

ADOPTED MINUTES
Bering Strait School District Board Of Education
208th Regular Session
Tuesday, April 26, 2016 – Teller, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Madam Chair Aurora Johnson called the 208th Regular Meeting of the Bering Strait School District Board of Education to order at 10:19 AM on Tuesday, April 26th, 2016.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

Present were: Aurora Johnson, Aaron Iworrigan, Jane Kava, Irene Navarro, Milton Cheemuk, Joe Murray, Frank Oxereok, Annie Weyiouanna, and Tia Wilson. Sherman Richard was present telephonically. Jeanette Iya was excused for medical reasons. A quorum was established.

III. INTRODUCTIONS:

District School Board Members

Each Board Member present at the 208th Regular Session Meeting introduced themselves and stated the communities they represent.

Superintendent and District Staff

Madam Chair Aurora Johnson introduced Superintendent Dr. Robert Bolen who introduced D.O. staff present: Mark Vink – Business Manager, Gerald Pickner – Director of Human Resources, Carolyn Heflin – Director of Curriculum, Jeff Erickson – Activities Specialist, and Marty Towarak –Administrative Assistant.

Principal of James C. Isabell School

Dr. Bolen introduced the Principal of the Teller School – Susette Carroll. Susette Carroll introduced school staff present: Carol Oquilluk, AEC members Dolly Kugzruk and Etta Kugzruk, Kurt San Agustin - 3rd and 4th grade teacher, and Chester Topkok – Student Representative. Susette Carroll presented to the Board.

School Board and BSSD Personnel, welcome to James C. Isabell School. We're excited to host you this morning. Thank you for our National Geographic Language Arts materials. Thank you also for adopting the new math program. Jim Martin has been excellent as a support person. He is great in helping new teachers with the math curriculum. If you have any time, please feel free and take a look into the classroom, the materials are excellent. This year, our school theme is "Perspectives." So, we are tying this theme into everything we do. Our secondary students read many books about the lives of young people from various parts of the world. They studied these regions and looked at the lives of the people to give them perspectives. When the secondary students read I Am Malala and The Bread Winner, and about the students in the Middle East, who have to fight to go to school, they dressed up as people from the Middle East with Islam garb. They realized that they just have different beliefs. They're looking at people not as how we expect them to be but, looking at them from their eyes.

Our school focus plan this year is based on problem-solving. All classes engage in a specific method of problem-solving activities through small group planning and

sharing. All classes are exposed to this all throughout the year to work on actual issues that arise in the school classrooms and to solve problems related to content relevant to them. So we are problem-solving all over the place. Our students and staff at our school, work to continuously improve positive behaviors. We appreciate in many ways the BSSD School Board supports and encourages students thru the District. We're just happy you're here and we'd like to know if there is anyway we can support the School Board as well. We're happy you're here and hope you get some time to go to the classes and see what we are doing. Thank you.

AEC Representative

Dolly Kugzruk presented for Charlene Isabell.

Welcome to Teller. This school year is going great. Our kids are doing well in sports. Attendance has improved since we didn't have our school for several weeks. We're doing incentives and celebrations for weekly and quarterly attendance. Testing was excellent, even though it was only for two days. Students are doing very well at following our school expectations: Prepare, Coordinated, Respectful, and Successful. AEC members are strong supporters of the school and visit the school often. We encourage the students to be good people and work hard and be respectful. We authorized the school to take several fishing trips a school year. I've seen them fishing last week. Family fun nights happen monthly. Our AEC would like to request a larger gym with more seating, storage and workout room. Thank you.

Student Representative

Chester Topkok presented to the Board.

