenance department. Robbin Perkins Askew shared highlights from Special Programs department. Everett Cook shared highlights from the Technology department.

Reports for the Business department, Child Nutrition Programs department, and State & Federal Programs/Grants department were included in the board meeting packet for review.

Teagen Taylor presented the Student Representative report. Topics included: student opportunities, activities, events, contests and classes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve BP 1321, Solicitation of Funds from and by Students, BP 1322, Public Performances by Students, BP 1325, Advertising and Promotion, and BP 1325.1, Commercials.

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

11. NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Tyrell moved to move the FY 2026 Budget to a second reading

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Motion: Mr. Tyrell moved to approve as the 2025-2026 Calendar for all schools Calendar B.

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to Approve the Archery Western Nationals Field Trip to Sandy, UT in April 2025.

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Original Motion: Mr. Blair moved to move BP 1330, Use of School Facilities, BP 1331, Memorial Policy, BP 1340, Access to School Records, BP 1400, Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools, BP 1410, Interagency Cooperation for Student and Staff Safety, and BP 1700, Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools to a second reading.

Second: yes

Amendment: Mr. Blair moved to amend the original motion by removing "BP 1331, Memorial Policy.

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: amendment passed unanimously (5-0)

Amended Motion: Move BP 1330, Use of School Facilities, BP 1340, Access to School Records, BP 1400, Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools, BP 1410, Interagency Cooperation for Student and Staff Safety, and BP 1700, Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools to a second reading.

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: amended motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to move BP 6173, Education of Gifted and Talented Students, to a second reading.

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve and authorize the Superintendent to enter into Contract #DCRS-26-46-001 with SERRC for the provision of School Psychology, Speech-Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy services in the amount of \$43,643.51.

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve the purchase and deployment of an in-house artificial intelligence (AI) server, as proposed by the Technology Director, at a cost not to exceed \$19,000, to support secure and scalable district-wide AI operations.

Second: yes

Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yea: 1; Nay: 0

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board reviewed the informational items in the board meeting packet.

13. ADVANCE PLANNING

The next regular Board meeting start at 5:30 PM on Wednesday April 16, 2025, at Whale Pass School [the location was later changed to Thorne Bay School]. A work session will precede the meeting and start at 4:30 PM

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Shaine Nixon commented regarding a 5th grade student placing in the state spelling bee and the ASC work session in Thorne Bay.

15. BOARD COMMENT

Molly Kimzey commented regarding coins for graduating seniors. William Tyrell commented regarding good things happening in the District. Tony Lovell gave a shout out to all cooks at the schools.

Student Representative Teagen Taylor left the meeting.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Motion: Mr. Blair moved that we enter 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 contract.

Second: yes

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Time: 7:45 PM

Motion: Mr. Blair moved that we exit executive session and resume the special meeting.

Second: yes

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Time: 8:06 PM

Motion: Mr. Blair moved that we approve the FY 2026 - FY 2028 Superintendent Contract.

Second: yes

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: yes

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Time: 8:07 PM

Board President

Date

Board Clerk

Date