

ADOPTED MINUTES

OF THE

NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission: "To graduate students with the skills and knowledge to be good citizens."

President, Sandy Shroyer-Beaver, called the 368th regular meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education to order at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 in the District Office Boardroom at Kotzebue, AK.

Members present were:

Brad Reich
Eunice Hadley
Margaret Hansen
Paula Mills
Angela Washington
Bobby Wells
Erica Nelson
Lawrence Jones Sr.
Tillie Ticket (*telephonic*)
Sandy Shroyer-Beaver
David Miller

A quorum was present.

Observed.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Margaret Hansen, seconded by Erica Nelson to approve the agenda as revised. Revisions were to *add* NWABSD Memo 16-010 Approval of Request for Professional Development Release Time, and NWABSD Memo 16-011 Adoption of Proposed New Policy, BP 1114, Community Relations, District-Sponsored Social Media; First Reading.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Staff present were: Dr. Annmarie O'Brien-Superintendent, Ralph King-Assistant Superintendent, Mark Belue- Director of Technology, Patricia Hutcherson-Director of Curriculum/Instruction, Terry Martin-Director of Human Resources, Craig McConnell-Director of Property Services, Steve Garritson-Director of Administrative Services, Cheryl Edenshaw-Director of ATC, Cheryl Schweigert-Director of Special Programs, Joy Williams, Director of State/Federal Programs, Scott Warren-Assistant Director of ATC, Brett Slaathaug-Student Activities Coordinator and Marie Gregg-Secretary for the Superintendent and Board.

Guests present were: Jerry Covey-Consultant, Kathy Christy-Consultant, Sylvia Reynolds-Consultant, and Saul Friedman-Attorney.

None.

Recognized was Paul Wood, Assistant Director of Technology. He is now a Casper Certified Expert. He is 1 of 210 in the world. Casper Certified Experts are solutions providers for Large-scale Enterprise deployments for iPad, Mac, iPhone, and Apple TV. They require a deep understanding of OS X/iOS operating system and programming. Whether you work at a school, business, or government agency, Casper Certified Experts can develop solutions to meet your needs. Congratulations Paul, we are proud of you!