Welcome School Board members. We are glad you are here. Thank you for supporting our school through new curriculum in language arts and math. Thank you for our opportunities to travel in sports and activities. Our students recently earned third place at district NYO. Grace broke a BSSD record in Alaskan High Kick. Grace Ongtawasruk and Ryan Topkok both went to Anchorage to compete at State NYO. Our Lady Aklaqs went to State as second-place winners for BSSD in Basketball. Our middle school and Little Dribblers returned this weekend from a fun trip to Golovin. It was the first travel for several students and they had a great time. Our WISA ski students won the Sportsmanship Award in Galena. Our boys and girls basketball teams won Sportsmanship at sub-regionals. Sportsmanship is as important to us as winning is. Our goal is to keep working to earn Sportsmanship. This year, we used the dance drums that we made in shop to teach the younger students dancing and drumming. We hope to do more dancing next year. We're doing bicultural projects for electives in secondary classes and for activities in elementary classes. Our students are not just learning to read, write and do math. We are also learning new leadership skills though athletics, PowerPAW team, Youth Leaders and everyone sharing ideas to make our school better for everyone. This year, our secondary students read many books about youth and different regions of the world. We read I Am Malala and The Breadwinner about the Middle East. We read Never Fall Down about Cambodia. We read A Long Way Gone, A Long Walk to Water, and The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind set in Africa. And we will finish with La Linea, about Central America. We learned about the history of the regions and modern world history. We learned that schools for students in other parts of the world is very difficult or impossible and to look at others with a different perspective. Finally, our eight seniors are excited for graduation and their dinner and dance on May 13.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susette Carroll commented that when Chester Topkok was reading and talking about the High School kids who made drums and were teaching younger students. That was Chester's idea, he came to me and said, "Hey, I want to teach drumming and dancing to our kids. I want to have more of it at school." So, he started that and got that whole class going by himself. So, I just wanted to let you all know that, that was Chester's idea. Madam Chair Johnson commented that it's exciting to see what you are doing here for your children, music, guitar, piano and drumming. It's very exciting to see this in our children.

Etta Kugzruk had a question about the open staff position. I heard that there was several other applicants for that position. Aurora Johnson addressed her concerns on that and commented, that we'll look into that and have Susette contact you about it.

Tia Wilson commented, "It was great to see Dolly again. But, coming into Teller, the first time in many years, I was really impressed with the students, welcoming us, shaking hands, and introducing themselves. So awesome, thank you. "

V. MISSION STATEMENT:

The District Mission Statement was read aloud.

VI. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Madam Chair Johnson asked if everyone had the revised agenda. The Board confirmed that they do have the revised agenda. Madam Chair Johnson added that when we do the Superintendent's evaluation, it's done in executive session. So that's what we will go into executive session for. Irene asked, "Going through the packet, I thought that we would be getting an update on the drug testing. Is that going to be coming up?" Madam Chair Johnson answered, "When he [Dr. Bolen] does his report, he will report on that. Thanks Irene for bringing that up again."

MOTION:

Tia Wilson made a motion to approve the agenda with the added executive session for the Superintendent's evaluation. Frank Oxereok seconded. Motion carried.

VII. CONSENT ACTION - 207TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Madam Chair Johnson made a correction from Board of Trustees to Regional School Board, also, 207th Regular Session - Elim to 207th Regular Session. Milton Cheemuk made a motion to approve the 207th Regular Meeting Minutes with the corrections. Tia Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

❖ **ACTION ITEM A:**

FY16 Revised Budget

Mark Vink - Business Manager, presented to the Board.

Revenues from Foundation are down due to a decrease in anticipated enrollment. Impact Aid has also been increased due to the closeout of a prior year. The Federal SLC revenue has been increased due to the increase with our internet contract with GCI as well as using our 5-year E-rate funding for the purchase of our new board approved Aruba wireless access points.

Salary changes have been adjusted to reflect the salary increase in our new negotiated agreement along with the corresponding increase in employee benefits.

Expenses have been increased in communications for corresponding amount for our bandwidth increases with GCI as well as in equipment for the purchase of the Aruba network as well as the matching amount needed for the approved RUS grant. Travel has increased mostly due to increased trainings for new programs implemented.

We have received a premium credit for our insurance and due to lower fuel prices, we have been able to reduce fuel costs.

Most other budget lines are about the same as last year.

The overall FY2016 budget is very similar to the original FY2016 budget with the exceptions mentioned above.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: A motion to approve the FY2016 Revised Operating Budget as presented.

Annie Weyiouanna asked, "That's VTC and what else?" Mr. Vink answered, "Well, the VTC is the RUS grant equipment. That's the new equipment that, that serves." Ms. Weyiouanna asked, "What about the Smart Board?" Mr. Vink answered, "Well, the VTC stuff, that is separate. We had to spend money. We spent our matching money on the smart boards. Some of the related equipment that is allotted to the grant, to be able to get that five hundred thousand dollars." Ms. Weyiouanna asked if the 10% fund balance is the same. Mr. Vink answered yes. Madam Chair Johnson commented, "With the uncertainty of the legislature and the State, it's pretty tough." Mr. Vink answered, "This is the last year's revised budget."

MOTION:

Joe Murray made a motion to approve the FY16 Revised Operating Budget as presented. Seconded by Annie Weyiouanna. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM B:**

FY17 Operating Budget

Mark Vink – Business Manager, presented to the Board.

The State Legislature has proposed increasing the TRS and PERS rates for next year. The increase for BSSD would be estimated at \$1,200,000 with proposed increases in following years. There also has been a proposal to fund some of the increase but no data is available at this time.

