



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Report

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Budget

We have balanced the budget. We expect some increases in Intensive funding next year, but we will not know that until November. I have some confidence that we will be able to maintain student travel support if there are no further surprises. My retirement is a key factor for being able to balance the budget. It requires me, or someone like me, working at less than half time to fulfill Superintendent duties. We are working with Retirement on this issue. Today, there are legislative moves to eliminate the \$50 per student increase for next year. That may nip into my efforts to retain student travel money.

Port Protection and Edna Bay

At this time, I expect to close Port Protection for next year. Unless students move to Port Protection in the next couple of months, there is no way to justify keeping it open. We will continue to maintain the schools at both sites and are happy to consider reopening either school if enough school-aged children move to either community. The complication is that once closed, we have to notify DEED early in the spring if we want funding for the following year. Obviously, student arrival during the summer is too late for us to commit to Edna Bay. We continue to hold out hope for Port Protection and will only accept that there is no hope at the last possible moment this August.

Naukati and Whale Pass

Both schools are expected to operate with one teacher next year.

Howard Valentine

We had planned to replace a teacher that is leaving the district. At the moment, all we can commit to would be an additional 0.49 FTE teacher. Colter Barnes will discuss this issue with parents and decide if we will proceed with advertising for a teacher.

Thorne Bay

We have just posted for an elementary position. This is for a third elementary position at the school.

9. A. 2. 3rd Reading BP/AR 5121, Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement and BP/AR 5123, Student Progress

I recommend approval.

9. A. 3. 2nd Reading, FY 2017 Budget

The budget is balanced as we speak with what we know today. The budget must be balanced and forwarded to the Department of Education. We know there may be other financial considerations

given the state of the Legislature, but we are ready to submit and are capable of managing further legislative maneuvers with minimal harm to students. **I recommend approval of the budget.**

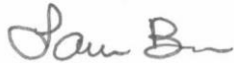
9. B. 1. FY17 SERRC Services Contract

Every year it climbs a little higher. It is a painful expenditure, but Special Education expectations do not allow for cutting this cost. We have no other way to provide the service for less. **I recommend approval of the contract.**

9. B. 2. FY17 Professional Services Contract with Alaska Education and Business Services

To hire a local Business Manager would more than double the costs of this contract. Lucienne Smith has provided excellent service for the district for a number of years. **I recommend approval of the contract.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lauren Burch".

Lauren Burch
Superintendent