



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Report February 24, 2020 Sherry Becker, Superintendent

Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals
and adapt to an ever-changing world.

Legislative Update:

SB6 Alaska Reads Act

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"An Act relating to early education programs provided by school districts; relating to funding for early education programs; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; establishing a reading intervention program for public school students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; establishing a literacy program in the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date."

- HB236, Act relating to increasing base student allocation
- HB205, FY21 Operating Budget
 - Joint Position Statement with ACSA: Adequate Funding for Education to provide an excellent education for every student every day!
 - Priority funding for Education
 - Timely, Reliable, and Predictable revenue for schools
- SB149, High School Start Time
- HB206, Mental Health Budget
- HB155, Alaska Performance Scholarship, Eligibility
- HB136, Public Schools: Social/Emotional Learning
- HB181, Public Schools: Mental Health Education
 - Teacher training and resources
- SB50, Employment Tax for Education Facilities
- HB24, Limited Teacher Certificates; Languages
 - Prominent display the names of all teachers who have achieved national board certification.
- SB113, Teacher: National Board Certification
- SB74, Internet for Schools
 - House Finance Committee passed SB74 by a vote of 9-2.
 - Increase bandwidth connectivity to 25 megabits per second from 10 megabits per second
- HB109, Military Children School Residency Waiver
- HB239, Establish State Lottery Board/Lotteries

- HB253, An Act Relating to the Powers of the Dept of Transportation and Public Facilities; and Relating to the Sale, Transfer or Disposal of Public Ferries
- HB249, An Act Relating to the Alaska Marine Highway System Corporation; Providing for an Effective Date

Legislative contact information has been posted on the SISD website for anyone who would like to contact their legislators.

Crisis Response Plan

District Leadership Team are in the process of completing the required Annual Review and Update to include After-Hours Counseling Support Flyer

2020-21 School Year Calendar

2020-21 School Year Calendar Drafts being prepared for presentation to a team for input. School year calendars will go to ASC 's next and they to the School Board for approval. It is our intention to match our school year calendar as close as possible with other districts on the island for the purpose of sharing resources and coming together for professional development opportunities.

2020-21 Certificated Staffing

Current 2020-21 Certificated positions available:

- Assistant Superintendent/Area Principal/AD
- Assistant Principal with some MS/HS Teaching Duties – Thorne Bay School
- Special Education Coordinator – District Office
(*Considering changing name to Student Services Coordinator due to job duties*)
 - District-wide Special Education Compliance
 - Distance Education/VTC Coordinator
 - Homeschool/Correspondence Program Coordinator
 - District Testing Coordinator
 - Migrant/Homeless/ELL/Foster Care
- Thorne Bay School Special Education Teacher (Full time per community request and a more thorough review of current and future needs)
- Itinerant Special Education Teacher – Naukati, Coffman Cove, Hyder, and Kasaan
- Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School Elementary Teacher

Some questions have arisen regarding the interview process. Interviews are an important part of the selection process. BP 4111, Recruitment and Selection, identifies that *...The Superintendent or designee shall develop recruitment and selection procedures to ensure that every effort is made to find and hire fully qualified teachers for all classrooms...* Additionally, Article 15, Hiring, Assignments, and Transfers, of the current Collective Agreement includes provisions for establishing the criteria for vacancies as well as interviewing and selecting teachers to fill vacancies. One of the provisions identified in the Collective Agreement states *The Administration will work with the local Advisory School Council to identify position requirements, teacher attributes, qualifications, and site criteria for vacant positions.* At the beginning of February, we requested this information from ASC's through site lead teachers and administrators; to date, no feedback has been received.

While the process that we have implemented this year is different from the process that was used in the past, it meets the requirements of policy and the Collective Agreement. After initial screening, candidates are identified for interview. Due to the severe shortage of quality certificated staff in Alaska, we strive to schedule interviews very swiftly and notify the relevant individuals (principal or lead teacher for a school site vacancy or district-wide lead teachers and principal if a district-wide position). These individuals are responsible for notifying others that may be interested in participating on the interview panel for the candidate being interviewed. Each member of the interview panel completes a rating sheet and submits it to be included with the interview information. Input from the interview panel members is appreciated and considered in the selection of a candidate to recommend to the Board for hire.

ASC Financial Records

A request was sent for all ASC's to submit Financial Records to the District. Just a quick reminder that the deadline for submitting those records in February 28th. Thank you to the sites who have already submitted this information.

ASC Appreciation Luncheon and Training

The date for the ASC appreciation luncheon has been set for April 17th from 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM. The training and luncheon will be held at Thorne Bay School or via VTC for those not able to attend in person.

Retired Superintendent Rich Carlson has offered to provide this training for our district as part of his newly assigned AASB role. Rich is very familiar with POW as he was Superintendent in Klawock for many years. We are very fortunate for having been provided this “all expenses paid” opportunity.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Update of SISD Collective Agreement – Negotiations in process – Speak with Amy McDonald if you have any questions/comments.

Monthly Superintendent Chats

To continue to work toward our goal of “Improving Communication District and Community Wide,” the Superintendent will be scheduling monthly meetings with each school for the purpose of updating community members on various items that may affect the school district and issues that may affect their school/community. These will be informal meetings with the Superintendent for casual conversations. There will be no agenda. Attempts will be made to schedule these meetings back to back with another school event or ASC meeting.

Recommendations on Business items:

10. A. I recommend approval for the 1st Reading of AASB Policy Updates BP 5141.41; BP 5141.51

10. B. I recommend approval for the Polycom Maintenance Renewal Quote for Video Conferencing Equipment (\$11,119.36)

10. C. I recommend approval of the following Contracts:

- 1. SERRC Proposal: Design Phase Project Administration Services for the Hollis K-12 School Replacement Capital Improvement Project #GR-20-002**
- 2. Memorandum of Agreement with Island Builders for Repairs to the District Floathouse Ramp**
- 3. AASB Policy Online Agreement**