We have also not budgeted for any closeout years Impact Aid funds.

FY2017 will be the second year of a negotiated agreement with the teachers. We anticipate that there will be salary increases for all employees as a result of that agreement and subsequent board action. The board typically extends salary increases to classified and administrative employees equal to the teacher increase.

We have looked at reducing travel and supply expenses dependent on any additional revenue sources. We also have not allocated any money to our capital projects account for future building needs.

The overall FY2017 budget is very similar to the FY2016 budget with the exceptions mentioned above.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: A motion to approve the FY2017 Operating Budget as presented.

Milton Cheemuk asked how are we sitting with extra money aside? Do we carry over from previous years. Mr. Vink answered, "We do have a reserve. We are allowed, under statute, to carry no more than 10% of expenditures over as an unreserved fund balance. And this last year, our fund balance that we carried over, was around 2 and half percent. So, we're not in any issue of losing monies from that aspect. I think our District is probably sitting as well as most districts right now and better than a lot of districts in the State. One of the things we tried to do as a district in the past is, any money that is not spent, we tried to gear it for the long term. So, we're in a decent spot right now." Mr. Cheemuk thanked Mr. Vink. Madam Chair Johnson commented that she's glad Mr. Vink added the worst-case scenario in there instead of at the end. Frank Oxereok added, "With the uncertain future that we have, please keep us up to date on this. I know you are doing your best on this. So we know." Mr. Vink answered, "In the end, there are changes made relatively quickly sometimes. But what I think is going to happen is, their going to all come together and something will come up. "

MOTION:

Tia Wilson made a motion to approve the FY17 Operating Budget as presented. Frank Oxereok seconded. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM C:**

FY16 Audit Approval

Mark Vink – Business Manager, presented to the Board.

Audit requirements have the Board of Directors approve the selection of an auditing firm.

The current District auditing firm of Altman, Rogers and Co. is scheduled to perform this year's audit. This firm has prepared our audit for the past number of years and we have had no issues working with this firm.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: A motion to approve Altman, Rogers & Co. as the auditor for the year ending June 30, 2016.

Madam Chair Johnson commented that they have always done a really good job. Mark Vink commented that we have a good working relationship with them.

MOTION:

Frank Oxereok made a motion to approve Altman, Rogers & Co. as the auditor for the year ending June 30, 2016. Milton Cheemuk seconded. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM D:**

Aircraft Marketing Agreement

Mark Vink – Business Manager, presented to the Board.

With the KingAir to be delivered this summer, we would like to list our current airplane, the REIMS F406, with a aircraft broker.

The broker we would recommend is Nineteen Hundred Aviation LTD. The reason for selection of this broker is that they currently have the listing for the four Ravn 406's as well have a potential sale of those aircraft. They are familiar with this particular plane and have made contacts to sell the four for Ravn. This agreement is for a 6-month listing and we may wish to have it extended. We would work with the broker to establish a reasonable sale price in order to maximize the sale price for the District while at the same time minimizing any recurring costs for our 406.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: A motion to approve the aircraft marketing agreement with Nineteen Hundred Aviation, LTD.

Frank Oxereok commented, "I think I agree with you. Holding this plane this long, if you can't get the deal for 225,000, we're going to need to sell it for the engine price, which is a big difference." Mr. Vink added that there might be more costs thru inspections and holding it. Mr. Oxereok added that it makes sense to sell it now rather than losing money on it. Madam Chair Johnson asked, "Didn't we just buy some engines and how much were they?" Mr. Vink answered, "The last one we bought, installed, was 125,000 dollars. But then what they do with the 35,000 dollar motor, is that they take that engine apart, and they'll spend 80,000 dollars or whatever going through the engine and making sure that its basically factory new. So, they pull everything apart on it."

Madam Chair Johnson commented, "I personally would just sell it to someone now, rather than wasting money on insurance, inspections, while its running. I would prefer to just get rid of it." Mr. Vink answered, "If we were able to communicate and make this happen, there's a chance when Mike goes down for his training for King Air. This place is in Wichita. He could fly it down there." Annie Weyiouanna asked if it would be a trade-off. Mr. Vink said, "Just say, here you go. Have the money wired, and we would deliver the plane at the appointed time. I don't know if we can make it happen that quick, I don't know, but it's maybe something we can have done. I've asked Tim Daniels to go through and pull out a list of parts that he has, that are in his mind, valuable parts so that J.R. Dobson knows he's getting a plane plus an inventory of valuable parts."

