

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 369th regular meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education to order at 4:34 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 in the District Office Boardroom at Kotzebue, AK.

Members present were:

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

Member absent and excused was:

Margaret Hansen

A quorum was present.

Observed.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Bobby Wells, seconded by Brad Reich to approve the agenda as presented.

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, Brett Slaathaug-Student Activities Coordinator, Tony Jones-Counselor/Youth Leaders, Zonda Martin-CTE Coordinator, David Smith-Computer Tech, Linda Joule-Parent/Community/School Coordinator, Kathy Christy-Capital Projects Manager and Marie Gregg-Secretary for the Superintendent and Board.

Guests present were: Via video-conference the Youth Leaders: Jolene Snyder-Kotzebue, Braiden Sun-Shungnak, Dustin Harvey-Kobuk, Jeremy Barr-Kiana, Hannah Moto-Deering, Verna Ramoth-Ambler, Jena Johnson-Selawik and Davidann Mills-Noatak.

None.

Recognized was Robert (Bobby) Wells of Noorvik for all his hard work and dedication as a Board Member of the NWABSD Board of Education. Thanks Bobby for your service to NWABSD and the students of Northwest Alaska. We wish you well in all you do.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

INTRODUCAITON OF GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

YOUTH LEADERS
PRESENTATION

The following Youth Leaders: Jolene Snyder-Kotzebue, Braiden Sun-Shungnak, Dustin Harvey-Kobuk, Jeremy Barr-Kiana, Hannah Moto-Deering, Verna Ramoth-Ambler, Jena Johnson-Selawik and Davidann Mills-Noatak thanked the Board for having them attend the National Youth Leadership Program, July 10-12 in California at the Chapman University. They explained their experience, what they learned, and all said that if they had the opportunity, they would like to attend again.

Sandy Shroyer-Beaver, Board President: On behalf of the Board I would like to thank the Youth Leaders for their presentation today. Keep up the good work that you do at your school and community.

DEERING SCHOOL
PRESENTATION

Autumn Barr-12th grade, Hannah Moto-12th grade, James Moto-8th grade and Samiha Carroll-teacher at Deering School gave a presentation, via video conference on the activities they have done so far since school started.

Annmarie O'Brien, Superintendent: Thank you, it is wonderful to see the students and staff for being so active. It helps you develop leadership skills, and we look forward to hearing more from you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

President Barack Obama's visit to Kotzebue provided an eventful start to the new school year. His visit highlights the strategic importance of the Arctic to our nation and the importance of the role of education in preparing our students to undertake future challenges and opportunities facing the region, state, and nation. With families establishing habits and routines, there are two key factors essential to supporting a child's success in school – sleep and attendance. I called upon staff, parents and community members to stress the important of good night's sleep and good attendance throughout the school year. **Attendance:** District Attendance rates for the August – September, FY-14, was 89.4% with 3rd grade being the highest at 93% and 9th grade the lowest at 85%. Attendance for the same period in 2015 is 91% with 6th grade the highest at 95% and 9th grade the lowest at 86%. Kobuk and Deering have the highest attendance rate at 96% and Selawik the lowest at 85%. The goal is 95% district-wide with sites developing plans to increase attendance across all grades. ASC members and NANA Resource personnel are encouraged to assist. **Enrollment:** The K-12 student population as of Sept 17, 2015 is 2,019. Compared to the same time period in 2014 this is an increase of 84 students. A total of 2025 was estimated in the count sent to DEED Nov 2014 for FY'16 leaving a difference of 6 students. The District receives the funding provided students are present during the 20-day October count. Based on the higher or lower student numbers verified at this count period, adjustments will be made to the District's monthly payment starting in April 2016. The District receives no additional funding for students enrolling after the October count. The student enrollment increased in Ambler, Buckland, Kivalina, JNES, KMHS, and Noorvik. The student enrollment decreased in Kiana, Kobuk, Noatak, and Selawik. Deering student enrollment stayed the same. Using the same time period the District has a decrease of 9 Pre-K students district-wide. Buckland, Deering, and Kivalina show an increase and Kiana, Noatak, and Selawik a decrease in Pre-K enrollment. Grants from DEED fund Pre-K certified teachers in Ambler, Kivalina, Shungnak, Kobuk, and Selawik. The remaining Pre-K instructors are funded through general funds. **Assessments:** The District is currently administering the fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments. (MAP) used since fall 2012, is a DEED required assessment, given three times per year, and that shows student growth. Some schools started testing on Sept. 8 others started the week of Sept. 14. President Obama's visit to Kotzebue and internet issues delayed the opening of our testing window; however, testing will be completed by Sept 30th. Students in grades K-2 take a math and reading test, while students in grades 3-11 take a math, reading, and language usage test. In the fall, the data provides a baseline and adds to the teacher's understanding of what each student knows and what he/she is ready to learn. The MAP assessment is administered again in the winter to provide data on the success of the instructional strategies.

