

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

August 17, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heidi Jewell, Dillon Styers, Jamie Erickson, Robert Hutton, Grace Villarreal.

SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL: Ralph Watkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelli Deitering, Recording Secretary, Amy Stevenson, Business Manager, Jeremiah Beyers, Maintenance, Sheryl Ross, Special Education, Chris Greenwald, Nicki Shelton, John Vlaun, Veronica Dalton, Eli Derenoff, Bambi James.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:

Robert Hutton read a letter that Chris Greenwald had sent to Ralph Watkins and himself asking to have a change to the Facility Use Agreement so that Ku.eex may be held at Hoonah City Schools.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

M/S Grace Villarreal, Jamie Erickson moved to adopt the amended agenda. Accepted by unanimous consent, **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S Robert Hutton, Grace Villarreal moved to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting June 15 2017. Discussion: Robert Hutton asked Kelli Deitering to change the wording for New Business 1.1 Approval of Mentor Contract for Superintendent/Principal. Richard Carlson's travel expenses are included in the \$25,000. Accepted by unanimous consent, **MOTION CARRIED.**

BOARD CALENDAR:

Next regular board meeting is September 21, 2017 @ 6:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT EACH):

No Public Comments

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

- **Administrator Report – Ralph Watkins** reported verbally that the HCS staff has accomplished so much even before school started. His transition from principal to superintendent has gone well. The school has switched from School Master to Power School. The middle and high school students like their class schedules. The professional development before school started was Montessori training evaluation model for teachers to understand how they are being evaluated. The first two days of school was orientation. The teachers thoroughly went over the Student Handbook. There was an increase of student enrollment from last year from 109 to 117 students.
- **Business Office Report – Amy Stevenson** gave a written attached report.
- **Maintenance Report – Jeremiah Byers** reported verbally that he and Corbin had a busy summer. He is currently working on summer repairs and catching up with his data entry. Some things that will be happening soon are the CIP broiler replacement, organizing and cleaning the downstairs woodshop and band room, Simplex- Sprinkler repairs, inspection of fire pump and sprinklers, and next week a person from Corvis Design will be coming to Hoonah to start the playground design.
- **Board Reports – Grace Villarreal** reported that there was a City Council meeting on August 10, 2017. They are still working on the ordinance for No Smoking at the park. The mayor Kenny Skaflestad is working on putting together a baseball team so there may be competitions with other Southeast communities. The city is working on a

matching grant to help pay 70% of the new school playground. There may be a change to the wording to the Sales Tax Proposition 1%. There needs to be clarification for the wording of “extra-curricular” activities. They would like to see more activities for younger students. The discussion of a consultant for forming a borough was also mentioned.

Robert Hutton reported that there was a School Board Retreat on August 10 and 11, 2017. The board conducted self-evaluations and formulated self-improvement goals. The School Board would like to understand the budget better. They are seeking professional help.

NEW BUSINESS

1.0 First Reading of Bylaws of the Board 9012

M/S Heidi Jewell, Grace Villarreal move that we approve Board Policy BB 9012 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Heidi Jewell-Yes, Grace Villarreal-Yes, Dillon Styers-Yes, Jamie Erickson-Yes, Robert Hutton-Yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

1.1 Addendum to Ralph Watkins’ Contract

M/S Heidi Jewell, Jamie Erickson move that we approve the sick leave addendum to Mr. Watkins’ contract. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

1.2 FY 18 New Teacher Contracts

MS Heidi Jewell, Grace Villarreal move that the Board of Education offer the following teachers 2017/2018 teaching contracts.

1. John Vlaun
2. Kassandra Pesch-Johnson

Heidi Jewell-Yes, Grace Villarreal-Yes, Dillon Styers-Yes, Jamie Erickson-Yes, Robert Hutton-Yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER):

-**Chris Greenwald** had three points:

1. The Ku.eex is the ultimate importance to the Tlingit Culture.
2. Make sure that there is no cost to the school.
3. The Ku.eex illustrates the importance of culture to students and the community.

-**Nicki Shelton** spoke about the Ku.eex being extremely important. It is the last thing you can do for your loved ones. It is very emotional.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

- **Grace Villarreal** would like to see NO SMOKING signs put up around the school. She also thanked the Huttons for their annual back to school party for teachers, paraprofessionals, and school board members.
- **Robert Hutton** would like a joint school board and city council meeting. He will contact the Mayor with Ralph Watkins. The school board would like to come up with the agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Facility Use Agreement- It was decided that a committee should be formed to discuss the Facility Use Agreement further. Grace Villarreal and Jamie volunteered to be in charge along with Jeremiah, and Chris Greenwald (and possibly a Tribal Administrator) to discuss a change to the Facility Use Agreement that works for both the school and the community. So that the school doesn't lose any money but it can still host Ku.eex. Heidi Jewell mentioned that there is a petition for the ANB to be rebuilt going around town.

Board Self-Improvement Goal- Robert Hutton asked for somebody to volunteer to track this goal of understanding the budget better. Grace Villarreal nominated Heidi Jewell because she is very familiar with budgets.

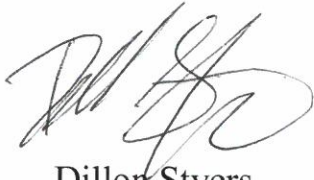
Dillon will also be on the committee for tracking the board self-improvement goal.

ADJOURNMENT:

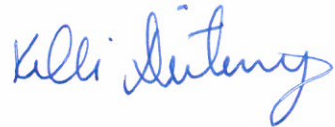
M/S Robert Hutton, Heidi Jewell motioned to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dillon Styers
Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelli Deitering', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kelli Deitering
School Board Secretary