Milton Cheemuk asked when the King Air will be effective to fly. Mr. Vink answered, "It will be here in August. We plan on flying the King Air once our school year starts." Mr. Cheemuk asked, "Are we the only district to have our own plane?" Mr. Vink answered, "I believe there is one other district that has a small plane but they also lease a hangar facility. We pretty much have a whole airline. We're like a small airline, we have a hangar, we have a pilot on staff, we have a mechanic on staff." Aaron Iworriagan asked if that salvage yard is within the state of Alaska. Mr. Vink answered that it's in Wichita and Wichita is the hub of all airplanes. That's where all the manufacturing is done there for small planes.

MOTION:

Milton Cheemuk made a motion to authorize Mark Vink to negotiate a sale with J.R. Dobson to gain the most benefit for the District. Aaron Iworriagan seconded. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM E:**

CRESEL Grant

Carolyn Heflin – Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented to the Board.

The Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) has received the Culturally Responsive Social and Emotional Learning (CRESEL) grant from the US Department of Education to support opportunities for Bering Strait School District to:

- establish instructional practices to develop resiliency and cultural competence
- re-design the learning environment for a more trauma-informed, social emotional learning skill supportive, and culturally competent school environment
- support direct interventions with students to support students in greatest need or who may have greatest impact on the school environment
- establish the correct policies and indicators to track progress of social and emotional skills

Members of the BSSD Governing Board had the opportunity to hear the results of the FY'15 AASB Climate Summary from Jenni Lefing at the November 2015 meeting in Anchorage. The acceptance of this grant will continue to fund the district's work towards this initiative, which to date, has been taken from the district's general funds.

ACTION NEEDED:

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the acceptance of the Culturally Responsive Social and Emotional Learning Grant in the amount of \$227,500.00 from FY'16 to FY'19.

MOTION:

Irene Navarro made a motion to approve the acceptance of the Culturally Responsive Social and Emotional Learning Grant in the amount of \$227,500.00 from FY16 to FY19. Annie Weyiouanna seconded. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM F:**

Future Educators of Alaska (FEA) Grant

Carolyn Heflin – Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented to the Board.

The goal of the Future Educators of Alaska (FEA) grant is to address the critical shortage of local educators in the district by encouraging and supporting middle and high school students to pursue careers in education. The intended impact from this two-year grant beginning in FY'17 is to inform BSSD students about education as a professional choice and to understand the career pathway to become a teacher.

The FEA grant will provide funding for FEA clubs in BSSD schools to meet on a monthly basis. For the past three years, BSSD has been funding these clubs out of general funds. In addition, the FEA grant provides opportunities through UAF for students to attend the annual state FEA Academy, take dual credit classes geared towards the education profession and attend the RAHI summer bridge.

Bering Strait School District will receive \$28,000.00 for year 2 and year 3 of the FEA grant for a total of \$56,000.00.

ACTION NEEDED: Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the acceptance of the FEA grant in the amount of \$56,000.00.

Aurora Johnson commented that it's exciting to see more and more of our kids coming home and being teachers in their homes. Carolyn Heflin said, absolutely.

MOTION:

Annie Weyiouanna made a motion to approve the acceptance of the FEA grant in the amount of \$56,000.00. Seconded by Frank Oxereok Jr. Motion Carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM G:**

Policy Section 0000

Dr. Bolen – Superintendent, presented to the Board.

Per Administrative Regulation 9311, Administration has reviewed Board Policy Sections 0000 – 3000. FY 2016 has been reestablished as Year 1 of policy review, as the Policy Committee did not meet in FY15. The Bering Strait School District subscribes to the AASB Policy Update Subscription. The FY16 recommended policy changes from AASB have also been reviewed and prepared for Board approval.

Board Policy	0000
	0100
	0200
	0210
	0410
	0411
	0420
	0500
	0510
	0520
	0530
Administrative Regulation	0520

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion to approve the Policy Committee's recommendation to approve the above listed Board Policy Section 0000 as presented with no changes from current policy.as presented.

MOTION:

Aaron Iworriagan made a motion to approve the above listed Board Policy Section 0000 as presented. Seconded by Annie Weyiouanna. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM H:**

Policy Form E 0410

Dr. Bolen – Superintendent, presented to the Board.

Per Administrative Regulation 9311, Administration has reviewed Board Policy Sections 0000 – 3000. FY 2016 has been reestablished as Year 1 of policy review, as the Policy Committee did not meet in FY15. The Bering Strait School District subscribes to the AASB Policy Update Subscription. The FY16 recommended policy changes from AASB have also been reviewed and prepared for Board approval.

Form (E) 0410
Designation of Patty Vink as the District 504 Coordinator.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A recommendation from the Policy Committee to the full School Board to approve the adoption of Form (E) 0410 as presented.

Aurora Johnson commented, "And just for your information, the name changes with whomever is in that position." Dr. Bolen commented that when we get a new person, we'd have to adopt that again at a future Board Meeting. Annie Weyiouanna asked, "Instead of putting an actual name, can't we just put the position, so that we don't have to go back." Dr. Bolen answered, "no, the Board Policy requires a contact person by name." Ms. Weyiouanna commented, "Just thought I would make a shortcut. Dr. Bolen answered, "If the District ever decided that if the 504 contact was going to be somebody different. It might not always be the Director of SPED, it might not be a SPED Itinerant. It's kind of up to the District. It's different with every district so you have to put a name in there so people know where to go. "

MOTION:

Milton Cheemuk made a motion to approve the adoption of Form (E) 0410 as presented. Seconded by Joe Murray. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM I:**

Policy Section 0430

Dr. Bolen – Superintendent, presented to the Board.

Per Administrative Regulation 9311, Administration has reviewed Board Policy Sections 0000 – 3000. FY 2016 has been reestablished as Year 1 of policy review, as the Policy Committee did not meet in FY15. The Bering Strait School District subscribes to the AASB Policy Update Subscription. The FY16 recommended policy changes from AASB have also been reviewed and prepared for Board approval.

Administrative Regulation 0430

Delete – No community schools in the district (this is a optional AASB AR)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion to approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation to delete the section from AR 0430 as presented.

MOTION:

Frank Oxereok made a motion to approve the recommendation to delete the section from AR 0430 as presented. Seconded by Jane Kava. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM J:**

Policy Section 0510

Dr. Bolen – Superintendent, presented to the Board.

Per Administrative Regulation 9311, Administration has reviewed Board Policy Sections 0000 – 3000. FY 2016 has been reestablished as Year 1 of policy review, as the Policy Committee did not meet in FY15. The Bering Strait School District subscribes to the AASB Policy Update Subscription. The FY16 recommended policy changes from AASB have also been reviewed and prepared for Board approval.

Administrative Regulation 0510

Change – Addition of military family participation

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion to approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation to add the section from AR 0510 as presented.

Aurora Johnson commented, “I know we don’t get much military here but this is in case we do. You never know.”

MOTION:

Aaron Iworrigan made a motion to approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation to add the section from AR 0510 as presented. Seconded by Frank Oxereok Jr. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM K:**

Policy Section 1000

Dr. Bolen – Superintendent, presented to the Board.

Per Administrative Regulation 9311, Administration has reviewed Board Policy Sections 0000 – 3000. FY 2016 has been reestablished as Year 1 of policy review, as the Policy Committee did not meet in FY15. The Bering Strait School District subscribes to the AASB Policy Update Subscription. The FY16 recommended policy changes from AASB have also been reviewed and prepared for Board approval.

Board Policy	1000	1240	1322
	1100	1250	1325
	1112	1260	1330
	1114	1312	1340

	1120	1312.1	1400
	1140	1312.2	1410
	1150	1312.3	1450
	1220	1313	1700
	1230	1321	
Administrative Regulation	1114	1312.3	1340
	1150	1321	1410
	1240	1322	
	1312.1	1325	
	1312.2	1330	
Form (E)	1312.2		

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion to approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the above listed Board Policy Section 1000 as presented with no changes from current policy.

MOTION:

Aaron Iworrigan made a motion to approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the above listed Board Policy Section 1000 as presented. Seconded by Joe Murray. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM L:**

Policy Section 2000

Dr. Bolen – Superintendent, presented to the Board.

Per Administrative Regulation 9311, Administration has reviewed Board Policy Sections 0000 – 3000. FY 2016 has been reestablished as Year 1 of policy review, as the Policy Committee did not meet in FY15. The Bering Strait School District subscribes to the AASB Policy Update Subscription. The FY16 recommended policy changes from AASB have also been reviewed and prepared for Board approval.

Board Policy	2000
	2100
	2110
	2120
	2121
	2122
	2123
	2210
	2230
	2250
	2300

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion to approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the above listed Board Policy Section 2000 as presented with no changes from current policy.

MOTION:

Frank Oxereok Jr. made a motion to approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the above listed Board Policy Section 2000 as presented. Seconded by Irene Navarro. Motion carried.

❖ **ACTION ITEM M:**
Policy Section 3000

Dr. Bolen – Superintendent, presented to the Board.

Per Administrative Regulation 9311, Administration has reviewed Board Policy Sections 0000 – 3000. FY 2016 has been reestablished as Year 1 of policy review, as the Policy Committee did not meet in FY15. The Bering Strait School District subscribes to the AASB Policy Update Subscription. The FY16 recommended policy changes from AASB have also been reviewed and prepared for Board approval.

Board Policy	3000	3400	3515.4
	3100	3440.1	3515.5
	3110	3450	3523
	3200	3451	3530
	3260	3452	3540
	3270	3460	3541
	3280	3470	3541.1
	3290	3510	3541.2
	3300	3511	3541.5
	3305	3512	3542
	3310	3513.3	3543
	3311	3514	3543.1
	3312	3514,1	3550
	3314	3515	3553
	3315	3515.2	3554
			3580
Administrative Regulation	3100	3440	3515.4
	3305	3511	3541.1
	3310	3514.1	3543.1
	3311	3515	
Form (E)	3305		

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion to approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the above listed Board Policy Section 3000 as presented with no changes from current policy.

Annie Weyiouanna asked if they were approved by the Policy Committee first. Dr. Bolen said, “The Policy Committee approved them last week, yes.”

MOTION:

Annie Weyiouanna made a motion to approve the Policy Committee’s recommendation to approve the above listed Board Policy Section 3000 as presented. Seconded by Frank Oxereok Jr. Motion carried.

Aurora Johnson moved the CHAMPS Liaison Report up with the 1A Basketball Site Decision to follow due to time constraints.

IX. REPORT ITEMS

❖ **REPORT ITEM A:**
CHAMPS Liaison Initiative

Karl Schleich presented to the Board.

Karl presented the report on CHAMPS for the year.

Aurora Johnson commented, "It's pretty exciting to see it taking affect in the sites, especially this one. You should've seen them this morning. The bus picked us up first, and then we went to the bus stop up there. And then the kids were coming in and ready to shake our hands. It was just so cute. But it's exciting to see that they're really working at it and it's not only benefiting the students, it's benefiting the teachers as well."

VIII. ACTION ITEM P:
1A Basketball Regional Site Location

Jeff Erickson – Activities Specialist, presented to the Board.

Jeff Erickson presented the options for hosting the 1A Regional Basketball site which are: Nome and Unalakleet.

Milton Cheemuk commented, "I like Stebbins. I think that Stebbins would be the ideal place to go." Mr. Erickson said, "Stebbins, I agree. Stebbins did a great job, I was in Stebbins this year. Mostly, because they have a new staff, new principal. But Stebbins, championship night, the stands were full and we had people in the balcony. And that was half the teams, so you would double the tournament size and you would double the length of the tournament." Madam Chair Johnson added, "Plus accommodations." Mr. Erickson said, "One of the things that has come up, is a concern for fans and is a legitimate concern for fans, is that having the tournament in Unalakleet, is fine for White Mountain, Golovin, Elim, Shaktoolik, St. Michael and Stebbins. Their fans can get over there pretty cheaply. It's a hurdle for the west side teams 'cause they have to get into Nome and then down. Bering Air and Ravn have been gracious enough to have tournament fares but it's still expensive. There's no question about that.

I think when we make a decision, from my department standpoint, is number 1 is the kids; number 2 has to be the budget because the budget drives what I can do for the kids. And as much as I love the fans, they have to come third. It'd be nice to have the three of them all be able to have an ideal situation, but with the fiscal reality of what we have. Some of the logistical questions that I have really about Nome, Nome is willing to try it. But the logistics of holding it there really had some pitfalls that I think would be interesting to figure out. So, my recommendation from our department is that until we can figure out how to fix those things in Nome; meals, transportation. Our recommendation is that the 2017 1A Regionals be held in Unalakleet." Irene Navarro asked, "Have you considered splitting the boys and the

girls?" Mr. Erickson answered, "We have and that's a possibility. The 100% consensus from sites is "don't ever do that to us again." We could do it to them anyways, but we did that in 2004, 2005, 2006, somewhere in there, we did that for a couple of years. And the kids came out of that to say, "this sucks!" "We don't have our girls cheering for us" and the boys were saying, "We don't have our boys cheering for us." The parents were saying, "I have a boy and a girl, which tournament do I go to?" It makes fiscal sense, it re-energizes kids and we can start looking at alternate sites within the district but the almost 100% response from players, coaches, fans was, don't split boys and girls up."

