

PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES WRANGELL SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING October 19, 2009 7:00 P.M. Evergreen Elementary School Gym

The regular meeting of the Wrangell Public School Board was called to order on October 19, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. by Superintendent Larry "Woody" Wilson.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll was called with the following school board members present: Georgianna Buhler, Susan Eagle, Peter Helgeson and Rinda Howell. Also present was Superintendent Woody Wilson and Recording Secretary Kimberly Powell.

DETERMINE QUORUM

Motion to nominate Georgianna Buhler as school board president by Peter Helgeson, seconded by Susan Eagle. There were no further nominations so Superintendent Wilson closed nominations. Mrs. Buhler was appointed School Board President by unanimous consent.

**APPOINTED GEORGIANNA
BUHLER AS SCHOOL
BOARD PRESIDENT**

Motion to nominate Rick Groshong as school board vice-president by Rinda Howell, seconded by Peter Helgeson. There were no further nominations so Superintendent Wilson closed nominations. Mr. Groshong was appointed School Board Vice-president by unanimous consent.

**APPOINTED RICK
GROSHONG AS SCHOOL
BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT**

Motion to nominate Rinda Howell as school board secretary/treasurer by Susan Eagle, seconded by Peter Helgeson. There were no further nominations so Superintendent Wilson closed nominations. Mrs. Eagle was appointed School Board Secretary/Treasurer by unanimous consent.

**APPOINTED SUSAN EAGLE
AS SCHOOL BOARD
SECRETARY/TREASURER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Rinda Howell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rebecca Smith told the board that she and her husband own the vending machines at the secondary school. She told the board that she is excited about the new food service program and does not want to compete with it. Currently the vending machines are turned off until a half hour after school closes. Mrs. Smith asked that she be allowed to turn the machines on at 2:00 P.M. She has spoke with Ketchikan School District and Linda Coate from the Department of Education; they said that it would not be inappropriate to turn the vending machines on at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Smith told the board that she also talked to Petersburg City Schools and they elected to remove their vending machines altogether. Mrs. Smith told the board that they have attempted to provide healthier choices and would like to keep the vending machines in the schools.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD

Annya Ritchie spoke to the school board regarding the bullying problem in the schools. She has heard from various students that bullying is still an issue in the schools. She sees bullying when she substitutes as well and recently assisted a student in digging their coat out of the trash bin. Ms. Ritchie told the board that her main concern is that its not always students bullying other students, she has heard reports of teachers bullying students. She gave an example of a teacher telling a student that they shouldn't even try to do the work since they will just grow up to be a bum anyway. Another example Ms. Ritchie told the board that another student told her that a teacher told the student that they shouldn't bother doing their homework because they're going to fail anyway. President Buhler suggested that Ms. Ritchie talk to the principal at the building where the bullying is taking place so that it could be investigated. Ms. Ritchie asked the board about the advisory committees and their function.

Susan Erickson from Petersburg-Wrangell Insurance talked to the School Board regarding Insurance. She told the board that she would be attending a Premera Blue Cross Symposium in Anchorage on Wednesday. Paula Scott will be in Wrangell on October 27 to meet with Superintendent Wilson and Pam Roope regarding the district's health insurance. The Property/Casual insurance renewed on July 1, 2009. This is our fourth year with Alaska Public Entities insurance. The private sector has not been competitive but Ms. Erickson said that she would send applications to them for the FY'2011 to get a quote. APEI offered a 5% discount to all returning customers. Unfortunately, this did not reflect 5% less from last year since we increased out coverage to provide \$300 per square foot. Liability insurance remained flat from last year; workmen's compensation insurance was down about 3%. The policies continue to have extras such as student accident insurance and insurance for volunteers. This coverage is secondary to the individuals' personal insurance. Ms. Erickson said that we haven't had a person visit the school in a couple years to review loss control. She suggested that we have someone come in to review our loss control procedures. If we comply with these loss control suggestions, the district can qualify for up to a 5% discount on our insurance rates. Wrangell Public Schools received a discount last year but Ms. Erickson is unsure to the exact amount of the discount received. Ms. Erickson said that every year she has to research to make sure that we have coverage for transportation of students in non-owned boats. This includes anything other than the Alaska Marine Highway. Alaska Public Entities would like us to get a certificate of insurance, adding the school as an additional insured, from each boat owner before we use them for transporting students or staff. She also looked into non-owned aircraft (excluding Alaska Airlines). It costs \$22,000.00 per year to purchase insurance for non-owned aircraft. Ms. Erickson suggested that we request a certificate of insurance from airline companies and give them to her for review before we also staff or students to travel on small aircraft (such as Harris, Pro Mech or Sunrise Aviation). She told the board that Petersburg School District recently met with community organizations such as the police department and reviewed policies and procedures. The meeting was very informative so she forwarded the notes to Superintendent Wilson and Mrs. Roope.

Motion to recess into a work session to conduct School Board Orientation by Susan Eagle, seconded by Peter Helgeson. Voice vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Reconvened into Regular Session at 8:13 P.M.

Tiffany Merritt apologized to the board for not attending the last meeting; she was traveling on a Cross Country Running trip. Tiffany told the board that the students love the food program. She said that students are getting hungry in the afternoon but the vending machines are currently turned off. Tiffany said that she feels that Mrs. Smith's proposal to turn the machines on at 2:00 is a good one and would address student concerns. Tiffany did say that the vending machines serving bottled water should be on all the time. She said that Wrestling has approximately fifteen participants; DDF has about seven participants. She told the board that volleyball has struggled. Some of their players got in trouble a couple of weekends ago but will be able to travel for the regional event. Students are not happy about this because last year when students got in trouble, they were not allowed to finish the season. This appears to be a grey area. The student body is concerned with sanitation, especially in the restrooms. They would like to see automatic soap and paper towel dispensers, toilet seat covers and hand sanitizer dispensers. The student council has a meeting scheduled on Wednesday.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion to approve action items #8-A, B & C on the consent agenda as presented by Peter Helgeson, seconded by Rinda Howell. Poll vote: Peter Helgeson: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes; Susan Eagle: Yes; Georgianna Buhler: Yes. Motion approved.

- Accepted the minutes of the September 28, 2009 regular board meeting as presented
- Approved the application of the ACTME mini-grant and accepted the award of \$500.00 to support travel to the Alaska Math & Science Conference
- Approved the application of the Spring Board FTC Grant and accepted the award of equipment and supplies in an amount equal to \$1,298.93 to implement a robotics club at Wrangell High School
- Offered Arlene Wilson a contract addendum in the amount of \$3,079.00 to serve as Local Data Coordinator for the AKEELA grant during the 2009-2010 school year
- Offered Heather Mietha a contract in the amount of \$300.00 to serve as Migrant Family Coordinator during the 2009-2010 school year

GUESTS TO BE HEARD

**RECESSED INTO A
WORK SESSION AT
7:55 P.M.**

**RECONVENED INTO
REGULAR SESSION
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA**

- Offered Holly Hammer an extra-curricular contract for the position of Middle School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach and offered Jeff Soles an extra-curricular contract for the position of Middle School Boys Assistant Basketball Coach
- Approved the hire of Jayne Bauer as Community Prevention Organizer for the AKEELA Grant with appropriate placement on the classified salary schedule pending receipt of a satisfactory criminal background check
- Approved the hire of Katherine Ivy as instructional aide with appropriate placement on the salary schedule pending receipt of a satisfactory criminal background check
- Approved the hire of Deanna Jenkins as Food Service Aide, retroactive to October 1 with appropriate placement on the salary schedule, pending receipt of a satisfactory criminal background check
- Presented the resignation of Jeremy Maxand as a item of information

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA**

Information & Reports were accepted by unanimous consent.

**ACCEPTED INFORMATION &
REPORTS**

The School Board discussed the Association of Alaska School Board's Annual Conference. Board Member Eagle will attend the conference. Board Member Helgeson will be in Anchorage for another meeting and will work with Mrs. Powell to change his airline ticket to stay for one more day so that he can attend a portion of the AASB conference.

**DISCUSSED THE
ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA
SCHOOL BOARD'S
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The School Board reviewed board policy #VII-007, Use of School Facilities. Superintendent Wilson told the board that there was confusion over the Exhibit that was presented in the last Board meeting. There were a number of columns in the Exhibit that essentially show the same result. We have collapsed these columns into one. There was also a concern that one particular group in the community would now have to pay under the revision. This is not correct since they fall under a column of recreation and city government. President Buhler asked if the school is liable for accidents and injuries that occur when a community group is using the facilities. Superintendent Wilson told the board that the school could have some degree of liability for accidents that occur on school property regardless of the time of day. Susan Eagle pointed out that the Administrative Regulation uses numbers and the Exhibit uses letters to designate categories. The administration will correct this before the policy is included in the manual. The policy and attachments stand reviewed.

**REVIEWED BOARD POLICY
#VII-007**

Motion to accept the second reading of Board Policy #IV-013, Travel for Teams Competing in State Competition as amended, for inclusion in the policy manual by Peter Helgeson, seconded by Rinda Howell. Poll vote: Rinda Howell: Yes; Susan Eagle: Yes; Peter Helgeson: Yes; Susan Eagle: Yes; Georgianna Buhler: Yes. Motion approved.

**ACCEPTED THE SECOND
READING OF BOARD
POLICY #IV-013**

Motion to open negotiations as requested by Wrangell Teachers' Association and further agreed that interest based bargaining is the preferred method of bargaining by Susan Eagle, seconded by Rinda Howell. Poll vote: Rinda Howell: Yes; Susan Eagle: Yes; Peter Helgeson: Yes; Georgianna Buhler: Yes. Motion approved. President Buhler appointed Georgianna Buhler and Peter Helgeson to a committee to meet with Wrangell Teachers' Association to work out the details of the interest based bargaining session (i.e. dates, times, locations, presenters, etc.).

**OPENED NEGOTIATIONS WITH
WRANGELL TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION AND
APPOINTED COMMITTEE
MEMBERS TO SCHEDULE
MEETINGS**

Reviewed the upcoming dates and meeting announcements.

**REVIEWED DATES & MTG
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Georgianna Buhler appointed Board Members Susan Eagle and Peter Helgeson to represent Wrangell Public School Board at the AASB Resolutions Committee Meeting.

**APPOINTED AASB
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVES**

Peter Helgeson told the board that the DDF team returned from Haines where they did well. He reported that the school breakfast and lunch program is great, although the portions aren't large enough for a fifteen-year old boy. Peter is concerned that our food service provider looks very tired and it may be appropriate to send her flowers occasionally.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND
COMMENTS FROM BOARD
MEMBERS**

Susan Eagle asked about the procedure for changing the food service policy before second reading. She reported that she is excited to attend the AASB Annual Conference.

President Buhler told the board that she would like to contact AASB to request that they utilize teleconference more to cut down on the travel commitment.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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