

ADOPTED MINUTES

OF THE

NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

INTRODUCAITON OF GUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice-President, Paula Mills, called the 370th regular meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education to order at 4:34 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in the District Office Boardroom at Kotzebue, AK.

Members present were:

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

A quorum was present.

Observed.

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by David Miller, seconded by Eunice Hadley 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, 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, Zonda Martin-CTE Coordinator, and Marie Gregg-Secretary for the Superintendent and Board.

Guests present were: Lois Ballard-Selawik Principal, John Baker, Katherine Keith, Millie Stalker, Linda Jeski and Paul Hemrick from Ohio.

John Baker: I grew up in Kotzebue and I started this campaign to win the Iditarod Dogsled race: "I dream, I try, I win" and in 2011 I won the race. The district has the Teck/John Baker Youth Leadership Program. I am here to day to promote another program I started called the Wellness Initiative Program. When it comes to youth and community, I would like to help them.

Annmarie O'Brien: I would like to acknowledge John at this time. He gives attention to leadership to our youth and suicide prevention. Thank you.

John Baker: I want continue to be involved with suicide prevention and the initiative management has a tool to move the program forward. I would like to come up with plans to make this happen.

Tillie Ticket: Is it possible to have the City's and Tribe's involved at all the villages?

John Baker: Yes, through the IRA's we can have Youth Councils in all the villages.

Angela Washington: I saw the website and it is very nice. The Association of Alaska School Boards is looking into it.

John Baker: The Youth Leadership Program we have in place can be a model statewide. Website is: www.alaskanschangingtogether.org.

Linda Jeske: I work with the National Park Service and I am here to day to encourage the schools to continue to contact us if they would like one of our Rangers to do classroom visits and do the academic programs that we offer. Our objective is to promote outdoor skills, local culture, local history/science, etc. We can visit the villages, including Kotzebue. Thank you.

Congratulations the Kotzebue High School, Lady Husky Volleyball Team. They are the Regional Champions and took home the Sportsmanship Trophy during the State Tournament! Great job Lady Huskies!

Students from the Noatak 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.

Welcome to our newest Board member, Nellie Ballot, and to returning members Paula Mills, Eunice Hadley and Lawrence Jones. The October 16-18, **Board Retreat** provided the opportunity to review progress with ongoing initiatives to support our students and staff. Highlights include the School Climate and Connectedness Survey (SCCS) with the highest numbers of staff and student completing the survey since 2013. Other highlights include a significant increase in student rating for School safety and peer climate. At the same time we saw a decrease for respectful climate, parent and community involvement, school leadership, high expectations and caring adults. These district averages have wide variation at individual sites and principal will reviewing the results with ASC members. Other highlights from the retreat included a sound audit report with maximum undesignated reserves, which may assist us, if necessary, through the unpredictable financial situation facing education across Alaska and an Inupiaq language demonstration class with Dolly Custer, the Bilingual Instructor from Shungnak. **Attendance:** Attendance rates are closely monitored showing the 3, 5, 8 and 10-day attendance letters by site. Tony Jones, Counselor coordinator handles the 10-day letters and contacts parents. He makes the determination of truancy charges, following discussion with guardians and principals based on conditions such as age and circumstances. The 3, 5, and 8-day attendance letters are delivered from school sites. We continue to closely monitor District attendance rates. Total for August 19 – October 28, 2015 was 88.92% with 6th grade being the highest at 93% and 9th grade the lowest at 83%. Deering is the only school with a 95% attendance rate with Kobuk following second at 94%. School sites continue to work toward the goal of 95% attendance and implement attendance plans in cooperation with parents and ASC members. Strategies to increase attendance are done at each site. **Enrollment:** The K-12 student population at the end of the 20-day count was 1996. This represents a total of 20 fewer students than enrolled October 1 and an increase of 66 students across all schools since the 2014 student count. Using the same time period the District has a decrease of 11 pre-k students district-wide. **Assessments:** Alaska Measures of Progress (AMP) summary results by district and School Sites was presented during the worksession. **Meetings/Events:** Inservice via VTC on October, 15, 2015, meeting with principals via VTC on September 15 and October 7 & 21, School Board Retreat in Anchorage on October 16-18, 2015, AASB Annual Conference in Anchorage on November 5-8, 2015, Rural Caucus Meeting and Dinner with North Slope School Board on November 5, 2015, Citizens for the Educational Advancement of Alaska's Children Board Meeting on November 3-4, 2015, ASA Incoming Superintendent's Academy on November 12-13, and Board Meeting on November 16-17, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
(CONTINUED)

RECOGNITION

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Upcoming Meetings/events: Principal's Meeting on November 18-19, 2015 in Kotzebue, and AASB Winter Academy on December 11-12, 2015 at Anchorage.