Tia Wilson commented, "The positive for having it in Unalakleet, and I don't want to sound partial, but thinking kids first. We got the sub-regional clinic located there, you know, with a P.A., and health aides on staff, 24/7. We've got the police department and the trooper for added protection. And a lot of our homes, we welcome, I'm always full with Shaktoolik people and then we try our best to keep the hospitality room staffed. So that's a plus. The negative for Nome, it might be cheaper to fly in, but housing yourself is more expensive, you know. Because you might not find host families, you might have to stay at local hotels. And then the downtown attraction for some of the parents and grandparents is really, I'm sorry to say, we had bad experiences from past teams here." Mr. Erickson added, "This year, we had bad experiences with kids in Nome. I maintain that in a tournament setting, a district tournament setting as opposed to an invitational where we generally have problems. I think we can monitor our kids as well as we can, it's not a hundred percent but we can't control the fans and make that as part of my discussion. But, I absolutely understand that the actions of only 2 or 3 fans to really ruin it for a whole lot of kids. We know the monkey that's in the room whenever we talk about Nome. But I want to be what's important first which are the kids, then the money and then the fans."

Frank Oxereok Jr. commented, "You know, just looking at it from one of the villages that are further away from Unalakleet, you know, the travel, the weather is not always that well. We have got to think of the safety of our children when they travel. The further away from Unalakleet, the harder it gets there. I'd rather see it happen in Nome because, you know, Wales, Shishmaref, Diomed, Saint Lawrence, I know there are some parents and relatives that always want to go see our children participate in these games, they can't do it because they have to go to Nome and on to Unalakleet." Mr. Erickson totally agrees with that and goes on to say. "That's a given, we understand that, that's a hardship for the fans and the communities on the west side. Again, my position has to be that I'm doing what's best for the kids with the amount of money that I have. That's a totally valid point and I don't know how we get around that."

Milton Cheemuk commented, "I know BSSD, we only let 8 players go get on the plane and the coach, and there are other kids that are left behind that want to go. At NSEDC, we do large discretionary funds to the schools and I think that Unalakleet would be the ideal spot besides Stebbins to get more kids to go." Mr. Erickson answered, "Our guidelines is that we pay for our plane. There are many sites, Elim is one that always bring their full team, Shaktoolik is close. So, we welcome all the kids but sites do the fund raising. Gambell is another one that will almost always bring theirs, Teller brings their whole crew. So, we welcome other kids. They fundraise,

some of them like Smitty says, has access to easy funds, some of them fundraise, some of them use corporations and private funds. We welcome as many we can but the more the merrier, the bigger the facility and the greater expanse of food. “

Aaron Iworrigan commented, “We as a Board can always recommend Nome on a trial basis like we did in the past.” Annie Weyiouanna added, “I would say do Nome as a trial basis but then I would recommend that you include more chaperones, like you said that there is some things that people do in Nome that are unpleasant. But, the safety of the kids too, is important because one little thing can ruin it for the whole group. But, if we had more people to help and chaperone and take care of the kids, make sure that their safety is important as well. So, I would recommend that with more additional supervision and more support.”

Mr. Erickson added, “Believe me, more adults, the happier I’ll be with that many kids running around in Nome. Again, I think we can manage kids. The issue will be that Nome Beltz would like them removed from the facility. They would stay in the classrooms, but they would like them removed from the facility during the day. So, even if a team isn’t playing that day, or say, by Saturday, they lost twice and they’re out. Those are the teams that we always struggle with. Because now those kids are idle, they don’t have anything to look forward to. They’re kind of like, what can you do for me now, you know. And depending on their actual direct supervision by the strength of their coaches and things, those are the ones that I watch for. So again, I don’t have action required but, from our department we still stand by the recommendation for finances and logistics, we recommend that it be in Unalakleet, but we are at the mercy of what the Board decides. Whether you do it now or whether you discuss it, decide it later, I’m fine. As long as I know before the end of the year. “

Madam Chair Johnson commented, “Well, I know, we all have, we can ask questions all day on this. For me personally, I feel that it should be in district. For one, it costs less. We have all the staff on and then we would be paying Nome to house and to you know, transportation. Whereas, we already have it within our district.” Mr. Erickson added, “That’s one aspect I mentioned, that’s the one nice thing. Whether it’s Unalakleet, Stebbins, or split into boys and girls sites, the one nice thing about keeping it in our villages, again whichever village it is, is that it is a big revenue generator. I know Unalakleet this year, allowed other groups. I know Shaktoolik used it for fund-raising. So other kids are welcomed to fund-raise when they come to the conference tournament, but it also puts money in our maintenance, cooks and local businesses rather than paying them management and \$50,000. That’s one thing to consider as well. But I understand Frank’s comments, Annie’s comments, Aaron’s, it’s a tough one for the west side folks.”