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

INTRODUCAITON OF GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

Welcome to the start of the 2015-16 school year. The summer months have been filled with activities in support of public education and the opening of the school year. As a result of increased attention to the Arctic and climate change at the national level, the District, in cooperation with our Northwest Arctic Leadership Team (NWALT) partners, has engaged with high-level officials visiting the region. At all meetings, the NWALT team have emphasized the importance of the Kivalina road as both access to the new school and an evacuation road in the event of increased erosion. On a regional level, there is an emphasis on creating a connection of the Arctic to the rest of America, our position in the Arctic, and what we have to offer the nation. We are currently securing plans for the President of the United States (POTUS) visit September 2, 2015. At this time the plans call for the high school gym as the staging area for his speech; the Alaska Technical Center (ATC) the staging area for staff; and the ATC Dorm lodging for 40 members of the advance team. We look forward to hosting a dinner at the Nullagvik Hotel with the North Slope Borough School Board during their retreat the evening of August 18 at 7:00 p.m. Their Board members will be visiting the ATC and Magnet School Dorm. Meetings and Travel: Maintaining connections at the state and national level remain an important component of the District leadership. The following is a list of meetings attended from July through mid-August: July 6-9, AASA Governing Board meeting, Washington DC including visits with our Congressional Delegation, July 13, Dr. Herb Schroder in Anchorage re: ANSEP Middle School Academy, July 14, WH advance team meeting, Kotzebue, July 15-16, with NWALT to develop 2015-16 Legislative priorities for 2015-16, Anchorage, July 20, Pete Pinney, Associate Vice Chancellor Rural, Community and Native Education to discuss partnerships with Chukchi Campus, July 25-27, Alaska Superintendent's Association (ASA) /Alaska Department of Education (DEED) meeting in Juneau, July 28, AK Teacher Education Juneau, July 30, White House detail visit, Kotzebue, August 5, Coast Guard and Home Land Security w/regional organizations, August 11, POTUS planning, Kotzebue, August 12, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary, Robert McDonald, August 13, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Region 10 Director, Susan M.R. Johnson. Professional Development: July 12-17, Safe & Civil School Conference, Portland, Oregon, Fourteen new and returning administrators in attendance, July 27-Aug 7, Academic & Cultural Orientation with 22 teachers in attendance, Teachers arrived in Anchorage Sunday, July 26 & traveled to Kotzebue July 27. Two groups attended weeklong camps in Buckland and Kiana, and the academic and cultural orientation continued in Kotzebue with all teachers, August 3-7, Principal Inservice, Kotzebue, Principals returned to sites the afternoon of Aug 7 with new teachers, August 12-14, All Staff Inservice, Kotzebue, The majority of staff travel from the village Aug 12 a.m. and return the afternoon of Aug 14 p.m., Primary topics are the new curriculum, Safe and Civil Schools, differentiated instruction, instructional technology, Special topics continued via video-conference when staff returns to sites, Evaluations of PD sessions to be presented at the September Board meeting. Association of Alaska School Boards: Sept. 12-13, 2015 Fall Boardsmanship Academy, Anchorage. Legislative Priorities 2015-16: Access/Evacuation road to the new Kivalina School, Selawik School Remodel, Early Childhood Education, and Increase in Base Student Allocation. Summer Vandalism Update: Kotzebue-JNES/KMHS classrooms vandalized, 6 Middle School Students, est. \$35,000, Family/Student billed. KMHS classroom door, NMS Custodian, at \$6,000, custodian billed. Selawik, Large window broken above main entry doors, person(s) unknown, at \$10,000 damage. Initiatives for Teachers for Alaska schools: Laboratory School for Pre-service Teachers - Student teaching and short term practicum opportunities in NWABSD. The proposal was developed in cooperation with consultants Jerry Covey, Karen McCain and District Office Instructional staff. Grant funding for the proposal is being pursued. Partnering with Lee University to host student teachers in Kotzebue. The University has been sending students for short-term practicums for the past several years. This past May Terry Martin, HR Director, met with the University. They are interested in sending student teachers to Kotzebue. We are currently working with the Alaska Department of Education to ensure the experience meets all requirements for the State of Alaska. Member of the University of Alaska Teacher Education Consortium. Facilitated by UA K-12 outreach VP, Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendents from Mat-Su, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Lower Kuskokwim SD, Lake & Penn, Yukon-Koyukuk, Deans from the Schools of Education, ASAA Executive Director, and representatives from DEED Rural Education, meet to explore ways to improve teacher education programs.

Exploring opportunities for middle and high school students: ANSEP Middle School Academy: 11-day residential experience at UAA. Opportunities designed to foster enthusiasm for pursuing STEM education, Room for 54 students at a cost of \$3000 per student, ANSEP continues with opportunities after the middle school academy, acceleration academy high school student college preparatory coursework and supports. GeoFORCE Alaska: A four-year, summer geoscience program for high school students currently from the North Slope. Students with an interest in science enter the program during 8th or 9th grades. The following summer, they embark on the first of four annual field excursions. Each trip lasts 10 days, emphasizes both teamwork and field work, and gives students the opportunity to visit spectacular geological sites within and beyond Alaska, and currently working with Lance Miller, NANA VP Natural Resources, for possible funding to support this opportunity. New District Office Personnel: Joy Williams-Director of State and Federal Grants, Carol Furman-Business Office Manager, Stephen Springgate-Teacher Mentor, Tony Jones-Youth Leader/Counselor Coordinator, new Administrators are: Paul Bartos-Principal of STAR/NW Magnet School, Rex Kilburn-Principal of Kiana School, Scott Lefebvre-Principal of Ambler School, Michael Lee-Assistant Principal of Davis-Ramoth Memorial School, Joe Saugstad-Assistant Principal of Aqqaluk High/Noorvik Elementary School, and Hans Boenish- Co-Lead Teacher of Kobuk School.

For the record, the following Board Committees met at Kotzebue on August 17 & 18, 2015: Budget, Technology, CTE, Board Policy, Student Activities and Joint Maintenance/Construction.

None.

Board meeting minutes require Board adoption. The Board held a regular meeting on June 09, 2015. The administration recommended the Board adopt the proposed minutes as presented.

Motion made by Erica Nelson, seconded by Eunice to adopt the minutes of June 09, 2015 as revised. Revision is to add David Miller, Board Member as present at the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board policy revisions require Board adoption. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for all Board Policy revisions, when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Board Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. BP 9311 indicates that "The Board may waive the second reading." To make this revision effective immediately, administration requested that the Board waive the second reading. Proposed revision to BP 6146.1, Students, High School Graduation Requirements: Employability Skills replaced Family Life. Employability Skills is the gateway to Work Keys and the career readiness components the district has in place for our students. The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed revision and recommended that the Board waive the second reading and adopt the revision, at first reading as presented. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at first reading, the proposed revision to BP 6146.1, Students, High School Graduation Requirements as presented

New board policies require Board adoption. Proposed new Board Policies shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. BP 9311 indicates that "The Board may waive the second reading." To make this new policy effective immediately, administration requested that the Board adopt this new policy at first reading. The proposed new policy, BP 1114, Community Relations, District-Sponsored Social Media is before the Board for consideration, because the Board recognizes the value of technology such as social media platforms in promoting community involvement and collaboration. The purpose of any official district social media platform shall be to further the district's vision and mission, support student learning and staff professional development, and enhance communication with students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

ACTION

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS TO BP 6146.1, INSTRUCTION, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS; FIRST READING

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED NEW POLICY, BP 1114, COMMUNITY RELATIONS, DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA; FIRST READING

The Board Policy and Technology Committee reviewed the proposed new policy and recommended that the Board waive the second reading and adopt this new policy at first reading. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at first reading, the proposed new Board Policy, BP 1114, Community Relations, District-Sponsored Social Media as presented.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED NEW POLICY, BP 1114, (CONTINUED)

Motion made by Margaret Hansen, seconded by Bobby Wells to adopt, at first reading, the proposed revision to BP 6146.1, Instruction, High School Graduation Requirements and the proposed new policy BP 1114, Community Relations, District-Sponsored Social Media as presented.

ACTION

The roll call vote was:

David Miller	Yes	Brad Reich	Yes
Paula Mills	Yes	Bobby Wells	Yes
Eunice Hadley	Yes	Angela Washington	Yes
Lawrence Jones Sr.	Yes	Erica Nelson	Yes
Tillie Ticket	Yes	Margaret Hansen	Yes
Sandy Shroyer-Beaver	Yes		

The motion carried unanimously.

Board policy revisions require Board approval. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for Board policy revisions when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. Proposed revisions to Board Policy 5040, Students, Student Nutrition and Physical Activity: The policy and AR were updated by the State of Alaska Obesity Prevention and Control Program and the DEED Child Nutrition Program. The amended BP and AR meet all requirements for local school wellness policies and incorporate new federal requirements of the National School Lunch Act, Nutritional Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools, also known as Smart Snacks in School. The federal nutritional standards must be in place for the 2014-2015 school year. The policy contains options for the amount of physical education (PE) to be offered to elementary, and to middle and high school students. These options need to be reviewed by the School Board and a selection made prior to School Board adoption. The legal reference section has been updated and Exhibits (1), (2) and (3) provided for use by school districts. E 5040(1) identifies the federal requirements for local school wellness policies; E 5040(2) reflects the USDA's nutrition standards for "Smart Snacks in School;" and E 5040(3) identifies the types of donated Alaska game and plants that can be accepted for serving at school. The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes, recommended approval, and open for public comments. The administration recommended the Board approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5040, Students, Student Nutrition and Physical Activity as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BP 5040, STUDENTS, STUDENT NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; FIRST READING

Motion made by Erica Nelson, seconded by Brad Reich to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5040, Students, Student Nutrition and Physical Activity as presented and open for public comments.

ACTION

The roll call vote was:

Angela Washington	Yes	Erica Nelson	Yes
Margaret Hansen	Yes	Bobby Wells	Yes
Lawrence Jones Sr.	Yes	Tillie Ticket	Yes
David Miller	Yes	Brad Reich	Yes
Eunice Hadley	Yes	Paula Mills	Yes
Sandy Shroyer-Beaver	Yes		

The motion carried unanimously.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Claudia Bird is a speech-language pathologist who provides speech-language services to sites for districts. Her services include assessment, consultation, direct speech and language services, and video based services. She has provided quality services to students and parents in Alaskan districts for several years. This contract, partially supported by grants, will provide individual education speech and language services to students in our district as required by law to special education students. The contract, including travel, is, not to exceed \$93,040. The administration recommended the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Claudia Bird for the amount not to exceed \$93,040 as presented.

APPROVAL OF
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT, CLAUDIA
BIRD

Motion made by Eunice Hadley, seconded by David Miller to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Claudia Bird for the amount not to exceed \$93,040 as presented.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Purchases over \$50,000 require the approval of the Board. Laptops are needed to support student learning. A laptop locker provides an effective method for teachers to manage student laptops in elementary classrooms. The laptops will also assist teachers to administer electronic standardized testing in their classroom. The laptop lockers will be purchased from PowerGistics in the amount not to exceed \$77,000. PowerGistics is the only company that produces these particular laptop lockers. The administration recommended the Board approve the purchase of laptop lockers from PowerGistics in the amount not to exceed \$77,000 as presented.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE
LAPTOP LOCKERS

Motion made by Brad Reich, seconded by Angela Washington to approve the purchase of laptop lockers from PowerGistics in the amount not to exceed \$77,000 as presented.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Contracts over \$50,000 require Board approval. At the June 2015 Board meeting the Board approved \$250,000 to repair issues associated with the Selawik sewer system and remove wire glass and install new exterior windows. The sewer line problems are the most immediate need and should be resolved before the start of school this fall. As the estimated cost of the sewer line repair is less than \$100,000 the Department of Education and Early Development does not require formal competitive bids. The District requested quotes from three experienced contractors based on a scope of work developed by Burkhart Croft Architects (BCA). BCA assumed the amount of damage as the piping is enclosed under the building. The lowest proposal was received from Johnson River Enterprise (JRE) of Fairbanks. JRE has extensive experience with rural schools, particularly in the Interior. As the actual extent of the problem was unknown until the underside of the school was opened it was agreed to approve the contract in phases. JRE was given a phase one contract of \$48,000 to investigate the full extent of the damage, start the repair work, remove contaminated materials, and install fans to evacuate odors. JRE fully understood the need to have a functional sewer line for the start of school. After being on-site JRE found the pipe damage to be limited to the area under the kitchen and less extensive than assumed in the original scope of work. The grade of the piping under the kitchen does not slope which allows corrosive materials from the garbage disposal to collect in this area. To complete the required corrective action and replace building materials damaged by the earlier pipe failure, and seal the lid to the lift station under the classroom an additional \$21,200 is required. The plumbing will be useable for the start of school and the remainder of the work will be under the building and completed by the end of October. JRE will also be on-site to verify that actions taken to eliminate insects and odors are effective. The administration recommended the Board approve the contract amendment for an additional \$21,200 to Johnson River Enterprises to complete the repair of the Selawik sewer line for a total contract amount of \$69,200 as presented

APPROVAL TO AMEND
CONTRACT FOR SELAWIK
SEWER REPAIR

Motion made by Margaret Hansen, seconded by Eunice Hadley to approve the contract amendment for an additional \$21,200 to Johnson River Enterprises to complete the repair of the Selawik sewer line for a total contract amount of \$69,200 as presented.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Increases in project scope of work require the approval of the Board. The District's attorney has verified that with Board approval, the District can issue change orders to the existing design/build contract with Bethel Services, Inc. (BSI) for improvements to the Alaska Technical Center (ATC) dormitory without requesting additional bids. Currently, change-orders have been given to BSI for the upgrade to the building envelop and upgrade of the mechanical system. The envelop improvements are nearing completion. The mechanical equipment has been ordered and this work will begin after the pending presidential visit. With the approval of the proposed revision to the Magnet/ATC Improvements project budget, another item on the agenda for approval, the balance of construction funds will be increased to \$399,000. The highest priority remaining work is the repair and upgrade of the student restrooms. With age, the shower failed and water is leaking through the walls and under the floors. The shower areas in all the restrooms need to be restored. The restrooms also need new flooring, fixtures, counters and toilet partitions. The conditions were reviewed jointly by BSI and the District and BSI provided a proposal of \$334,000 for the identified scope of work. The dayroom is where most ATC students spend their free time. It is greatly in need of a facelift. The District has ordered new furnishings but new counters, ceiling repair, paint and carpet are needed to make the room pleasant and inviting. This area was also jointly reviewed by the District and BSI. BSI has proposed \$45,200 for its share of the work. The District would provide the ceiling materials and paint and install new carpet tiles. This request was reviewed by the Joint Maintenance and Construction Committee at their meeting this morning. The administration recommended the Board approve the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to issue additional change orders to Bethel Service, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$385,000, as presented.

APPROVAL TO AMEND
CONTRACT; BETHEL
SERVICES, INC.

Motion made by Paula Mills, seconded by Bobby Wells to approve the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to issue additional change orders to Bethel Service, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$385,000, as presented.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Budget revisions over \$50,000 require the approval of the Board. The State has approved a total of \$9,500,000 in grants through the Department of Commerce for construction of the NW Magnet School dormitory, additional improvements to the ATC and upgrades to the ATC dormitory. The new NW Magnet School dormitory is essentially complete. The balance of the remaining funding is focused on improvements to the ATC dormitory. With Joint Maintenance and Construction Committee concurrence and Board approval, Bethel Services, Inc. is upgrading the building envelop and the mechanical system of the ATC dorm as change orders to their contract for the Magnet Dormitory. New dayroom furniture has been ordered, and art needs to be purchased. There are still many improvements needed at the ATC dorm. The most significant is repair and upgrade of the restrooms. The next priority is upgrade of the dayroom. This is followed by replacement of the lighting, paint and carpet for the dorm rooms. The total cost of the remaining priority work is approximately \$499,000. Currently \$182,000 remains unobligated in the construction budget. It is proposed to increase the construction budget by reallocating balances from the design, construction management, equipment and technology budgets into the construction budget. The construction budget can be increased \$217,000 as shown on the attached proposed budget revision. If approved, this will increase the construction balance to \$399,000. With the increase to the construction budget, the restroom and dayroom upgrades and entry way carpeting can be completed. To complete the dorm room upgrades approximately \$100,000 more would need to be allocated from another funding source. The administration recommended the Board approve the revisions to the NW Magnet School/ATC budget as presented.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET
REVISIONS FOR THE NW
MAGNET SCHOOL AND
ATC IMPROVEMENTS

Motion made by Bobby Wells, seconded by Eunice Hadley to approve the revisions to the NW Magnet School/ATC budget and the allocation of \$100,000 in additional funding from the capital reserve account.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

On a monthly basis the administration requests Board approval of all new hires, rehires, position reclassifications and the revision of job descriptions for Human Resources. In addition, the administration informs the Board of resignations and terminations of employees throughout the District.

The administration recommended the Board approve the classified new hires at the Kotzebue Middle/High School, and Kivalina School; classified contracted rehires at the District Office; certified new hires at the Ambler School, Deering School, Kiana School, Kivalina School, June Nelson Elementary School, Kotzebue Middle/High School, Noatak School, Selawik School, and Shungnak School; and the certified rehires at the District Office as presented.

Administration reported on the classified resignations at the Deering School, Kiana School, Kivalina School, Selawik School, and Alaska Technical Center; and certified resignations at the Kotzebue Middle/High School, and Noatak School.

Motion made by Eunice Hadley, seconded by Paula Mills to approve the classified new hires, classified contracted rehires, certified new hires and the certified rehires as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Requests to add additional days per month of professional development for our instructional staff at each of our schools require Board approval. To assist the professional development of our instructional staffs at each of our schools, we are requesting an additional two one-half days per month of professional development. With this scheduling change we would still be providing our students their required time per week in the classroom according to regulation. Our students are dismissed from school at 3:30 p.m., daily. We would change our Wednesday class schedule twice-monthly to be an early out for students at 1:30 p.m. The teachers are required to be on campus until 3:40 p.m., daily. This will provide teachers, paraprofessionals and administrators with 4 hours and 20 minutes of professional development per month. The professional development time would be used for presentations to instructional staffs, for teachers to work in instructional teams, and instructional strategic planning. We have 10 in-service days per year in our school calendar. This time provides for mandated trainings, housekeeping matters, inputting grades, and most importantly, cultural training as mandated by the new evaluation system. Additionally, we have new important programs and revisions of curriculum, the New Alaska Standards, revised standardized tests, learning objective requirements for students, and mandatory trainings. We find that there is not enough time on a day-to-day or week-to-week schedule to cover the items that are so important for our teachers to learn in order to improve the quality of education for the students. On June 9, 2015 Commissioner Mike Hanley approved a waiver from AS 14.03.030, School Term, and AS 14.03 040, Days in Session in to focus on the professional development needs of the staff during the 2015-2016 school year. The administration recommended the Board approve the request to add two one-half days per month of professional development for our instructional staff at each of our schools as presented.

