



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING August 20, 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 4:01 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ben Blair, Debbie Fehr, and Tony Lovell (President) attended in person. William Tyrell attended over videoconference. Molly Kimzey (Clerk) was absent.

Student Representative: Teagen Taylor joined the meeting in person briefly during Administrative/Board Reports, then stepped out prior to New Business.

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 the agenda.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Absent 1

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent 1

Resolved: motion passed by majority vote (4-0-1)

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: the May 21, 2025, regular meeting minutes, the June 24, 2025, special meeting minutes, the July

23, 2025, special meeting minutes, the August 2025 financial report, and employment including the FY 2026 teacher contract addendum for Julie Vasquez, FY 2026 classified employment for Hesperus Keys, FY 2026 classified employment, pending receipt of required documentation, for Megan Wakefield, and the FY 2026 extra-duty contract for Jennifer Andis.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Absent 1

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent 1

Resolved: motion passed by majority vote (4-0-1)

9. ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD REPORTS

Rod Morrison presented the Superintendent's report. Topics included: district goals, recent engagements, upcoming events, and sharable news & events.

Superintendent Morrison then invited each department and school to share highlights of their reports.

Area Principal/Dean of Students Shaine Nixon shared highlights about summer work and preparations for school at the different campuses, professional development, preschool, seniors, and the literacy grant. AK-TRAILS Correspondence/Homeschool Coordinator Cassandra Christophers shared highlights about the AK-TRAILS Correspondence/Homeschool. Superintendent Morrison shared highlights about the Songahm Academic Program at Whale Pass School. Business Contractor Lucienne Smith shared highlights from the Business Department. Greenhouse/Agriculture Program Coordinator Brandy Schmitz-Prefontaine share highlights from the Greenhouse/Agriculture Program. Maintenance Director Scott Randall shared highlights from the Maintenance Department. Special Programs Director Robbin Perkins shared highlights from the Special Programs and Assessments Department. State & Federal Programs/Grants Coordinator Astrid Richard-Cook shared highlights from the State & Federal Programs/Grants Department.

Reports for these programs/departments as well as those for the Child Nutrition Program and Technology Department were included in the board meeting packet for review.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was addressed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to adopt the FY 2027-2032 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan as presented and authorize submission to the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Absent 1

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent 1

Resolved: motion passed by majority vote (4-0-1)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve the 2025-2026 AK-TRAILS Correspondence/Homeschool Handbook.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Absent 1

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent 1

Resolved: motion passed by majority vote (4-0-1)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve the 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Absent 1

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent 1

Resolved: motion passed by majority vote (4-0-1)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve the 2025-2026 Teacher Handbook.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Absent 1

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent 1

Resolved: motion passed by majority vote (4-0-1)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to Approve the 2025-2026 Songahm Academic Program Handbook.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Absent 1

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent 1

Resolved: motion passed by majority vote (4-0-1)

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board reviewed the information items in the packet, including the AASB Call for Resolutions, the AASB Event Calendar, the Board's Calendar of Agenda Items, Advisory School Council Meeting minutes for Naukati School and Thorne Bay School, and the FY 2026 Professional Services Agreement with Samantha R. Funk, dba Cedar & Spurge Counseling for School-based Counseling Services

13. ADVANCE PLANNING

The next regular Board meeting will be on September 17, 2025, proposed location: Port Alexander School.

The AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy will take place from September 20-1, 2025.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Morrison commented appreciation for communication from the Board.

15. BOARD COMMENT

William Tyrell commented regarding the visit to Hollis School by Senator Lisa Murkowski, unexpended funds from the Hollis School Replacement project, and the Hollis School water system. Ben Blair commented regarding water samples from school sites and the food bank. Tony Lovell commented academic credit for special activities. Debbie Fehr commented regarding the food bank.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Absent 1

Board Vote: Yea: 4; Nay: 0; Absent 1

Resolved: motion passed by majority vote (4-0-1)

Time: 6:21 PM

Board President

Date

Board Clerk

Date