Teachers may adjust their instruction to meet each student's current instructional needs. In the spring, students take the third MAP assessment, and the data reflects the progress and growth for the school year. **After School Activities:** The following represents a sampling of the first semester after-school activities throughout all school sites. Offerings are dependent on the availability of staff, community sponsors, and student interest. **Academic:** Student council, science fair, navigator club, Battle of the Books, Youth Leaders, homework club, art club, Sissauni scholars, newspaper, computer club, learning centers (K-5) music club, choir, pep band, library club, self-managers, yearbook, Lego club, music, century 21, class advisors, book fair, student government, and National Honor Society. **Athletic:** Cross country, wrestling, basketball, volleyball, open gym, cardio-room, archery, weight room, cheerleaders and mini-cheerleaders. **Cultural/Community:** Eskimo Dancing, native arts, Elders sewing night, family reading night, family games/movie night, and community dinners. **Other:** Crochet club, family reading night, movie night, and cake decorating. **Meetings/Travel:** Multiple President of the United States (POTUS) planning sessions, Aug 20 -Sept 1; Noorvik for a Community Potluck, Sept 8; Anchorage for the AASB, Fall Academy, Sept 12-13; Individual Skype meetings with principals; and three after-school video-conference sessions with all principals. **Upcoming Events:** NWALT meeting with Governor Walker, Sept 22 at Anchorage; Alaska Superintendent Conference, September 23-26 at King Salmon; School Board Meeting, September 28-29 at Kotzebue; and School Board Retreat, October 16-18 at Anchorage. **Vandalism:** Ambler-unknown vandal threw rock through the principal's window, damage \$750. **Youth Leaders (YL) Events:** Aug 19-Aug 28: Establishing who is/was in YL as of last year. Brief meetings on the upcoming Presidential visit and YL retreat via video-conference, Aug 31 -Sept 4: YL Retreat and Training, Sept 2: YL captains @ POTUS, Sept 6: Shungnak Death -Shungnak YL rallied together to establish a firm foundation, Sept 10: Shungnak training for YL not present during retreat, Sept 11: Ambler training for YL not present during retreat, Sept 14 & 15: Noatak training new YL advisor for YL not present at the retreat, Sept 16 & 17: YL call in to Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance Youth Leaders and Rural CAP looking for Scholarships and trip awards, and Video-conference meeting on Sept 25. YL are responsible for letting everyone know some cultural events they are planning, and a fund raiser they will be working on to raise money for "Books to Africa" - a charity organization that distributes old text books to schools in need.

For the record, the following Board Committees met at Kotzebue on September 28, 2015: Budget, Technology, CTE, Board Policy, Student Activities and Bilingual.

None.

Board meeting minutes require Board adoption. The Board held a regular meeting on August 18, 2015. The administration recommended the Board adopt the proposed minutes as presented.

Motion made by Brad Reich, seconded by Bobby Wells to adopt the minutes of August 18, 2015 Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

All 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPTION OF BOARD
MINUTES

ACTION

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5040, STUDENTS,
STUDENT NUTRITION
AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY;
SECOND READING

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5040 (CONTINUED)

The federal nutritional standards must be in place for the 2014-2015 school year. 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, at the August 18th Board Meeting, approved the first reading and opened it up for public comments, to date no comments have been received. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5040, Students, Student Nutrition and Physical Activity as presented.

ACTION

Motion made by David Miller, seconded by Eunice Hadley to adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5040, Students, Student Nutrition and Physical Activity as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF
ASSOCIATION OF
ALASKA SCHOOL
BOARDS CORE
RESOLUTIONS

The Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) is soliciting resolutions from local school boards for consideration at the annual AASB business meeting in Anchorage, November 5-8, 2015. The deadline to receive resolutions is September 25, 2015, and AASB has extended the deadline date for NWABSD to October 01, 2015. The AASB Core Resolutions were presented to the Board for review. This item is a board goal, and for the Board's option to approve.

ACTION

Motion made by Angela Washington, seconded by Erica Nelson to approve the AASB core resolution as presented with the exception of the revisions to resolution 2.11 Educational Technology. Because of the global economy of which our youth are a part, AASB urges the state and federal governments: a.) To strongly encourage state leadership by virtue of student rights to equitable education opportunity to ensure all classrooms are provided affordable, adequate and equitable low latency terrestrial broadband Internet access. b.) To implement appropriations or matching grants for low latency terrestrial broadband internet connectivity for instructional technology. c.) To join us in urging Congress to fully fund either the provisions of Telecommunications Act of 1996 (E-rate program) or a robust educational technology substitute that protects the Universal Service Fund to help provide affordable telecommunications to rural areas. d.) To assist schools in improving Internet connectivity by using new E-Rate subsidies for construction of low latency terrestrial broadband Internet delivery systems.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

NOMINATION OF AASB
CARL ROSE
GOVERNANCE AWARD

Each year during the annual Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) General Membership meeting, the Carl Rose Governance Award (*formally the Outstanding Board Member Award*) is presented to one outstanding school board member who exemplifies unselfish dedication to the cause of educational improvement. The Award not only brings statewide recognition to a Board member whose service has been outstanding, but also is intended to inspire all school Board members to greater efforts on behalf of education. Nominations must be received by October 12, 2015. The procedures for nominating a School Board Member were provided to the Board for review. The administration recommended the Board nominate a member of the NWABSD Board of Education for the AASB Carl Rose Governance Award.

ACTION

Motion made by Erica Nelson, seconded by David Miller nominating Sandy Shroyer-Beaver, a member of the NWABSD Board of Education, for the AASB Carl Rose Governance Award.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Each year, during the annual Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) General Membership meeting, the AASB Outstanding School Board Award is given and is designed to reflect the Board's involvement in Board Standards. Nominations must be received by October 12, 2015. The procedures for nominating a School Board were provided to the Board to review. The administration recommended the Board nominate Kashunamiut School District Board of Education for the AASB School Board of the Year Award.

NOMINATION OF AASB
OUTSTANDING SCHOOL
BOARD AWARD

Motion made by Brad Reich, seconded by Erica Nelson nominating Kodiak School District Board of Education for the AASB School Board of the Year Award.

ACTION

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Each year during the annual Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) General Membership meeting, an election is held to fill expired seats on the AASB Board of Directors. There are five (5) seats open. Currently Angela Washington, NWABSD Board Member, is on the AASB Board of Directors. Nominations must be received by October 12, 2015. The procedures for nominating a Board Member were provided to the Board to review. The administration recommended the Board nominate a Board member from another district to run for a term of office on the AASB Board of Directors as presented.

NOMINATION OF AASB
BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Motion made by Erica Nelson, seconded by Angela Washington nominating Jeanette Iya of Bering Straits School District to run for a term of office on the AASB Board of Directors as presented.

ACTION

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Board approval is required to expend \$50,000 and higher. Prior to the start of converting the old Kotzebue maintenance office building into a 10-plex teacher housing complex, asbestos was found present in the floor tiles, adhesives, sheetrock, paint and pipe insulation throughout the building and had to be removed before construction can begin. In June, the Board approved the contact with Alaska Abatement in the amount of \$200,000 to abate and dispose of the asbestos. This amount was a best estimate until an independent company could perform an analysis on the quantity and types of asbestos present in the building. Once the analysis was completed, Alaska Abatement was able to provide the district with a hard bid price of \$265,000 to remove the asbestos. This is a request to amend the contract with Alaska Abatement for an additional \$65,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$265,000. The administration recommended the Board approve to amend the contract with Alaska Abatement for an additional \$65,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$265,000 as presented.

APPROVAL TO AMEND
CONTRACT; ALASKA
ABATEMENT

Motion made by Brad Reich, seconded by David Miller to approve to amend the contract with Alaska Abatement for an additional \$65,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$265,000 as presented.

ACTION

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Contracts that exceed \$25,000 require the approval of the Board. The "In the Spirit of the Family" ANA Grant requires professional video production for three weeks to film workshops conducted by the program's master trainer Linda Joule. The final product for all video production will be multimedia training materials in electronic/DVD format. The school district contracted with PikSik to perform the video production for this program. Current approved contract with PikSik LLC for video production services is not to exceed \$125,518. PikSik LLC is disbanding and the company will no longer conduct business after September 30, 2015. The district would like to continue working with personnel from PikSik under the new company, QuickWin Productions LLC. All funds required for this video production are included in the awarded ANA Grant. The administration recommended the Board approve to amend the contract with PikSik for professional video production services for the amount not to exceed \$125,518 by changing payee from PikSik LLC to QuickWin Productions LLC as presented.

APPROVAL TO AMEND
CONTRACT; QUICK WIN
PRODUCTION LLC

Resolutions require Board adoption. The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) has a program available to encourage the development of housing for teachers and health professionals in rural areas. Grant applications will be due in October for funding consideration for FY 2016. The program provides for housing to be developed by school districts, government entities or third parties in partnership with Districts. The AHFC program provides funding for new construction, renovation of buildings into housing and upgrade of existing housing. The grants reimburse up to 85 percent of the total cost of the renovation projects with a limit of \$850,000 in AHFC funding per application. Additional teacher housing in Noatak is a critical need. With AHFC assistance a new teacher housing complex was started adjacent to the new replacement Noatak School. The units at this location only house a portion of the teachers. The old 7-plex on the old school site is still in use. This building was the original Noatak School. It is extremely old and inefficient. The building is not configured to meet the District's need to house single teachers. This project is the first phase to replace the old 7-plex with single bedroom units at the new teacher housing site. An application was submitted to AHFC last year for a 2 story four-plex of one bedroom units. It was not selected for funding. The total cost of the project requested last year was \$1,325,320. If the project scope remains the same for this year's application the local share of costs would be \$475,320. District costs for in-house labor and overhead can be applied to the local share of costs. The administration recommended the Board adopt Resolution 16-001, approving application to Alaska Housing Finance Corporation teacher and health professional housing grant program as presented.

ACTION

Motion made by Bobby Wells, seconded by David Miller to Board adopt Resolution 16-001, approving application to Alaska Housing Finance Corporation teacher and health professional housing grant program as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED NEW POLICY;
BP 1312.4; FIRST
READING

All board new policies require Board approval. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for the Board to adopt new policies when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. Proposed new policies shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board. AASB policy reference manual 2014-15 update service was been received and AASB has identified these revisions that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. *Proposed new Board Policy, BP 1312.4, Community Relations, Public Comments Concerning Elementary and Secondary Education Act Programs:* The new policy addresses the requirement in 4 AAC 06.888 that complaints that a district has violated the law in administering programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) be submitted to the district for resolution before being filed with DEED. The policy generally provides for the review and resolution of complaints. The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed new policy, recommended approval, and open for public comments. The administration recommended the Board approve the first reading of the proposed new Board policy BP 1312.4, Community Relations, Public Comments Concerning Elementary and Secondary Education Act Programs as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 3541; FIRST
READING

All 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. AASB policy reference manual 2014-15 update service was been received and AASB has identified these revisions that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. *Proposed revisions to Board Policy 3541, Business and Non-instructional Operations, Transportation Routes and Services:* The policy was significantly revised to comply with Department regulations 4 AAC 27.006-951 establishing regular and special education transportation routes; allowing in-lieu-of agreements; establishing hazardous routes; and requiring transportation reports to be filed. The policy also addresses minimum standards for pupil transportation Requests for Proposals, under 4 AAC 27.086. Legal references were added to cite to the new transportation regulations.

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 3541, Business and Non-Instructional Operations, Transportation Routes and Services as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 3541; FIRST
READING (CONTINUED)

All 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. AASB policy reference manual 2014-15 update service was been received and AASB has identified these revisions that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. *Proposed revisions to BP 4158/4258/4358, All Personnel, Employee Security:* Changes were made to the text of the policy, the introductory note, and legal references to reflect the new law on restraint and seclusion in AS 14.33.120-140 and 4 AAC 06.175. The policy was updated to prohibit the use of restraint and seclusion except in emergency situations as outlined in law and policy. A cross-reference was added to the policy on restraint and seclusion. 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 the proposed revisions to BP 4158/4258/4358, All Personnel, Employee Security as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 4158/4258/4358;
FIRST READING

