

PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES WRANGELL SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

February 26, 2024, 7:00 PM
Evergreen Elementary School Room 101

School Board President David Wilson called the regular meeting of the Wrangell Public School Board to order at 7:01 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was determined with the following school board members present Angela Allen, John DeRuyter, and David Wilson. Brittani Robbins attended via Zoom. Elizabeth Roundtree was absent, excused. Also, present was Superintendent Bill Burr, Recording Secretary Kimberly Powell, and Student Representative Mia Wiederspohn.

DETERMINE QUORUM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Brittani Robbins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The District Mission, Vision and Values were recited by John DeRuyter.

DISTRICT MISSION,
VISION, AND VALUES

Motion to approve the agenda as presented, which includes the items on the consent agenda by Angela Allen; seconded by Brittani Robbins. Poll vote: Mia Wiederspohn: Yes; Angela Allen: Yes; John DeRuyter: Yes; Brittani Robbins: Yes; David Wilson: Yes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
INCLUDING ITEMS ON
THE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved the minutes of the January 15, 2024, Regular School Board meeting, as presented.
- Offered non-tenured teachers a contract for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.
- Offered an extracurricular contract to Ms. Isabella Crowley for the position of Assistant Softball Coach, pending the receipt of a satisfactory criminal background check and pre-employment drug test.
- Offered an extracurricular contract to Ms. Brook McHolland for the position of Head Middle School Volleyball Coach, pending the receipt of a satisfactory pre-employment drug test.
- Approved the hire of Kathleen Easterly as a Special Education Paraprofessional with the appropriate placement on the salary schedule.
- Approved the hire of Angela McGovern as a Special Education Paraprofessional with the appropriate placement on the salary schedule.
- Reviewed the resignation of:
 - Claire Froelich, Elementary Student Council Advisor
 - Jackie Hanson, Secondary Principal
 - Danika Smalley, IEA Director/Tutor
- Approved the hire of Kevin McCallister, as Maintenance Director, with appropriate placement on the salary schedule, pending receipt of a satisfactory criminal background check

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Student Representative Mia Wiederspohn provided a written report for Board review.

STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT

There were no guests to be heard.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD

Correspondence was reviewed.

REVIEWED
CORRESPONDENCE

Information & Reports were accepted by unanimous consent.

ACCEPTED
INFORMATION &
REPORTS

Mike Hoyt gave an update on the progress toward developing a new Strategic Plan.

PROGRESS REPORT ON
STRATEGIC PLAN

Motion to adopt the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented for submittal to the Department of Education & Early Development for their approval by Angela Allen, seconded by Brittani Robbins. Poll vote: Mia Wiederspohn: Yes; John DeRuyter: Yes; Brittani Robbins: Yes; Angela Allen: Yes; David Wilson: Yes. Motion approved.

ADOPTED THE 2024-2025
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion to approve the APEI Safety & Training grant application in the amount of \$449.48 to promote winter safety as presented by Angela Allen, seconded by Brittani Robbins. Poll vote: Mia Wiederspohn: Yes; Brittani Robbins: Yes; Angela Allen: Yes; John DeRuyter: Yes; David Wilson: Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVED THE APEI SAFETY &
TRAINING GRANT APPLICATION
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$449.48 TO
PROMOTE WINTER SAFETY

The School Board discussed facilities needs planning. Facilities & Maintenance Director Josh Blatchley told the Board that he will use our current 6-year CIP plan as a starting point. He said that we need to review the needs and determine which route to take for example, it would make no sense to paint the secondary buildings if we are going to replace the siding. He said that the projects on the CIP Plan are a result of the maintenance condition survey. Board Member Allen requested that the CIP Plan be emailed to all Board Members for their review.

DISCUSSED FACILITIES NEEDS
PLANNING

Motion to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Sealaska Heritage Institute to partner in supporting culturally relevant CTE programs and to engage in the Opening the Box of Indigenous Science Program as presented by John DeRuyter, seconded by Angela Allen. Poll vote: Mia Wiederspohn: Yes; Angela Allen: Yes; John DeRuyter: Yes; Brittani Robbins: Yes; David Wilson: Yes. Motion approved.

ENTERED INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT WITH SEALASKA
HERITAGE INSTITUTE

Motion to accept the second reading of BP-5121, Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement and BP-5127.1, Class Valedictorian/Salutatorian for inclusion in the policy manual by Brittani Robbins, seconded by Angela Allen. Poll vote: Mia Wiederspohn: Yes; Angela Allen: Yes; John DeRuyter: Yes; Brittani Robbins: Yes; David Wilson: Yes. Motion approved.

ACCEPTED THE SECOND
READING OF BOARD POLICY
5121, GRADES/EVALUATION OF
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND
BOARD POLICY 5127.1, CLASS
VALEDICTORIAN/
SALUTATORIAN

Motion to accept the first reading of Board Policy 6145, Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities as presented by John DeRuyter, seconded by Angela Allen. Poll vote: Mia Wiederspohn: Yes; John DeRuyter: Yes; Brittani Robbins: Yes; Angela Allen: Yes; David Wilson: Yes. Motion approved.

ACCEPTED THE FIRST READING
OF BOARD POLICY 6145,
EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-
CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Motion to increase the travel per diem rate for staff to \$60.00 per day beginning July 1, 2024, by Angela Allen, seconded by John DeRuyter. Poll vote: Mia Wiederspohn: Yes; Brittani Robbins: Yes; Angela Allen: Yes; John DeRuyter: Yes; David Wilson: Yes. Motion approved.

INCREASED THE TRAVEL PER
DIEM RATE TO \$60.00 PER DAY,
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024

Recessed into a break at 7:34 PM

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PM

Reconvened into regular session at 7:39 PM

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SESSION AT 7:39 PM

Motion to recess into executive session to discuss a matter that may have an adverse effect upon the finances of the district more specifically a personnel contract and correspondence from a community member. Mr. Burr may be invited to all or a portion of the executive session by Angela Allen, seconded by Brittani Robbins. Poll vote: John DeRuyter: Yes; Brittani Robbins: Yes; Angela Allen: Yes; David Wilson: Yes. Motion approved.

RECESSED INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 7:41 PM

Student Representative Mia Wiederspohn left the meeting at 7:41 PM.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
LEFT THE MEETING AT 7:41 PM

Reconvened into Regular Session at 8:27 PM.

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SESSION AT 8:27 PM

Motion to offer Superintendent Bill Burr a 3-year contract as agreed upon during negotiations by Angela Allen, seconded by Brittani Robbins. Poll vote: Angela Allen: Yes; John DeRuyter: Yes; Brittani Robbins: Yes; David Wilson: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED SUPERINTENDENT
BILL BURR A 3-YEAR
CONTRACT

Reviewed the upcoming dates and meeting announcements.

REVIEWED DATES & MTG
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member DeRuyter told the other Board members that he had an opportunity to do presentations to Dr. Williams Career Exploration Class.

BOARD MEMBER COMMUNITY
ACTIVITY REPORTS

Angela Allen said that she will be volunteering her time to teach CPR/First Aid to Mr. Carney's class. The Community Health Fair is scheduled for April 20 at the Nolan Center.

Board Member Robbins said that she had the honor of attending the AASB Spring Fly-In to lobby for education. The first couple of days were training. She was able to meet with more than 20 legislators. She felt like the meetings went great and hopes that she was able to make a difference.

President Wilson thanked Mrs. Powell for getting so many appointments for Ms. Robbins. He said that the Policy Committee is making progress. He reported that he also sits on the Strategic Plan Focus Committee and is looking forward to tomorrow's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

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SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY