

**HOONAH CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

February 25, 2019

(Budget Revision Workshop from 6:30pm-7:34pm before the Regular Board Meeting.)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Harold Houston, Heidi Jewell, Dillon Styers, Grace Villarreal, Ethan Gray (Student Representative), and Robert Hutton.

SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL: Ralph Watkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelli Gretsinger, Recording Secretary, Amy Stevenson, Business Manager, Heather Powell, ANEP Director, Jeremiah Byers, Maintenance Director, Shawn McConnell, Valerie Houston, Arianna Hinchman, Jonna George, RJ Didrickson, Travis Lewis, and Lora Jett.

CALL TO ORDER: Robert Hutton called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

ROLL CALL: Five (5) Board Members were present at roll call, a quorum was established.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD: No correspondence to the Board.

AGENDA REVISIONS: Robert Hutton added a Discussion Item: Timeline for Offering Teachers Contracts.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Robert Hutton asked if there is any objection for adopting the Agenda as revised. No objection. Approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M/S Grace Villarreal, Harold Houston, made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 24, 2019. Robert Hutton asked for all those in favor to say "Aye." All five board members said "Aye." Motion passes unanimously.

BOARD CALENDAR: Principal's Roundtable is at 6:00 pm on February 26, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT EACH):

- Valerie Gamble Houston spoke about bullying.
- RJ Didrickson, Arianna Hinchman, and Jonna George presented a video of their Tlingit Class.

- Travis Lewis spoke about sports. He had the opportunity to attend the middle school wrestling tournament. He would like to see corporate sponsors and summer camps in Hoonah.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

- **Administrator Report – Ralph Watkins** gave a written attached report. He added that even with all the government budget cuts, he is committed to making sure our students get a quality education. On the 27th is the Joint City Council/School Board Meeting. He is confident in the City's support of our school. Ralph had submitted an agenda to the city for the Joint Meeting. They had two additions; the Library and 1% activities/general fund. Ralph had had a conversation with the City Manager on redirecting the balance of the student activity account to be used for general fund. Ralph also spoke about the MOA with UAS that was included in his report. Harold Houston asked to have an annual calendar with the Superintendent/Principal activities (important dates such as events to travel to and when grant reports are due). The deadline for an update on this calendar is next meeting in March.
- **Business Office Report – Amy Stevenson** gave a written attached report.
- **ANEP Grant Director's Report – Heather Powell** gave a written attached report.
- **Grant Director's Report – Norma Holmgaard** gave a written attached report. Heidi Jewell asked how many grants Norma is managing. Amy Stevenson believes there are 12.
- **Maintenance Report – Jeremiah Byers** gave a written attached report. Jeremiah told the Board that he has been dealing with snow removal and clogged drains this month. There has been interest in the Playground Project Bid.
- **SPED Report – Sheryl Ross** gave a written attached report. Sheryl is attending a SPED conference in Anchorage. Harold Houston would like to see Jenny Miller and Wilma Davis recognized for their hard work in the SPED program. Robert Hutton put them on his list.
- **Board Reports –**
 - **Robert Hutton** is planning an appropriate recognition for Tesh Miller at the next board meeting. He would like a board member to volunteer to write a letter with Ralph Watkins to the Governor about how the budget cuts affect our school. He would like to have the letter sent off by next week.
 - **Ethan Gray** reported that the basketball teams leave tomorrow on the ferry for the Regional V Tournament in Juneau. The boys team is dealing with

injuries. Native Youth Olympics are being coached by Jack Diamond. Students are excited about taking Driver's Ed and Yearbook.

- **Grace Villarreal** has been out of town. Next month she will have more to report.
- **Heidi Jewell** has not met with Norma Holmgaard about Board Goal # 2: Understanding Grants. She plans on meeting with Norma next time she is here. No HIA report.
- **Harold Houston** finds the news flash emails sent from AASB very interesting.
- **Dillon Styers** reported that he is building an ice skate rink at the park. Anyone is welcome to use it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.0 Tenured Teacher Contract

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillon Styers move that the Board of Education offer a 2019/2020 teaching contract to the following tenured teacher: Adam Gretsinger. Discussion: None.

Roll Call Voice Vote: Representative Preferential Vote: Yes, DS-Yes, GV-Yes, HJ-Yes, HH-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Board Policy Update:** – **Robert Hutton** asked the Board what month they would like to approach the AASB updates or the annual review of policies. It was decided that the review of policies will be done in the month of June and the Board will address the AASB updates as they come.
- **Legislative Update:** Ralph Watkins passed out a document titled *Legal Services* from the State of Alaska. The Governor is still talking about cutting \$20 million dollars from this year's budget.
- **Superintendent vs Superintendent/Principal Evaluation:** Harold Houston and Dillon Styers volunteered to form a committee that will look into the differences between of a Superintendent Evaluation vs a Superintendent/Principal Evaluation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

- **Travis Lewis** spoke about Yearbook. He thinks it would be nice if somebody from Yearbook traveled with the sports team to better document them.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

- **Dillon Styers** thanked Amy for all her hard work on the Budget.

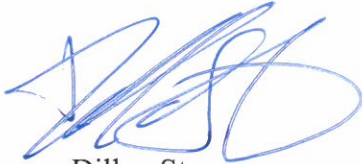
- **Harold Houston** would like to have an Executive Session during the Regular Board Meeting on March 28, 2019.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Another Draft of the Budget**

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dillon Styers
Board Secretary



Kelli D Gretsinger
School Board Secretary

*Please note that the audio recording of this meeting is available for listening in the District Office.