



# SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Board Report 8-23-17**

### **Staffing**

We had a very late departure from the elementary wing of Thorne Bay School. We were fortunate to have a reasonable pool of applicants on file. We were able to make an excellent hire and that teacher was able to get here quickly.

Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School numbers are up enough to be a concern with just one teacher. We were able to find an AmeriCorps volunteer with a teaching certificate who will be able to work 0.30 FTE as a teacher. We simply did not have the funds to expand to a full-time second teacher. We can revisit the issue after the count period when we know our funding for the year.

We will make do with two AmeriCorps positions in the district and cancel the request for an additional worker in Thorne Bay. We believe we can cover the Culinary Arts program internally with existing hours. The limited operation of the Café during the school year does not justify the additional position.

Sites continue to evaluate their aide needs and we expect there to be some cost savings.

We are in belt-tightening mode. When individuals approach you about why we don't have this or that, remind them we have placed our financial assets in people working with our students. The pie is only so big and requires trimming everywhere else we can.

### **Café**

We successfully operated the Thorne Bay Café this summer. Nick Higson volunteered as manager and, when needed, as cook, waiter, and dishwasher. It still has not penciled out financially and the café will close after this Saturday. As a business, it has not paid for itself. As an educational tool, it has been wonderful. While I find it reasonable to have some operating costs if we are educating students and providing marketable skill training, the café is difficult to sustain in a time with declining educational funding.

Continued operation is under review and the decision to operate may be influenced by whether we have a culinary arts program. After the start of the school year, we will review fundraising use and determine whether there is a point to limited operation. Our objective has been to involve students. Surprisingly, this has been more difficult in the summer as many of our youth have other employment opportunities. Four students were involved this summer. With an operational culinary arts program, many were involved during the school year.

## Grant Report

Federal Programs funding comparison between this year and last year:

<u>Program</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>
Title IA:	\$63,443	\$62,806
Title IC (Migrant Ed)	\$32,379	\$52,443
Title IIA (Professional Development)	\$37,257	\$20,944
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$133,079</b>	<b>\$146,193</b>

Title IVA, Student Support and Academic Enrichment, is new this year. For FY 2018, we will receive \$10,000. This was written for three enrichment activities:

1. Dancing with the Spirit, ([www.dancingwiththespirit.org](http://www.dancingwiththespirit.org)) This is the music program we offered at Hollis this past year. The team comes for a week and engages the entire school. We wish to expand this to as many schools as funding will allow. Lisa Cates has been working hard to secure additional funding.
2. Art for the Sky (<http://www.artforthesky.com/default.htm>)
3. Zach Desmond from Sitka's Island Institute (unfortunately, he won't be able to come to our district this year because he was accepted to Julliard School for acting)

## Business Items

### **10. A. Memorandum of Understanding with Hyder Community Association for the Lease of the Hyder Waterworks Building and Grounds: 2017-2018 School Year.**

This arrangement is working well for the district. Although the space is tight, the rooms are small and heating is an issue, it remains our best option and ***I recommend approval.***

### **10. B. 2017-2018 Student Handbook**

***I recommend approval.***

### **10. C. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Board Policy 6142.1, Family Life/Sex Education**

***I recommend moving this item to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading*** to allow time for the Board to review.

### **10. D. Approval of Awarding the Contract for the Hollis Wood-fired Boiler and Greenhouse Electrical System Installation to the Lowest Responsible Bidder, Tongass Electric**

***I recommend approval.***

### **10. E. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Energy Management Plan**

Alaska administrative code requires that a district have a facility management program that addresses an energy management plan for the district. AASB provided some guidance regarding the content of the energy management plan. This is our first draft of an updated plan. Our teachers will be providing additional input during inservice and we plan to make updates before the next board meeting. ***I recommend moving this item to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.***

**10. F. Resolution 2018-01: A Resolution to Participate in the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Agency (AMLJIA) Loss Control Incentive Program**  
*I recommend approval.*

**10. G. AASB Call for Resolutions**

Having a bunch of resolutions is lovely. Getting even one of them through the legislature is an interesting prospect. I don't think we need to give this a great deal of attention. If memory serves me, I think Heidi was invited last year to attend and work on these issues. It may serve us well to have one member attend the meeting where these are resolved to look out for our interests.

Our funding appears to be stable. It would not be a bad idea to send the entire board to the fall AASB Conference as an opportunity to spend time together and review the hot topics for the year.

**10. H. AASB Nominations (optional): Board of Director, Carl Rose Governance Award, Outstanding School Board Award**

Forgive my cynical nature, but it seems that those who attend the events are most likely to receive these awards. With that said, our district is recognized as one of the most successful small districts in Alaska. Our Board can be proud of our accomplishments under their leadership and should know they are the outstanding school board in Alaska.

**10. I. SERRC CIP Application Services Contract, FAC 18-46-001 (\$8,809.99)**

As long as I am on a cynical slant, this is another item that I have a hard time spending money on. Alaska is in financial crisis and there will be no money for our projects. If we let our projects drop off the list, we will have to spend money to rebuild those project proposals later. If we do not spend additional money on our current proposals (engineer reports for instance) and do not spend many additional hours writing better justifications, we don't move high enough up the list to have a chance of award. There is no point spending the money or time when there is no money available from the State for these repairs. We are better off to hold that money and use it for emergency repairs until funding improves in Alaska. It is cost effective to keep our existing projects on the list. *I recommend approval.*

Sincerely,



Lauren Burch  
Superintendent