

**SOUTHWEST REGION SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2004
10:30 A.M.
MANOKOTAK "NUNANIQ" SCHOOL
MANOKOTAK, AK**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m. by Sean Carlos, Board President.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Sean Carlos, President, Togiak
Marie Paul, Vice-President, Togiak
Leroy Fox, Secretary/Treasurer, Togiak
Jimmy Hurley, Member, Ekwok
Peter Christopher, Sr., Member, New Stuyahok
Shannon Johnson-Nanalook, Member, Togiak

Excused: Wassillie Wonhola, Sr., member, New Stuyahok

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the August 25, 2004 meeting were reviewed and Leroy Fox pointed out on page five, under 12, "correspondence" change to "Board" and Sean Carlos had the following correction "...remind Board "one week" not "one day".....with those changes, Peter Christopher moved to approve the minutes with a second by Jimmy Hurley. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY SRS-468**

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jimmy Hurley moved to approve the agenda with the deletion of SRS-247 Grievance filed by Jimmy Hurley. Motion seconded by Peter Christopher. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY SRS- 469** Marie Paul asked if a number 12 "High risk kids" could be added to agenda. Jimmy Hurley moved to approve the agenda with the amendment with a second by Peter Christopher. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. SRS-470**

V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The following guests were present: Darlene Triplett, Johanna Eurich, David Legg, Elizabeth Frances, Rick Dallmann and Les Parks at Dillingham District Office, James Brandon, Jr., Louie John, Jenny Atakitlig-John, Gust Bartman, Sr., Buchi Lind, Gary Stevens, Larry Bartman in Manokotak.

VI. IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The following addressed the Board:

- a. Sarah Tunjung, Koliganek: She read a letter requesting early graduation from Koliganek School. If granted, she would graduate in December, 2004.
- b. Philip Akelkok, Sr., Ekwok: He encouraged Board to keep unity. He would like to see the school year "start off right."
- c. Gust Bartman, Sr., Manokotak: He agreed with Philip Akelkok, Sr. from Ekwok about unity statement he made.

VII. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

No one to recognize this month.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **SRS-241 – New Hire report** – Leroy Fox moved to approve the hires on the new hire report as presented with a second by Marie Paul. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY SRS-471**
- b. **SRS-242 – Central Office Out of District Travel** – This action item was presented with the addition of Darlene Triplett's travel request. Jimmy Hurley moved to approve this action item with a second by Peter Christopher. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. SRS-472**
- c. **SRS-243 – Graduation Credit Requirement** – Presented by Gary Stevens, Superintendent. This is an administrative regulation that clarifies what the District is requiring of students credit-wise in order to graduate. Leroy Fox moved to approve this action item with a second by Jimmy Hurley. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. SRS-473**
- d. **SRS-244- 1ST Reading of Personnel Policies of Board Policy Manual** – Sean Carlos introduced this action item and what steps were taken to bring this action item to this point. He also went over the two changes (Physical exam and resignations) in the two different sections. Shannon Johnson-Nanalook also mentioned that drug testing for contractors was discussed at the work session yesterday but more information was needed. Marie Paul moved to approve the SRS-244 in its 1st reading with a second by Leroy Fox. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. SRS-474**
- e. **SRS-245 – Budget Revision to FY-05 Budget** – This action item was presented by Gary Stevens, Superintendent. Dr. Stevens went over the two budget revision requests: Bicultural budget (\$11,000) and Extra-curricular Activities fund (\$75,700) . Dr. Stevens reiterated that this was a one year "fix" and would be reviewed once again at budget time.

f. SRS-246 – Early Graduation Request- This action was presented by Gary Stevens, Superintendent. The student had addressed the Board earlier. Sean Carlos asked if the student had met the new graduation requirements that were presented earlier. The answer was yes. Jimmy Hurley moved to approve the request submitted by the student, provided that the student meet all necessary graduation requirements. Motion seconded by Leroy Fox. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY SRS- 475**

A ten minute break was called for at this time. 11:22 a.m. Meeting called back to order at 11:40 a.m.