Madam Chair Johnson added, “To add to that though, Bering Air has been very generous with having, I mean, the cost to go to Unalakleet from the island is just as cheap almost from, you know, Golovin sometimes. It just kind of depends.” Annie Weyiouanna interjected, “But it costs 500 bucks though.” Madam Chair Johnson answered, “And that’s how much it costs to go to Nome too. So, it all depends.” Mr. Erickson finished with, “So, that’s all I have, if there are any more questions, I’ll be happy to answer them.” Irene Navarro asked, “The cost for the two sub-regionals and the one in Unalakleet, how much did that run approximately?” Mr. Erickson

answered, "It was cheaper than running a conference tournament, if you could believe it. I sat there and I thought, will this work? The reason it was, was that Gambell and Savoonga didn't make it. But as much as I would have loved to have them, they were the key. Donna (Erickson) and I sat down and did the numbers and if we would've held a single conference tournament in Unalakleet with everybody coming, it would've cost more than hosting the sub-regional tournaments and bringing the four boys and girls."

Ms. Navarro added, "A lot of times too though, you start out with a lot of teams and then come towards end of the season, there are some teams that aren't eligible or they don't have a team anymore." Mr. Erickson added, "All I can do is plan for the biggest number. Two years ago, we had 23 teams. Last year, we had 19 maybe, 'cause like you said, we had a couple drop out. But I have to plan for the big number." Madam Chair Johnson said, "The wishes of the Board, this is just for one year. This is something he's looking for next year and next year, you know, can look at it again, but this is for his planning purposes for the upcoming regionals." Mr. Erickson added, "One thing I might add, you know, we talked about this, I would love to have this set for more than one year, 'cause I'd rather not come back every year wondering where it's going to be. I think for the next couple of years, it's something we want to consider on a year-to-year basis because there's a possibility of a change in either direction. ASAA is considering, well, we'll have a new classification change. Unalakleet is the sixth largest high school in the district right now. They are not very big, a 1A school that plays 2A. ASAA is considering removing the option, thus forcing Unalakleet down which would add two more teams to the mix. But, we also have a classification change, we may be having a couple of teams be forced up in this situation. So, in 2019, it could change the numbers that we have or it may change the numbers of teams that we have. That being said, I think it would be helpful to be a year one option and then a second one-year option after."

Irene Navarro added, "Whatever option that we chose there's going to be issues, unhappy fans like you mentioned having split the girls and the boys, the parents need to select where they're going to go." Tia Wilson requested that if and when there is a motion on the floor, she would like a roll call vote. Aurora Johnson accepted.

Annie Weyiouanna added, "It's a hard decision because it's such a huge sport and that's what drives our kids to be in school too. And the way it used to be, we used to be done by January, but now it's moved to where our kids can stay in school longer. And you know, there were kids that would come to school just to go to school for basketball. And this is a hard decision for me, because of that." Aurora Johnson mentioned, "First and foremost, we need to think about our kids, you know, like he said most of the kids and the coaches said, don't ever separate us ever again. I mean, we were in high school before. We like to go to tournaments and everything so." Irene Navarro asked, "Have you talked with any of the coaches or get their idea of what works better?" Mr. Erickson answered, "Since I don't have it in writing, I get almost every comment is that they like it in Unalakleet. Maybe they would like it in Nome too because Nome would have even more options, but they like the fact that it's in Unalakleet, there's a few options for entertainment, there's a few options for food."

Aurora Johnson mentioned, "I know we can talk about this all day long but the planes are waiting."

MOTION:

Milton Cheemuk made a motion to approve Unalakleet on a one-year basis for FY17. Seconded by Aaron Iworriagan.

A roll-call vote was called by Aurora Johnson. Aurora Johnson answered yes. Aaron Iworriagan answered yes. Jane Kava answered yes. Irene Navarro abstained. Jeanette Iya was excused. Sherman Richard was excused. Milton Cheemuk answered yes. Joe Murray answered yes. Frank Oxereok Jr. abstained. Annie Weyiouanna answered yes. Tia Wilson answered yes.

Aurora Johnson mentioned that the planes are here and we need to move the action items: ANSEP proposal, Meeting schedule, Superintendent evaluation and reports: FY16 graduation report, third quarter report and plane purchase update to Brevig Mission at this time.

X. RECESS & RECONVENE IN BREVIG MISSION:

Irene Navarro made a motion to recess at 12:50 PM. Seconded by Annie Weyiouanna. Motion carried.