

CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 8, 2022

WORK SESSION – 4:30-5:45 PM

Topic: Indicators of Success Report

REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM

Library, Thunder Mountain High School

Zoom option available at:

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MINUTES
(ADOPTED)

1.0 Call to Order

Deedie Sorensen, Board President, called the regular meeting of the City & Borough of Juneau Board of Education to order at 6:01 PM.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

Martin Stepetin, Board Member, recited the land acknowledgement.

3.0 Flag Salute

Deedie Sorensen, Board President, led the flag salute.

4.0 Roll Call

Amber Frommherz
Martin Stepetin
Elizabeth Siddon
Brian Holst - Excused
Will Muldoon
Emil Mackey
Deedie Sorensen

4.1 Spotlight on Success: Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction, Brian Van Kirk (*Superintendent Presenting*)

Dr. Weiss acknowledged Brian Van Kirk, Music instructor at Thunder Mountain High School, for being named the Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

Emil Mackey moved and Martin Stepetin seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED

6.0 Opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Action Items

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Chris Heidemann, JEA President, expressed concern about a perceived disconnect between the Board of Education and the people employed within the district.

Aaron Spratt, community member, expressed concern over the statistics presented during the earlier work session.

Amanda Spratt, community member, expressed concern over how the pandemic was handled and feels that the learning loss was not due to the pandemic but how the district responded to it.

7.0 Special Reports

7.1 Student Reports *(Student Representatives)*

Elizabeth Djajalie, Thunder Mountain High School (TMHS) student representative, spoke about their school assembly, spirit week, a math competition, and peer tutoring that is offered every Thursday for those who need it.

Angel'lina Hammons, Juneau-Douglas High School: Yadaa.at Kalé (JDHS) student representative, spoke about a school dance called the snowball that is coming back, fall spirit week, the Juneau huskies cheer team who took first place at state and Katie Pikul who took first place at state in tennis.

7.2 Superintendent's Report *(Superintendent)*

Dr. Weiss reported on the items in her report located in the Board packet. Topics included the strategic plan refresh and hiring statistics.

7.3 Teaching & Learning Report *(Director of Teaching & Learning Support)*

Mr. Wilson reported on the items in his report located in the Board packet. Topics included the AK Star assessment, summer school budget, and site equity reports.

7.4 Student Services Report *(Director of Student Services)*

Dr. Weiss reported on the items in her report located in the Board packet. The topic was the MTSS (multi-tiered systems of Support) refresh/strategies.

8.0 Action Items

8.1 Consent Agenda – The Consent Agenda is designed to expedite items routine in nature and that do not require separate discussion. When the Board Chair calls for the Consent Agenda, any Board Member or member of the public may request that an item be removed and considered as a separate item. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will follow the format of staff reports, board questions, public comment, and board action.

8.1.1 Certificated Personnel Report *(Director of Human Resources) - Information was included in the Board packet. It may be viewed online or upon request*

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- 8.1.2 Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2022** (Special Meeting)
- 8.1.3 Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2022** (Regular Meeting)
- 8.1.4 Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2022** (Special Meeting)
- 8.1.5 Avid Funding** (Final Reading) (*Director of Teaching & Learning Support*)
- 8.1.6 Acceptance of Grant Funds** (Final Reading) (*Director of Teaching & Learning Support*)

Emil Mackey moved and Martin Stepetin seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda.

Elizabeth Siddon requested that item 8.1.6 be removed from the consent agenda to be considered as a separate item.

Item 8.1.6 was removed and will be addressed after the regular action items.

Emil Mackey moved and Martin Stepetin seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED

- 8.2 Presentation of the FY 2022 Basic Financial Statements and Schedules** (Final Reading) (*Director of Administrative Services*)

Emil Mackey moved and Elizabeth Siddon seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the FY2022 Financial Statements as presented.

Ms. Olin gave an overview of the information that was included in the Board packet in regard to the basic financial statements for FY 2022.

Karen Tarver, auditor, went through the financial statements and explained the process they went through as well as answered questions from the members.

Members discussed the financial statements.

Public Comment

Aaron Spratt, community member, expressed concern over the financials presented.

End of public comment

Back to the motion

Members continued to discuss the financials.

Roll Call

Elizabeth Siddon – Yes
Amber Frommherz – Yes
Will Muldoon – Yes

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Emil Mackey – Yes
Martin Stepetin – Yes
Deedie Sorensen – Yes

MOTION PASSED

8.3 Acceptance of the Superintendent's Retirement (Final Reading) *(Board President)*

Emil Mackey moved and Elizabeth Siddon seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the retirement from Dr. Bridget Weiss as superintendent effective June 30, 2023 with appreciation for her years of service to the district.

Members discussed the motion and gave their sentiments to Dr. Weiss.

