

## Minutes of 207th Regular Session - Elim

### Regional School Board of Education Bering Strait School District

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A 207th Regular Session of the Regional Board of Education of Bering Strait School District was held Tuesday, February 2, 2016, beginning at 10:00 AM in Elim, AK.

#### I. **Call To Order**

The 207<sup>th</sup> Regular Session meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Aurora Johnson.

#### II. **Roll Call**

Present at the meeting were Aurora Johnson, Aaron Iworrigan, Irene Navarro, Jeanette Iya, Milton Cheemuk, Joe Murray, Annie Weyiouanna, and Tia Wilson. Jane Kava excused due to illness; Sherman Richard excused due to weather; Frank Oxereok excused due to illness.

#### III. **Introductions**

##### A. **District School Board Members**

District School Board members introduced themselves and stated the communities they represent.

##### B. **Superintendent & District Staff**

Dr. Bolen introduced the District Office staff present at the meeting. Present were: Carolyn Heflin, Kristen Mashiana, Gerald Pickner, Gary Eckenweiler, Mark Vink, and Tera Cunningham.

##### C. **Principal of Aniguiin School**

Dr. Bolen introduced the Principal of Aniguiin School, Jack Kingsford. Mr. Kingsford welcome staff and introduced the school staff and the AEC representative.

##### D. **Advisory Education Committee**

###### **Presenter: Oscar Takak**

Oscar Takak welcomed the Board to Elim and to the school. Mr. Takak praised the principal and thanked the Board for selecting quality teachers, and encouraged the Board to continue to be thorough when choosing teachers in rural Alaska.

Mr. Takak expressed concern over some behaviors of the youth in Elim but encouraged everyone to “love our kids.”

##### E. **Student Representative**

###### **Presenter: Gustoff Nylin**

Gustoff Nylin addressed the School Board and shared that he loves his school. He enjoys the activities available to him at school and would like to be a teacher someday. Mr. Nylin wants to return to Elim and live there. He thanked the Board for coming to Elim.

#### IV. **Recognitions**

Dr. Bolen recognized AASB recipients:

Frank Oxereok, Boardsmanship Award

Milton Cheemuk, Basic Boardsmanship Award

Tia Wilson, Basic Boardsmanship Award

Jack Kingsford recognized Students of the Month and students who have achieved perfect attendance. Mr. Kingsford also highlighted students who have received achievements in athletics.

#### V. **Public Comments**

Russell Saccheus, a parent in Elim, welcomed the Board and expressed concerns about BSSD's policies and procedures, and their implementation. Mr. Saccheus cited BP 9314 that requires frequent updating and the policy manual. Mr. Saccheus encouraged the Board to continue to abide by the policies set forth.

Jeanette Iya responded and shared that she appreciates hearing Russell's concerns and that someone will respond to his concerns.

#### VI. **Reading of the District Mission Statement**

The District mission statement was read aloud.

#### VII. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Milton Cheemuk to approve the agenda. Seconded by Annie Weyiouanna. Motion carried.

#### VIII. **Consent Action - 206th Regular Session Minutes**

A motion was made by Jeanette Iya to approve the minutes from the 206<sup>th</sup> Regular Session on November 4, 2015. Seconded by Milton Cheemuk. Motion carried.

#### IX. **ACTION ITEMS**

##### A. **Personnel Action**

**Presenter: Gerald Pickner**

Gerald Pickner presented.

##### **Permanent status:**

A motion was made By Tia Wilson to appoint Polly Marie Tocktoo, Cathy Millett-Burress, Brenden Ellis, Robert Saccheus, Brian Savetilik, Norman Kokeok, Harmony Austin, Michael Dingman, Douglas Steve, Henrietta Tom, Krisanne Tom, Ashley Garnie, Angela Crisci, and Leslie Brown to permanent stauts as Classified employees of the Bering Strait School District. Seconded by Joe Murray. Motion carried.

##### **Probationary status:**

A motion was made by Milton Cheemuk to appoint Matthew Wirth, Nicole Baker, Taylor Kobuk, Cora Ablowaluk, Carrie Komonaseak, and Sean Komonaseak, Jr. to probationary status as Classified employees of the Bering Strait School District. Seconded by Aaron Iworriagan. Motion carried.

Question by Annie Weyiouanna. An employee was hired in September but missed. Jeanette Iya commented we have high expectations for students. We need to keep on top of this all the time. If we do that with our students, we do it with our staff also.

