



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING April 16, 2025

MINUTES

Location: Thorne Bay School, 1010 Sandy Beach Road, Thorne Bay, AK
and via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Tony Lovell called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Benjamin Blair and Tony Lovell (President) attended in person. Debbie Fehr, Molly Kimzey (Clerk), and William Tyrell attended via audio/video conference.

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 today's agenda

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously

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 March 26, 2025, regular meeting minutes, the April 2025 financial report, and employment

including the FY 2026 teacher contract, pending receipt of required documentation, for Melanie Pitka.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously

9. ADMINISTRATIVE/BOARD REPORTS

Rod Morrison presented the Superintendent's report. Topics included: District goals, recent engagements, upcoming events, legislative update, Title VI compliance certification update, shout-outs and celebrations.

Superintendent Morrison then invited each department and school to share highlights of their reports. Highlights were shared by:

Shaine Nixon, District Principal/Dean of Students
Mike Congdon, Lead Teacher at Barry Craig Stewart Kasaan School
Lisa Cates, Co-lead Teacher at Hollis School
Patrick Trischman, Lead Teacher at Port Alexander School
Andy Cook, Lead Teacher at Whale Pass School.
Lucienne Smith, Contracted Business Manager
Brandy Schmitz-Prefontaine, Greenhouse & Agriculture Program Manager
Scott Randall, Maintenance Director
Robbin Perkins Askew, Special Services Coordinator

Written school and department reports were included in the board meeting packet for review.

Teagen Taylor presented the Student Representative report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to move the FY 2026 budget to a third reading.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve BP 1330, Use of School Facilities, BP 1340, Access to School Records, BP 1400, Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools, BP 1410, Interagency Cooperation for Student and Staff Safety, and BP 1700, Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve BP 6173, Education of Gifted and Talented Students.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously

11. NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to move 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 to a second reading.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to approve Resolution 2025-05 authorizing the purchase of replacement vehicles using \$100,000 of the final balloon payment from the District's floating building sale.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to move BP 0410, Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, to a second reading.

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

Board President Tony Lovell identified the Information Items available for review in the board meeting packet, including:

- AASB Events Calendar

- Calendar of Agenda Items

- Advisory School Council Meeting Minutes from Barry Craig Stewart Kasaan

- School, Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School, Naukati School, Port Alexander School

- Travel Report (March 2025)

13. ADVANCE PLANNING

The next regular Board meeting will start at 5:30 PM on May 21, 2025, location: Whale Pass School and via Zoom. The meeting will be preceded by a work session, which will start at 4:30 PM.

Graduation Ceremonies:

May 15, 2025 @ 2:00 PM in Hollis (Mr. Lovell and Mr. Tyrell plan to attend)

May 16, 2025 @ 6:00 PM in Thorne Bay (Mr. Blair (if possible) and Mr. Lovell plan to attend)

May 22, 2025 @ 6:00 PM in Naukati (Mr. Blair (if possible), Ms. Fehr, and Mr. Lovell plan to attend)

May 30, 2025 @ 3:00 PM in Coffman Cove (Mr Blair (if possible), Ms. Fehr, and Mr. Lovell plan to attend)

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

15. BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Blair and Ms. Fehr commented regarding the Alaska Food Bank. Ms. Kimzey commented regarding the Alaska Music Festival. Mr. Lovell commented regarding the Hollis Sunny Days Program.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The board did not go into executive session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Blair moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: yes

Student Representative (Preferential Vote): Yea

Board Vote: Yea: 5; Nay: 0

Resolved: motion passed unanimously

Time: 7:05 PM

Tony Lovell, Board President

Date

Molly Kimzey, Board Clerk

Date