Motion made by David Miller, seconded by Margaret Hansen to approve the request to add two one-half days per month of professional development for our instructional staff at each of our schools as presented.

ACTION

HUMAN RESOURCES

APPROVAL OF REQUEST
FOR PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT RELEASE
TIME

ACTION

The roll call vote was:

Brad Reich	No	Lawrence Jones Sr.	No
Erica Nelson	No	Tillie Ticket	No
Margaret Hansen	Yes	Angela Washington	No
Eunice Hadley	No	Paula Mills	Yes
Bobby Wells	Yes	David Miller	Yes
Sandy Shroyer-Beaver	No		

The motion failed with 7-no votes and 4-yes votes.

Dr. Annmarie O'Brien: We received a letter from Lindsay Schuerch, a 5th grader from Noorvik. She asked, "Can you please put the Bible in our learning for School! For 2015-16 and forever on!"

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President, Sandy Shroyer-Beaver: Dr. O'Brien will respond to the letter. I would like to thank Lindsay for having the courage to write the letter.

Tillie Ticket: I would like to thank you for your understanding yesterday when I left. Being there with you, was the best place to be when you get news that your loved one passes away. I was around people who supported me and I want to thank you. I would like to request from you, your support to all the children who lost their parents and/or loved ones. They need your support now more than ever. Tomorrow is the first day of school and everyone is excited. Please say hi to the North Slope Borough School Board when you have dinner with them tonight.

BOARD COMMENTS

Margaret Hansen: It's good to see everyone again. We had a good summer.

Eunice Hadley: Already the start of a new school year. I want to see that we continue to work with the schools on bullying, and how it is being handled. I want to recognize Kathy Christy for handling the Joint Maintenance/Construction Committee Meeting the way she did yesterday. She stood firm and handled everything very well.

Lawrence Jones Sr.: In June I had the opportunity to attend the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Conference in Philadelphia. They have the latest and greatest for education in Technology. The exhibits were amazing.

Bobby Wells: Good to see everyone again. Thank you to the Board for your understanding and all the work you do. I wish the best for all of you and for all the students.

David Miller: I would like to thank all the staff for your reports and work, and for the HR staff and Board who did all the recruiting for this new school year.

Angela Washington: I also attended the ISTE Conference, and it was amazing. The level of technology for our kids is eye-opening. There is a lot out there, technology-wise, that we can do with our students. AASB Board of Directors met this summer in Juneau, and we worked on the long-range plan. I am excited that school starts tomorrow and I can be back on track with my kids.

Brad Reich: I would like to thank Jerry Covey for working with us on the Board and Advisory School Council (ASC) during the District-Wide Inservice. It shows the ASC Members what we do as a Board and what we have to deal with. I am looking forward to the new school year.


Sandy Shroyer-Beaver: There is a lot of prep time prior to a Board Meeting and I want to thank Administration and staff for your work. Lately, Dr. O'Brien and I have been attending a lot of NWALT Meetings, to get ready for President Obama's potential visit to Kotzebue. We had our first meeting with his White House staff and it is an eye-opener in what the secret service does prior to the President traveling anywhere. If he does come, I would like for our Youth Leaders to be here.

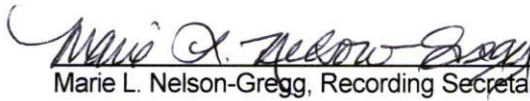
Sandy Shroyer-Beaver (Continued): Regarding our Inupiaq Language being taught in our school, we will support it the best way that we can. Regarding our Joint Maintenance/Construction Committee Meeting yesterday, bullying happens at all levels, and we will write a letter to address the issue. Elections are coming up on October 6th, and I encourage folks to run for those seats that are open and encourage everyone to go vote. I would like to welcome back everyone and welcome all new administration, teachers and staff. As a parent, I am happy that the new school year begins tomorrow.

The next Regular Board Meeting of the NWABSD Board of Education will be held on September 29, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom at Kotzebue, AK.

Motion made by Brad Reich, seconded by Eunice Hadley to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.


Tillie Ticket, Secretary


Marie L. Nelson-Gregg, Recording Secretary

BOARD COMMENTS
(CONTINUED)

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT
BOARD MEETING

ADJOURNMENT