For the record, the following Board Committees met at Kotzebue on November 16, 2015: Budget, Technology, CTE, Board Policy, Student Activities and Bilingual.

None.

Board meeting minutes require Board adoption. The Board held a regular meeting on September 29, 2015 and special meetings on October 15, 2015 and October 18, 2105. The administration recommended the Board adopt the proposed minutes as presented.

Motion made by Sandy Shroyer-Beaver, seconded by Tillie Ticket to adopt the August 18, 2015, October 15, 2015 and October 18, 2015 Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

New board policies require Board approval. The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for Board policy revisions when changes in law occur or when specific need occurs. 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, at the September Board Meeting, approved the first reading and opened for public comments. To date, no comments have been received therefore the Board Policy Committee recommended adoption. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed new policy, BP 1312.4, Community Relations, Public Comments Concerning Elementary and Secondary Education Act Programs as presented.

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, at the September Board Meeting, approved the first and opened for public comments. To date, no comments have been received therefore the Board Policy Committee recommended adoption. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to Board Policy 3541, Business and Non-Instructional Operations, Transportation Routes and Services as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT (CONTINUED)

COMMITTEE REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPTION OF BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

ACTION

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED NEW POLICY;
BP 1312.4; SECOND
READING

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 3541; SECOND
READING

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, at the September Board Meeting, approved the first reading of proposed revisions and opened for public comments. To date, no comments have been received therefore the Board Policy Committee recommends adoption. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to BP 4158/4258/4358, All Personnel, Employee Security as presented.

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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, at the September Board Meeting, approved the first reading of proposed revisions and opened for public comments. To date, no comments have been received therefore the Board Policy Committee recommends adoption. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to BP 5127, Students, Graduation Ceremonies and Activities as presented.

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 4158/4258/4358;
SECOND READING

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5030; SECOND
READING

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5127; SECOND
READING

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, at the September Board Meeting, approved the first reading and opened for public comments. To date, no comments have been received therefore the Board Policy Committee recommended adoption. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5131.6, Students, Alcohol and Other Drugs as presented.

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, at the September Board Meeting, approved the first reading and opened for public comments. To date, no comments have been received therefore the Board Policy Committee recommended adoption. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to BP 5144, Students, Discipline as presented.

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, at the September Board Meeting, approved the first reading and opened for public comments. To date, no comments have been received therefore the Board Policy Committee recommended adoption. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to Board Policy 5146, Students, Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students as presented.

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5131.6; SECOND
READING

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5144; SECOND
READING

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 5146; SECOND
READING

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, at the September Board Meeting, approved the first reading and opened for public comments. To date, no comments have been received therefore the Board Policy Committee recommended adoption. The administration recommended the Board adopt, at second reading, the proposed revisions to BP 6146.1 Instruction, High School Graduation Requirements as presented.

Motion made by Margaret Hansen, seconded by Eunice Hadley to adopt, at second reading, 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.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. To complete phase II and III of the architectural design on the Kotzebue 10-plex teacher housing remodel project Craig McConnell, Director of Property Services would like to contract with Faulkenberry & Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$88,838. Faulkenberry & Associates, Inc. will prepare the architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing design and will prepare/submit local and state building permit documents. The administration recommended the Board approve the contract with Faulkenberry & Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$88,838 as presented.