All 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. AASB policy reference manual 2014-15 update service was been received and AASB has identified these revisions that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. *Proposed revisions to BP 5030, Students, School Discipline and Safety:* Changes were made to the text of the policy and AR, notes, and legal references to reflect the new law on restraint and seclusion in AS 14.33.120-140 and 4 AAC 06.175. The policy was updated to prohibit the use of restraint and seclusion except in emergency situations as outlined in law and policy. The policy and AR were both updated to reflect the requirement that districts report incidents of restraint and seclusion. Cross-references were added to the policy on restraint and seclusion. 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 the proposed revisions to BP 5030, Students, School Discipline and Safety as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5030; FIRST
READING

All 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. AASB policy reference manual 2014-15 update service was been received and AASB has identified these revisions that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. *Proposed revisions to BP 5127, Students, Graduation Ceremonies and Activities:* The text of this policy and the second note, have been updated to eliminate references to the repealed High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE). The note and policy have been revised to reference that no secondary students may be issued a diploma without taking a college and career readiness assessment. Optional language is provided regarding whether students who fail to take the assessment may participate in graduation exercises without receiving a diploma. The legal reference section has been updated to reflect the new title of AS 14.03.075, which is "College and career readiness assessment." 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 the proposed revisions to BP 5127, Students, Graduation Ceremonies and Activities as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5127; FIRST
READING

All 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. AASB policy reference manual 2014-15 update service was been received and AASB has identified these revisions that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. *Proposed revisions to Board Policy 5131.6, Students, Alcohol and Other Drugs:* A note was added and the text of the policy was revised to clarify that students are prohibited from using, selling or distributing any controlled substance, under state or federal law. This change was made due to the passage of AS 17.38, which authorizes the use, possession and distribution of marijuana for some individuals, under some conditions. While all marijuana use, possession and distribution is still prohibited for those under 21, the revision makes clear that a student 21 or over is still prohibited from using, selling or distributing marijuana, based on federal law. A cross-reference was added to E 4020, Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Notice to Employees and the legal references were updated. 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 5131.6, Students, Alcohol and Other Drugs as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5131.6; FIRST
READING

All 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. AASB policy reference manual 2014-15 update service was been received and AASB has identified these revisions that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. *Proposed revisions to BP 5144, Students, Discipline:* Changes were made to the text of the policy, as well as a note, to reflect the new law on restraint and seclusion. In particular, references to the outdated standard for use of reasonable and necessary force were replaced with reference to the law on restraint and seclusion. A cross-reference was added to the policy on restraint and seclusion and legal references were updated. 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 the proposed revisions to BP 5144, Students, Discipline as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5144; FIRST
READING

All 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. AASB policy reference manual 2014-15 update service was been received and AASB has identified these revisions that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. *Proposed revisions to Board Policy 5146, Students, Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students:* A note was added and changes were made to the text of this policy to reflect U.S. Department of Education guidance on ensuring pregnant student access to the school district educational program. The policy was updated to reflect reasonable accommodations that the district should provide to pregnant and nursing students. A cross-reference to BP 5113 (Absences and Excuses) was added. 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 5146, Students, Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students as presented and open for public comments.

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5146; FIRST
READING

APPROVAL OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 6146.1; FIRST
READING

All 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. AASB policy reference manual 2014-15 update service was been received and AASB has identified these revisions that require formal Board action in order to implement the policy changes. *Proposed revisions BP 6146.1 Instruction, High School Graduation Requirements:* The introductory note and text of the policy have been updated to eliminate references to the repealed High School Graduation Qualifying Exam (HSGQE) as a high school graduation requirement. The note has been revised to refer to the requirement that secondary students take a college and career readiness assessment or receive a waiver, in order to receive a high school diploma, as stated in AS 14.03.075. The text of the policy has also been revised to reflect that students must earn 3 units of credit in math if graduating on or after July 1, 2017. The legal references were updated consistent with these changes. 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 the proposed revisions to BP 6146.1 Instruction, High School Graduation Requirements as presented and open for public comments.

ACTION

Motion made by David Miller, seconded by Bobby Wells to approve the first reading of the proposed new policy-BP 1312.4, the proposed revisions to BP 35441, BP 4158/4258/4358, BP 5030, BP 5127, BP 5131.6, BP 5144, BP 5146 and BP 6146.1 as presented and open for public comments.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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.