IX. REPORTS

- A. **Superintendent’s report** – Dr. Stevens had the following to report on:
1. AASB Conference – This is a conference budgeted for, and he encourages all board members to attend. The dates have been set for November 4-7th in Anchorage. Buchi will make travel arrangements as appropriate.
 2. Board Goals – Distributed at the work session on 9/21/04. These goals help speak to the concerns Mr. Bartman and Mr. Akelkok shared regarding unity earlier.
- B. **Business Manager’s report** – Elizabeth Frances, Business had the following:
1. Airline and Vendor information – she presented the information as requested by a board member from the previous meeting.
- C. **Elementary Instruction & Federal/State Programs** – Report presented by Darlene Triplett, Director/Associate Superintendent. Following her report, Jimmy Hurley inquired whether the Library grant was approved. Darlene reported yes it was and David Legg pointed out that it was in David Piazza’s report. Shannon Johnson-Nanalook asked if the Native Education grant was a yearly grant. Darlene answered that it was a three year grant and we currently are in the second year.
- D. **Secondary Instruction, Special Education, Info Systems/Technology** – David Legg presented this report. Marie Paul asked if the grading system was consistent throughout the District. Mr. Legg responded that it varies. To his knowledge, there is no policy addressing this.

E. Maintenance – Rick Dallmann, Director of Maintenance delivered his department's report. He noted that the old school at Manokotak was to be demolished, that a "request for proposal" is going to be put out on this endeavor. Shannon Johnson Nanalook asked about the status of the Old Togiak School. Rick noted that it needed asbestos abatement and also the District is looking at turnover and demolition at different parts of the building. Jimmy Hurley asked about the fuel situation of the upriver villages. Per Rick, the sites upriver are set. Portage Creek will receive fuel next week.

X. PERSONS WISHING TO READDRESS THE BOARD

- A. Irene Gamechuk: Spoke as concerned parent and community member. Concerned about staff not showing good role modeling for students as pertains to drug and alcohol use. Asked if there was a code of conduct for staff members.
- B. Jenny Atakitlig-John: She expressed her concern over the way the kids approach the school from housing on the trail. Concerned over the danger of the pathway to the school. Encouraged the Board to look at it while here in Manokotak.

Lunch break was called for at this time at 12:05 p.m. Meeting resumed at 12:52 p.m..

XI. CORRESPONDENCE – AASB Conference in November, 2004.

XII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. Resignations – Noted on agenda those resignations of June Briggs and Desmond Hurley.
- B. CSC Minutes – From Twin Hills, Ekwok and Clarks Point. Jimmy Hurley asked about fundraising activities in Clarks Point and whether they were aware of the use of gaming permit. He felt that it should be equitable for all our sites to have access to this fundraising opportunity.
- C. Board Reports –
 - 1. Marie Paul asked about Togiak's Ribbon cutting ceremony and what status is? She expressed disappointment that nothing has happened as of yet. Dr. Stevens noted that he suggested that the CSC and site administrator plan it before winter, this is an election year and to do it before November would be best. Gary Stevens stated he will get with the site administrator. Marie Paul also noted that she and Leroy Fox were involved/invited to participate in the Wellness Conference/Education Summit planning

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- teleconferences. One planning meeting took place on September 9th; one is scheduled for 9/30.
2. Jimmy Hurley noted that since we heard a public comment on drug and alcohol use, we need to enforce this at the sites. Dr. Stevens responded by stating that if brought to his attention, it would be dealt with using due process.
3. Peter Christopher stated that when the Board sets a date and time to meet, that every board member needs to make special effort to follow the date and time set.
- D. High Risk Kids – Marie Paul requested that this be placed on the agenda due to the communities having students with alcohol and drug problems and when a student recognizes that they need help, what is the process to follow for this student to obtain the help they need? She brought up a particular incident where a student had to wait for help. A discussion took place regarding this issue. It was decided that a letter should be written to the service providers asking that they pass information onto schools themselves. Dr. Stevens will write a letter to these service providers.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Scheduled for October 20, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. possibly in Togiak (depending upon whether the ribbon cutting ceremony takes place that day) or in Dillingham.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, Marie Paul moved to adjourn with a second by Leroy Fox. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY SRS-476**
MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:29 p.m..

Submitted by: _____ Concur: _____
Recording Secretary Secretary/Treasurer