Motion made by David Miller, seconded by Brad Reich to approve the contract with Faulkenberry & Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$88,838 as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Resolutions require Board adoption. In Rural Alaska, the center and heart of villages and small towns are the schools. Communities value their schools and without a school, smaller communities suffer the potential of families leaving their communities. We understand that if the minimum number of students required to have a school funded would climb from 10 students to 25, 65 schools would close thereby damaging those communities and hurting those children. With the closure of those 65 schools, 921 students would be displaced without a school to attend. Not all students are successful in a correspondence type of educational delivery program; and of those 921 students 613 are Alaska Native or of minority backgrounds. This would be unfair and against the constitution of the State of Alaska and the Consent Decree of Tobeluk v. Lind Case (the Molly Hootch Case) decree in 1975. Therefore, the Northwest Arctic Borough School District support of keeping the minimum number of students for a school at ten. The administration recommended the Board adopt Resolution 16-002, support of keeping the minimum number of students for a school at ten as presented.

Motion made by Tillie Ticket, seconded by Angela Washington to Board adopt Resolution 16-002, support of keeping the minimum number of students for a school at ten as presented.

ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED REVISIONS
TO BP 6146.1; SECOND
READING

ACTION

APPROVAL OF
CONTRACT;
FAULKENBERRY AND
ASSOCIATED, INC.

ACTION

ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION 16-002; IN
SUPPORT OF KEEPING
THE MINIMUM OF
STUDENTS FOR A
SCHOOL AT TEN

ACTION

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Board approval is required for award of grants. Karen McCain and Dr. Norman Eck wrote the grant proposal in coordination with Raymond Woods, Bilingual Coordinator and NWABSD personnel. The grant is awarded to NWABSD in late September. Title of the grant: Preserving and Strengthening Alaska Native Language and Culture (PSAN) through a competitive grant application with the US Department of Education, Alaska Native Education Program grants. Duration of the grant: 3 academic years (FY 16- 18). Grant funds provided over the three years will support three goals. Goal one: the archival of the valuable existing fragile videos and written stories of Elders from the 1970/80's, will involve students, teachers and community to develop related materials, and to establish durable written and electronic copies to be shared within the educational system and community. Goal two: the development of a curriculum framework of standards/outcomes for the Inupiaq Language Curriculum. Goal three: professional development for the Inupiat teachers to strengthen the teaching and strategies for the Inupiaq Language Curriculum. The administration recommended the Board approve of the Grant Award: Preserving and Strengthening Alaska Native Language and Culture as presented.

APPROVAL OF GRANT
AWARD; PRESERVING
AND STRENGTHENING
ALASKA NATIVE
LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Motion made by Margaret Hansen, seconded by Angela Washington to approve of the Grant Award: Preserving and Strengthening Alaska Native Language and Culture as presented.

ACTION

A contract exceeding \$50,000 requires Board approval. Karen McCain with McCain Services is currently contracted to work for the State and Federal Programs where she performs duties as an evaluator of existing grants and as an instructor for classified aides during the in-service. Karen McCain and Dr. Norman Eck wrote a successful grant application supporting our Inupiaq Language and Culture Program. Ms. McCain will be the outside evaluator for this Program, which is required. As an outside evaluator, an additional \$25,000 is requested to add to Ms. McCain's contract. Currently her contract is \$46,098, which would bring her contract totaling an amount not to exceed \$71,198. The administration recommended the Board approve to amend the contract with McCain Services for an additional amount of \$25,100, for total amount not to exceed \$71,198 as presented.

APPROVAL TO AMEND
CONTRACT; MCCAIN
SERVICES

Motion made by Eunice Hadley, seconded by David Miller to approve to amend the contract with McCain Services for an additional amount of \$25,100, for total amount not to exceed \$71,198 as presented.

ACTION

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000. Alaska Interpreting Alliance Services with Kathleen Bodalay provides direct interpreting service, distance delivery, training, evaluation and consultation services to school aged children with significant hearing impairments, and their teachers and aides, according to state and federal laws. These monies are partially grant funded and will be used to continue contracted services. This contract amendment will provide the opportunity to assist the District in providing access to education for students with significant hearing impairments in the district throughout the school year. Alaska Interpreting Alliance consults and trains all staff and parents if requested. The contract, which includes travel, is for \$111,200. The administration recommended the Board approve to amend the contract with Alaska Interpreting Alliance (Kathleen Bodalay) for an increase of \$61,200, with the total amount not to exceed \$111,200 as presented.

