

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

March 14, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Anasia Neal, Jamie Erickson, Dillion Styers, Heidi Jewell. Robert Hutton, present telephonically.

SUPERINTENDENT: PJ Ford Slack

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Stevenson, Recording Secretary; Melody Douglas, present telephonically; Ralph Watkins, Principal; Pearl Miller, Amber Malone, Aimee Smith, Veronica Dalton, Jeremiah Byers, Maintenance Director, Melody Douglas, present telephonically.

CALL TO ORDER: Robert Hutton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

- None

AGENDA REVISIONS

- New Business 2.0 Contract proposals from Dr. PJ Ford Slack and Douglas Enterprises have been rescinded.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Dillon Styers, Heidi Jewell to adopt the agenda as revised. Roll Call Voice Vote: Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yes, JE-Yes, AN-Yes, DS-Yes, HJ-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S Heidi Jewell, Jamie Erickson to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting, February 27, 2017. . Roll Call Voice Vote: Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yes, JE-Yes, AN-Yes, DS-Yes, HJ-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes

BOARD CALENDAR

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT EACH)

- **Ralph Watkins** - He has enjoyed his time here in Hoonah. He is terrified of what is to come next year. He is concerned with the high turnover of our staff. It will be very hard next year. Being an educator is very hard. He is worried about the future
- **Travis Lewis** - He shares Mr. Watkin's concerns about the future of the school. We need to invest in our staff so they are willing to stay here 10 years or more.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Superintendent's Report – PJ Ford Slack, PhD

- She reported on the National Superintendents Conference and the direction of where education is going all over. Our school was the highlight of the conference because of Orange Frog training. We are the only trainers in Alaska and the one of the only schools who has participated in the training. She is working with the State of Alaska on monitoring Maintenance and Special Education.

B. Principal's Report – Ralph Watkins

- Written

C. ANEP Grant Director's Report – Heather Powell

- Moved until April regular board Meeting

D. Maintenance Report – Jeremiah Byers

- He has been busy preparing for the maintenance audit coming up. We have been having ongoing issues with our sprinkler system. The compressor burnt out. He has is running off a small personal compressor.

E. Student Representative Report - Halle Budke

- We had a very successful homecoming last week. We had a student government meeting where we have been going over the constitution.

H. Board Reports – Robert Hutton

- Heidi Jewell – It has been some time since she has been to an AASB Leg Fly-in. Other school districts sent their whole school board.

OLD BUSINESS

1.0 Approval of the 2017-18 School Calendar, Final Reading

M/S Anasia Neal, Jamie Erickson move that we approve the proposed 2017-2018 school calendar for first reading. **DISCUSSION:** Jamie asked who did the calendar. Heidi was sad to see that there was not much participation and that no students were involved. **Roll Call Voice Vote: Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yes, JE-Yes, AN-Yes, DS-Yes, HJ-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Superintendent Search –

M/S Robert Hutton, Jamie Erickson move that the Board permits the School Board President to enter into negotiation with the Alaska Association of School Boards to develop a memorandum of agreement for conducting and facilitating a superintendent search for FY 18. A proposed memorandum of agreement for such services will be brought to the Board for final approval. **DISCUSSION:** the Board discussed options and time frame to do this. We cannot wait until the next regular board meeting. Heidi Jewell called for question. **Roll Call Voice Vote: Student Representative Preferential Vote: Yes, JE-Yes, AN-Yes, DS-Yes, HJ-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.**

- **FY 18 Budget Presentation** - Melody Douglas went over the FY '18 budget with the board and she told the Board again that that this may have to be presented to the City unbalanced as the district does not know what the Legislature will do. The Board discussed the different options to try to close the deficit. Heidi asked to see an inventory of food service. Melody suggested this be as an action item for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (THREE-MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

- **Ralph Watkins** – He is speaking as a parent and he is again voicing how concerned he is with everything that is going on. Our focus must be the students of this school. Let's get it together.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- **Jamie Erickson** - She is a graduate of the Hoonah City Schools and takes pride in this. It is very important to have people who work together.
- **Robert Hutton** – He is upset that PJ has seen fit to withdrawn her proposal.
- **Heidi Jewell** – She thanked PJ for her years and dedication to the school,

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- FY '18 Budget
- Public Health Nurse-Discussion on Sex Education
- Playground report
- ANEP presentation
- SPED audit report

ADJORNMENT

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillon Styers to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dillon Styers
Board Secretary

Amy Stevenson
Recording Secretary