

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

March 28, 2019

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

SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL: Ralph Watkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelli Gretsinger, Recording Secretary, Amy Stevenson, Business Manager, Sheryl Ross, SPED Director, Jeremiah Byers, Maintenance Director, Marti Lee, Clark Brown, Veronica Dalton, David Hay, Andy Gray, Tesh Miller, Wilma Davis, Pearl Miller, Jenny Miller, Eli Derenoff and Christina Carrick.

CALL TO ORDER: Robert Hutton called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ROLL CALL: Four (4) Board Members were present at roll call, a quorum was established. Harold Houston came to the meeting after roll call.

HONORING TESH MILLER-GRAY: Tesh Miller was honored for being the Paraprofessional for the Year for the State of Alaska. A slide show was shown and she was presented with an award from the School Board. Cake and juice was served.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD: There were two letters sent out by the Board. Resolution #2 was sent out to the Legislators and AASB on March 8th. Harold Houston and Ralph's letter that explained the impact of the potential budgets to our school was also sent on March 8th.

AGENDA REVISIONS: No revisions.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Robert Hutton asked if there was any objection to adopting the minutes. No objection. Approved by unanimous consent.

BOARD CALENDAR: There was an adjustment to the calendar that came out in the original packet. Ralph Watkins' travel to the Legislative Fly-In was in March not April. A corrected calendar was sent out in email to all board members and updated on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT EACH):

- Sally Dybdahl spoke about the playground. She thanked everyone that was ever involved with raising money for the playground.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

- **Administrator Report – Ralph Watkins** gave a written attached report. He added that the Job Fair that he and Grace attended was a sad event. There weren't many districts hiring: 178 teachers attended the job fair and only 9 left with jobs. Ralph also went to the Legislative Fly-In in late March.
- **Business Office Report – Amy Stevenson** gave a written attached report.
- **Maintenance Report – Jeremiah Byers** gave a written attached report. Jeremiah added that he recently watched a Security Camera webinar. They sent a free demo camera to our school. The outside cameras will cost \$700 and the inside cameras cost \$500.
- **SPED Report – Sheryl Ross** gave a written attached report. Harold Houston asked how many paraprofessionals the district currently has. Sheryl replied there are 10.
- **Board Reports - Grace Villarreal** reported that she went up to Anchorage with Ralph for the Job Fair. A few of the people at the Job Fair were very interested in Hoonah. **Ralph Watkins** spoke about the Borough meeting he had attended.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.0 First and Final Reading of BB9320: Changing meeting time to 7 pm.

M/S Grace Villarreal, Harold Houston moved that we approve BB 9320 for First and Final Reading. Discussion: None. Robert Hutton asked if there was any objection to changing the meeting time to 7:00 pm. There was none. Passed by unanimous consent.

1.1 Purchase Approval of Preschool Playground Equipment (Pre-School Grant)

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillon Styers moved that we purchase the Preschool Playground Equipment using Preschool funds. Discussion: Grace Villarreal asked if all the playground equipment will be purchased at this time. Sheryl Ross explained that only the preschool equipment will be purchased with this preschool grant. Robert Hutton asked for all those in favor to say "Aye." All five board members said "Aye." Motion passes unanimously.

1.2 FY 2019/2020 School Operating Fund Budget 1st Reading

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillon Styers moved that we approve the FY 20 School Operating Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,979,558 for first reading. Robert Hutton asked for all those in favor to say “Aye.” All five board members said “Aye.” Motion passes unanimously.

1.3 FY 2019/2020 New Teacher Contracts

M/S Dillon Styers, Heidi Jewell moved that the Board of Education offer the following teachers 2019/2020 teaching contracts:

- Carolyn Kramlich
- Rachel Priser
- Joan Martin
- Alexandria Tannehill-Smith
- Ben Mettling
- Natalia M. Bucher

Discussion: Harold Houston asked what the interview process for these teachers was like. Robert Hutton summed up what Ralph Watkins mentioned in his Admin Report. There were 37 applicants interviewed by a committee that included Ralph and four remaining teachers. Robert Hutton asked for all those in favor to say “Aye.” All five board members said “Aye.” Motion passes unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Playground Bids:** Jeremiah Byers gave the Board an update on the Playground Bids. Covus Design (the company we had contracted with to provide us with a playground design and the architectural work) had given us an estimate on the cost of the playground that was significantly less than the bids we received. We only had two bids. He would like direction on where to go from here. We are required to go with the lowest bidder. The bids were advertised through the Juneau Empire. Robert Hutton asked there is a deadline when we have to let the lowest bidder know we have accepted it. Don with SERRC advised that we do it quickly because the bidders may find other work. M/S Robert Hutton, Dillon Styers move that we authorize the committee to go ahead and contract with Island Construction for base bid with Alternate 1 and also 2 if we can somehow find the money to do so. Robert Hutton asked for all those in favor to say “Aye”. Four board members said “Aye”. Robert Hutton asked for all those opposed to say, “Nay.” No member said, “Nay.” Motion carried. (Later, Heidi Jewell asked Kelli to record that she did not vote on this motion because it wasn’t an action item.)
- **Suggested Revisions for Draft Master Calendar of Annual District Activities:** Robert Hutton asked if there were any comments or concerns on the Draft Master Calendar of Annual District Activities. Harold Houston would like to see more specific dates to help support the District further. It was decided at the beginning of the school year more specific dates will be provided. Heidi would like to have

quarterly meetings with the Board and Superintendent so they all can become more unified.

- **April Regular Board Meeting Date:** The Regular Board Meeting date will remain on April 18, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER): No public comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

- **Heidi Jewell** struggled with making decisions on Discussion Items. She asked Kelli to record that she did not vote on the Playground Bid. Robert Hutton will discuss with her a resolution to this issue.

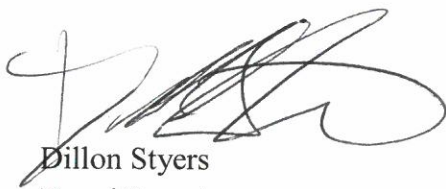
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- **MOA for SPED Itinerants**
- **Beginnings for AASB Policy Updates**
- **2nd and Final Reading of the Budget**
- **1st Reading of the School Calendar**

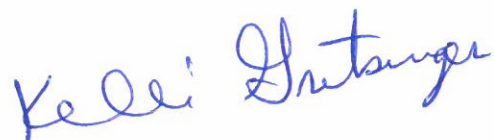
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Robert Hutton stated that no business will be acted upon after the Executive Session. Executive Session was entered at 8:18 pm. Gaveled out of executive session at 8:37 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dillon Styers
Board Secretary



Kelli D Gretsing
School Board Secretary

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