APPROVAL TO AMEND
CONTRACT; ALASKA
INTERPRETING ALLIANCE
SERVICES

Motion made by Eunice Hadley, seconded by Margaret Hansen to approve to amend the contract with Alaska Interpreting Alliance (Kathleen Bodalay) for an increase of \$61,200, with the total amount not to exceed \$111,200 as presented.

ACTION

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.

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

Administration reported on the classified resignations at the Ambler School, Kiana School, Kivalina School, Kotzebue Middle/High School, Noatak School, Noorvik School, District Office and ATC; and the certified resignation at the Noorvik School.

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

Motion carried by unanimous consent.

None.

None.

Margaret Hansen: I would like to thank John Baker for coming in today. I am happy to have our Youth Leaders, and to have Teck who funds the Program. I look forward to working with John and his Initiative Program. Thank you to our wonderful staff for all the information you provided us prior to this meeting. Our kids are improving. It's a lot of work having activities for our students. Thank you Brett Slaathaug, Student Activities Coordinator, for all you do for our kids. Thank you Cheryl Edenshaw, Director of ATC, for your leadership. And lastly, it is good to see that good things are happening in Selawik.

Nellie Ballot: Being a new Board Member, this was a lot of good information for me to know. I am glad to be on this Board and to make a difference. I want to have a good working relationship with our Principal in Noorvik. I am happy to be a part of our school system. Thank you.

Eunice Hadley: I am always happy to be here. It is good to hear how our students participate and how hard they work. Have a safe Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Erica Nelson: Thank you to all the staff for your hard work, and Board Members for your ideas and being a voice. We do this for the future of our kids.

Sandy Shroyer-Beaver: Congratulations to the Girls Kotzebue Husky Volleyball Team! I look forward to seeing the plan for the Inupiaq language Program. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Brad Reich: Ditto to what everyone else just said. I just want to let everyone know that I am now working for the Northwest Arctic Borough as the Director of Public Safety, and I am based out of Kiana. I will do my best to continue to attend Board meetings. Thank you to all the staff for all your hard work. It is good to hear what is happening around the district.

Tillie Ticket: I would like to thank the staff, Board and Superintendent for your continued work for our kids. The AASB Annual Conference we attend had a lot of good information. I want to encourage all Board members to visit the schools you represent. At this fall's Inservice, I mentioned that we are losing parents, and today that is still happening. I am asking that you continue to keep those children and family members in your thoughts and prayers. Also, keep Bethel in thoughts and prayers, their school just burned down. Thank you. Have a good Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOARD COMMENTS

(CONTINUED)

Angela Washington: I attended the first Alaska Student Activities Association Board Meeting, got sworn in as a Board Member and mostly observed. I am happy to be a part of that Board. I am also on the Board for the Association of Alaska School Boards and at the Annual Meeting in November there seemed to be a lot more participation by Rural Boards. Our voice is being heard. For those of you at the National Park Service, teachers here are looking forward to you coming to their classroom. I am requesting that we have a Student Representative on the Board, it would be great to have them on the Board.

David Miller: I want to thank the staff for all the reports you presented to us, and I appreciate the work that you do. It makes our job more effective. Congratulations to the Kotzebue High School Girls Volleyball Team, great job!

Lawrence Jones Sr.: This year, I plan to join more Board Committees to learn more. Thanks to all the staff for your reports. To Brett Slaathaug, Student Activities Coordinator, thank you for all your hard work with the Bush Brawl (Wrestling Tournament). You did a great job for our kids. At the Ambler School, we don't have a Maintenance person up there yet, thank you Craig McConnell for sending someone up to take care of business. Congratulations to Deering and Kobuk schools for having a great attendance rate, great job! I too want to encourage the Board to visit the sites they represent. When I went to Shungnak, they appreciated that I was there.

Paula Mills: Thank you to our staff. I attended the Bush Brawl here in Kotzebue and it was really good to see a lot of kids and their enthusiasm. Some of the really little kids that participated got a taste of winning and it was really neat to see. Happy Holidays everyone.

The next Regular Board Meeting of the NWABSD Board of Education will be held on January 26, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Location to be determined.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Motion made by Margaret Hansen, seconded by Brad Reich to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Tillie Ticket, Secretary



Marie L. Nelson-Gregg, Recording Secretary

BOARD COMMENTS