Public Comment - None

Roll Call

Martin Stepetin – Yes
Will Muldoon – Yes
Emil Mackey – Yes
Elizabeth Siddon – Yes
Amber Frommherz – Yes
Deedie Sorensen – Yes

MOTION PASSED

8.4 Identification of Process for Superintendent Search (Final Reading) *(Director of Human Resources)*

Mr. Melkerson came forward and explained several options for a superintendent search that the Board of Education could consider.

Members discussed the proposed options.

Emil Mackey moved that the Board of Education direct staff to begin an RFP process to retain a contracted entity for the purpose of hiring a superintendent with a preference for organizations experienced in hiring educators with successful experience educating indigenous learners.

With no second to the motion, it will not be considered.

Will Muldoon moved and Elizabeth Siddon seconded the motion that the Board of Education direct staff to begin the RFP process to retain a contracted entity for the purpose of hiring a Superintendent.

Public Comment – None

Roll Call

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Amber Frommherz – Yes
Martin Stepetin – Yes
Emil Mackey – Yes
Will Muldoon – Yes
Elizabeth Siddon – Yes
Deedie Sorensen – Yes

MOTION PASSED

8.5 Board of Education CBJ Legislative Priorities (First Reading) *(Director of Administrative Services)*

Ms. Olin explained the list of CBJ legislative priorities which were included in the Board packet.

Members discussed the items in the priority list.

Public Comment

Aaron Spratt, community member, expressed concern about the securities and vulnerabilities of the schools and suggested it be discussed in executive session.

End of public comment.

Item will return for final reading at the next regular Board of Education meeting.

8.6 Approval of the FY2023 (January-June) Food Services Contract (First Reading) *(Director of Administrative Services)*

Ms. Olin provided a summary of the proposed changes in the food services contract which is included in the Board packet.

Members discussed the item at hand.

Public Comment

Aaron Spratt, community member, expressed concern over the food services provider due to an incident that occurred over the summer of 2022.

End of public comment.

Item will return for final reading at the next regular Board of Education meeting along with the proposed contract.

8.1.6 Acceptance of Grant Funds (Final Reading) *(Director of Teaching & Learning Support)*

Dr. Weiss explained that following many discussions of grant funding and approvals of such when it doesn't fall in line with the budgeting process, it was suggested by some Board members to include it in the consent agenda so that the district can move forward. By doing this, the Board

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would be approving the acceptance of the grants and there is no fiscal impact therefore the administration felt that the consent agenda is an appropriate place for this item.

Members discussed the item.

Public Comment

Katie Pittman, T&L support staff member, commented on what they are hoping to build with the proposed grant.

Emil Mackey moved Will Muldoon seconded that the Board of Education accept the grant agreements with Sealaska Heritage Institute as outlined in the attached documents.

Roll Call

Will Muldoon – Yes

Emil Mackey – Yes

Elizabeth Siddon – Yes

Amber Frommherz – Yes

Martin Stepetin – Yes

Deedie Sorensen – Yes

MOTION PASSED

9.0 Information Items

9.1 Classified Personnel Report (*Director of Human Resources*) - Information was included in the Board packet. It may be viewed online or upon request

9.2 Future Board of Education Agenda (*Superintendent*)

Dr. Weiss spoke about the items that will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting on December 13, 2022.

Items to add:

- Superintendent Search RFP
- Executive Session for Collective Bargaining

9.3 Board of Education Correspondence (*Board President*)

None

10.0 Board Committee Reports

10.1 Facilities Committee (*Will Muldoon, Chair*)

Mr. Muldoon reported that their committee met on November 1st where they discussed the legislative priorities as well as snow removal. The next meeting will be on December 14th at noon.

10.2 Program Evaluation Committee (*Deedie Sorensen, Chair*)

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Mrs. Sorensen reported that at the last meeting they discussed the NEAP data.

10.3 Policy Committee (*Emil Mackey, Chair*)

Dr. Mackey reported that the committee meets next week.

10.4 Finance Committee (*Brian Holst, Chair*)

Mr. Muldoon reported that the committee met on November 3rd where they reviewed the grant framework as well as the building funding formula framework. The next meeting will take place on December 19th.

10.5 Community Committee Reports (*Board President*)

None

11.0 Board Member Comments

Dr. Mackey encouraged members to think about what's ahead and that they will face structural challenges within the budget. He wished everyone a good Thanksgiving holiday.

Ms. Frommherz spoke about the Teen Health Center which serves all three high schools where over 100 students use the service. She acknowledged Veteran's Day and thanked those for their service. She also wished everyone happy holidays.

Dr. Siddon congratulated Mrs. Sorensen on being the new Board President and running her first meeting as such. She wished everyone happy holidays.

Dr. Weiss reminded members of the student meet and greet that will be taking place tomorrow. She thanked her cabinet team for all of their hard work that is very much appreciated.

12.0 Adjournment

Will Muldoon moved and Emil Mackey seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:38 PM.

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