HUMAN RESOURCS

The administration recommended the Board approve the classified new hires at the Buckland School, June Nelson Elementary School, Kiana School, Kivalina School, Kotzebue Middle/High School, and Selawik School; classified contracted rehire at the District Office; and certified new hires at the Noorvik School, and Selawik School as presented.

Administration reported on the classified resignations at the Deering School, June Nelson Elementary School, Kotzebue Middle/High School, Selawik School, and Star of the NW Magnet School; certified resignation at the Kiana School; classified transfers at the Deering School, June Nelson Elementary School, and Kotzebue Middle/High School; and certified transfers at the Ambler School, Kotzebue Middle/High School, Noorvik School, Selawik School, and District Office.

ACTION

Motion made by Angela Washington, seconded by Tillie Ticket to approve the classified new hires, classified contracted rehires, and certified new hires as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Annmarie O'Brien: We received a letter of response from Lindsay Schuerch, a 5th grader from Noorvik.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Annmarie O'Brien: We also received a letter from Paul Wilson Sr., but there was not address to respond.

Sandy Shroyer-Beaver: We appreciate the letters. The letter from Mr. Wilson can be handled in-house by the Superintendent. Thank you.

Eunice Hadley: Another productive meeting. I'm glad to be back on the Board. We can continue with teaching our children. There was a meeting held in Buckland regarding bullying. It was a successful meeting, but we still need to continue to work with bullying at all our schools.

Erica Nelson: Thank you to all the staff for all the hard work you do. Thanks Tony Jones for the presentation by the Youth Leaders.

Angela Washington: Congratulations to Spencer Woods, of KMHS and the others that ran in State Cross-country. I look forward to being on the ASAA Board Directors and attending the meetings. I received a letter from ANSEP, it is in jeopardy of losing funding. I am thankful we have our Magnet School for our students here in NW Alaska.

David Miller: It is exciting to see Mr. Paul Bartos excited for our kids coming in to attend the NW Magnet School. Thank you staff for all your hard work and this Board to make it what it is today and working well together.

Bobby Wells: It has been a learning experience being on this Board. Thank you Board and staff for all your hard work. I see it in Noorvik, we have better attendance, grades are going up and discipline matters. I will continue on the Noorvik ASC. Thank you again, I appreciate you all.

Lawrence Jones Sr.: Thanks Craig McConnell for your Maintenance Department report, thanks to your team for keeping our schools going.

Brad Reich: I want to thank Bobby Wells, who will be leaving us. We had a lot of good years working with you. We will be busy traveling to attend some great workshops and conferences. They will help us make a lot of great and hard decisions. I want to thank all the staff for your hard work. We have a new Manager for Toy for Tots this year. I want to thank my staff, Ryan Air, Ravn and Bering Air for all your hard work to get gifts out to all our villages this year for Toys for Tots.

Paula Mills: Thank you Bobby Wells for being on this Board and for your hard work. Thank you Youth Leaders, it was wonderful that they came to Kotzebue when President Obama came to visit.

Tillie Ticket: Thank you all for your hard work. Thank you Bobby Wells, for your service to our kids as a Board Member. Good luck those that are up for election. I am going to miss the next meeting and upcoming Board Retreat. I will be traveling with my Dad, Johnny Ticket, to Washington DC where they will be honoring him as a Veteran. Thank you for your support on this happy event.

Sandy Shroyer-Beaver: Thanks to everyone for all the work you do, I appreciate it. Bobby, thank you for your service as Board Member for our kids, and I wish you well. We need to see about having a meeting in one of our villages. Angela Washington I am happy for you that you are on the Alaska Student Activities Association (ASAA) Board. With you being there, we can continue to fight for better representation for our rural schools. I want to thank Craig McConnell for all your hard work with ASAA. We had a good meeting with Governor Walker regarding Kivalina. President Obama coming to Kotzebue is indescribable. The feeling having him here was awesome. Mayor, Reggie Joule is not running for Mayor, he was very instrumental getting President Obama here. Thanks Reggie for all your hard work. Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday coming up, we will have our next meeting on November 17th.

Dr. Annmarie O'Brien: I want to thank the Board for your leadership and support. We have direction on where to go from here.

A Special Meeting will be held on October 15, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. To swear-in Board Members and Reorganization of the Board.

The next Regular Board Meeting of the NWABSD Board of Education will be held on November 17, 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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Tillie Ticket, Secretary



Marie L. Nelson-Gregg, Recording Secretary

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT
BOARD MEETING

ADJOURNMENT