



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING May 21, 2025

MINUTES

Location: Whale Pass School, 126 Beach Rd., Whale Pass, AK 99950 and via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Tony Lovell called the meeting to order at 5:47 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ben Blair and Tony Lovell (President) attended in person. William Tyrell attended via audio/video conference.

Members Absent: Debbie Fehr and Molly Kimzey (Clerk)

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 the agenda

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 2

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (3-0)

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: the April 16, 2025, meeting minutes and the May 2025 financial report.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 2
Resolved: motion passed unanimously (3-0)

9. ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD REPORTS

Rod Morrison shared a tribute to retiring teacher Andy Cook, then presented the Superintendent's report. Topics included: District goals, recent engagements, upcoming events, legislative news, other news, shout-outs, and celebrations.

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

Schools:

Area Principal/Dean of Students Shaine Nixon shared highlights about schools, the welding class, seniors, Phlight club, ValueUp, ceremonies, and celebrations. Lead Teacher Mike Congdon shared highlights about Barry Craig Stewart Kasaan School. Lead Teacher Lisa Cates shared highlights about Hollis School. Lead Teacher Mackenzie Slayton shared highlights about Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School. Mr. Nixon shared highlights about Thorne Bay School. Lead Teacher Andy Cook shared highlights from Whale Pass School.

Departments:

Business Contractor Lucienne Smith shared highlights from the business report. Brandy Schmitz-Prefontaine shared highlights from the greenhouse/agriculture program report. Robbin Perkins Askew shared highlights from the special programs report. Astrid Richard-Cook shared highlights from the State & Federal programs/grants report.

Reports for AK-TRAILS, Naukati School, Port Alexander School, Activities, Child Nutrition Programs, Maintenance, and Technology were included in the board meeting packet for review.

Teagen Taylor presented the Student Representative report. Topics included: graduation and a variety of current and upcoming activities.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve the FY 2026 budget.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 2

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (3-0)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve BP 2000, Concepts and Roles, BP 2100, Administrative Staff Organization, BP 2110, Organization Chart/Lines of Responsibility, BP 2120, Superintendent of Schools, BP 2121, Superintendent's Contract, BP 2122, Superintendent of Schools: Job Description, and BP 2123, Evaluation of Superintendent.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 2

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (3-0)

Motion: Mr. Tyrell moved to approve BP 0410, Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 2

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (3-0)

11. NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve Professional Services Contract #2025-1001 with Alaska Business & Education Services, Inc., for Accounting and Business Services.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 2

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (3-0)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to move BP 8000 Concepts and Roles, BP 8110 Membership, 8120 Elections, 8130 Vacancies, 8140 Officers, 8200 Powers and Duties, 8310 Orientation, 8320 Meetings, 8330 Member Responsibilities, 8340 Code of Ethics, and BP 8410 Cooperative Agreements involving Extracurricular Activities to a second reading.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 2

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (3-0)

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve the FY 2026 Early Education Parent Handbook.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 2

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (3-0)

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board reviewed the information items that were included in the packet, including: Division of Elections Letter to Rod Morrison: 2025 School Board Election Information (4/11/2025); AASB Event Calendar; Calendar of Agenda Items; Advisory School Council (ASC) Meeting Minutes for Barry Craig Stewart Kasaan ASC, Howard Valentine Coffman Cove ASC, Naukati ASC, and Thorne Bay ASC; AR 8120, Elections; AR 8320, Meetings; E 8340, Code of Ethics for Advisory School Council; E 8410, Cooperative Agreements; April 2025 Travel Report.

13. ADVANCE PLANNING

The next regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at Thorne Bay School and via Zoom. A meet & greet with staff will precede the meeting.

Upcoming graduation ceremonies will be held in Naukati (May 22nd at 6:00 PM), and Coffman Cove (May 30th at 3:00 PM).

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

15. BOARD COMMENT

Tony Lovell thanked retiring teacher Andy Cook for his contributions. William Tyrell wished everyone a great summer and commented about seat belts in school busses.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Absent: 2

Resolved: motion passed unanimously (3-0)

Time: 7:44 PM

Board President

Date

Board Clerk

Date