

Board of Education
Thursday, October 1, 2026 10:00 AM Alaskan

HHES District Office Conference Room
1009 W Klutina St
Valdez, AK 99686

Sonya Ash-Selanoff: Present
Kalin King: Present
Scott McCumby: Present
Dr Kyra Meyer: Absent
Dr Kathleen Todd: Present
Bryan Vincent: Absent
Carey Wade: Absent

Present: 4, Absent: 3.

Carey Wade absent, excused per Kalin King.

Bryan Vincent absent, excused per Kalin King.

Dr. Kyra Meyer absent, excused per Kalin King.

Sonya Ash-Selanoff present over Zoom.

A. PRELIMINARIES

A.1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:14 am

A.2. Roll Call

B. CONSENT AGENDA

The Personnel Action Report was pulled from the Consent Agenda at the request of Dr. Kathy Todd and considered separately under New Business.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C.1. Approve Personnel Action Report

I move that the Board approve the hiring of Agnes Krystel Butaslac. This motion, made by Scott McCumby and seconded by Dr Kathleen Todd, Carried.

Dr Kyra Meyer: Absent, Bryan Vincent: Absent, Carey Wade: Absent, Sonya Ash-Selanoff: Yea, Kalin King: Yea, Scott McCumby: Yea, Dr Kathleen Todd: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

Dr. Kathy Todd requested that the Personnel Action Report be pulled from the Consent Agenda to allow the Board to hear more about the hiring process for the candidate. Jason Weber explained the steps taken to vet the candidate and provided an overview of the process and requirements associated with the proposed hire.

Dr. Kathy Todd asked whether the District would be responsible for the costs associated with changing the applicant's visa status from a J-1 to an H-1 visa. Jason Weber explained that the fee she may have heard about for changing visa status is waived for educational hires. He clarified that the overall process may cost the District an estimated \$5,000.

Scott McCumby asked whether the applicant would need to wait until the entire visa process was completed before beginning work. Jason Weber explained that the District would need to wait until the process is complete, but that the District is expediting the process.

Dr. Kathy Todd asked whether the applicant is currently employed by another school district. Jason Weber explained that the applicant is currently working for an educational organization rather than a school district and is not under a teaching contract with her current employer.

Sonya Ash-Selanoff asked whether the District intends to continue pursuing international hiring or whether this recruitment is specific to the District's current circumstances. Jason Weber clarified that international hiring is not intended to be an ongoing direction for the District and that this candidate happened to be a highly reputable international candidate.

Sonya Ash-Selanoff asked for further clarification regarding the applicant's skill set and whether she would be able to teach at levels beyond elementary school if needed. Jason Weber stated that the applicant is qualified to serve as a special education teacher at any of the District's three schools and that he intends to complete the necessary paperwork to allow flexibility in placement based on the District's needs.

D. ADJOURNMENT

D.1. Adjourn the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM



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EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

RESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATION

EMPLOYMENT OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Agnes Krystel Butaslac
HHES Special Education Teacher
Effective TBA

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

OTHER CONTRACTS

2025-2026 School Year

Teachers	51
Classified*	56
Principals	3
District Administration	6
Total Employees	116

(*This is the number of classified personnel working for the district. Several of the employees have part-time hours)