#### **Certified employees:**

Question by Tia Wilson as to why there is a long-time substitute teacher. Mr. Pickner answered. Jeanette Iya asked what the procedure is to hire. Mr. Pickner answered. Milton Cheemuk asked about outside vs. instate teachers. Mr. Pickner answered. Jeanette Iya asked why there wasn't a certified science teacher in Savoonga. Mr. Pickner answered.

A motion was made by Jeanette Iya to approve Cheryl Neuhart, Patricia McKenzie, Angela Riley, and Cheri Yocum as certified teachers for the Bering Strait School District. Seconded by Joe Murray. Motion carried.

#### **Professional employees:**

A motion was made by Irene Navarro to approve Yannita Ivanoff and Gary Jacobson as professional employees for the Bering Strait School District. Seconded by Tia Wilson. Motion carried.

### **B. REACH Up Grant** **Presenter: Carolyn Heflin** Carolyn Heflin presented.

Jeanette Iya asked if there was an amount to this grant. Ms. Heflin answered the money goes to the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Jeanette Iya asked if they can focus more on a site with no science teacher. Ms. Heflin responded that all sites are welcome to request additional assistance and are provided additional resources.

A motion was made by Annie Weyiouanna to approve the acceptance of the REACH Up Grant. Seconded by Tia Wilson. Motion carried.

### **C. RUS Grant** **Presenter: Carolyn Heflin** Carolyn Heflin presented.

Aurora Johnson asked what the lifecycle of a SMART Board. Ms. Heflin responded with it depends on the circumstances, but usually 5-7 years.

A motion was made by Milton Cheemuk to approve the acceptance of the RUS Grant. Seconded by Aaron Iworriagan. Motion carried.

Jeanette Iya commented on the end of grant and asked what the carts are for. Ms. Heflin answered the carts are for housing the iPads loaded with eBooks.

### **D. SILKAT Grant** **Presenter: Carolyn Heflin**

Carolyn Heflin presented.

Jeanette Iya asked how many paraprofessionals are taking classes. Ms. Heflin answered I don't know how many are taking classes and would get back to the board.

A motion was made by Jeanette Iya to approve the acceptance of the SILKAT Grant. Seconded by Annie Weyiouanna. Motion carried.

## X. **REPORTS**

### A. **2nd Quarter Financial Report**

**Presenter: Mark Vink**

Mark Vink presented. *See attachment A.*

Aurora Johnson thanked Mark Vink for his work in the Business Office.

### B. **District Airplane Update**

**Presenter: Mark Vink**

Mark Vink presented.

Aurora Johnson commented that when scheduling service, please do that during a time other than a Board meeting. Dr. Bolen and Mark Vink said this has been addressed.

### C. **Facilities Report**

**Presenter: Gary Eckenweiler**

Gary Eckenweiler presented.

Jeanette Iya asked if it costs more to switch to HVAC when they are not working. Mr. Eckenweiler answered yes, it does and that's why we are breaking away from Johnson Controls. Aaron Iworrigan asked if John Lycan will come out to Gambell. Are there any future plans to address the painting job in Gambell? Mr. Eckenweiler said all the paint is there, but scheduling Joe Gajdowsik just didn't work out. Milton Cheemuk asked about the incident at the teacher housing in SMK and is wondering about the air quality in the housing units. Mr. Eckenweiler answered, You're correct, it didn't pass the air quality. I haven't heard yet on the clean up. Jeanette Iya asked about the portable classrooms in SVA – are they being worked on? Mr. Eckenweiler answered yes. The guys in Gambell will go right to Savoonga next week. Ms. Iya asked if it was contracted out or local hire? Mr. Eckenweiler answered that it would be local hire. Ms. Iya commented on the HVAC controls and asked if there were other options and Mr. Eckenweiler answered yes, we are. Ms. Iya asked if it was difficult to train our workers to work the controls. Mr. Eckenweiler answered it wasn't.

## XI. **Executive Session**

A motion was made at 12:05pm by Jeanette Iya to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and financial matters. Seconded by Tia Wilson. Motion carried. A motion was made at 12:51pm by Tia Wilson to exit executive session. Seconded by Milton Cheemuk. Motion carried.

**XII. Public Comments**

Josephine Kalerak-Nakarak, an AEC member, addressed a concern about students turning in substandard homework and would like to see follow-up. Aurora Johnson said we will get back to you on it.

**XIII. Recess and Resume in Koyuk**

Aurora Johnson called a recess at 12:53pm and reconvene in Koyuk.