

**KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – January 10, 2022**

The Board of Education of the Kodiak Island Borough School District met in special session on Monday, January 10, 2022, in the District Services Conference Room. School Board President JULIE HILL called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL was taken, and the following members were present:

Julie Hill Judy Carstens Katie Oliver Duncan Fields Dave Johnson

Board members absent: CDR Jess Johnson

A quorum was established.

ALSO PRESENT:

Kathleen Barnes	Judi Kidder	Linda Avery-Eaton
Donna Ruch	Cathie Jo Irwin	Tayla Eaton
Cejie Benoit	Elijah Gonzales	Nathaniel Campos
Cody-Ray T. Campos	Rolan Ruoss	Neil Hecht
Damon Hargraves	Kim Saunders	Walter Barnes
Aileen (BlueJeans)	Anna Dale (BlueJeans)	Beate Daly (BlueJeans)
Betsy Lund (BlueJeans)	Dylan (BlueJeans)	Brian Himelbloom (BlueJeans)
Destiny Fitzgerald (BlueJeans)	Jamie (BlueJeans)	Kathryn (BlueJeans)
Kristina (BlueJeans)	Mary (BlueJeans)	Michael Pfeffer (BlueJeans)
Michelle Odline (BlueJeans)	Nick Szabo (BlueJeans)	Sandy Daws (BlueJeans)
Walter (BlueJeans)	Holly Hunter (BlueJeans)	Natasha Kutchick (BlueJeans)

NEW BUSINESS:

4.01 Complaint Hearing-

A complaint hearing was opened for the purpose of hearing a formal complaint filed by Ms. Cejie Benoit under Administrative Regulation 1312.1.

During the hearing, the Board heard from Ms. Benoit for twenty minutes regarding her complaint, and then heard from the Assistant Superintendent regarding the administration's response to the complaint. After these presentations, the Board asked questions.

4.02 Executive Session- Deliberation

MOTION

KATIE OLIVER moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation, and to include the School Board's legal representation and Secretary Bianca Clark. DAVE JOHNSON seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

At 1:59 p.m. the Special Meeting retired into Executive Session.

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No action was taken in Executive Session and the Special Meeting resumed at 2:33 p.m.

4.03 Reconvene in Public Session to Conclude the Hearing

MOTION

JUDY CARSTENS moved that the Board deny the complaint for the reasons set forth by the Superintendent in his written response and for the reasons set forth by the Superintendent's designee during today's presentations, and further moved that a written decision be provided to Ms. Benoit within 10 days of the date of this hearing, and that the written decision state that it is the Board's final decision for purposes of an appeal to the Superior Court. DAVE JOHNSON seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Judi Kidder addressed the Board reading a letter provided to the Superintendent and the Board regarding concerns related to adequate meeting notice and rescheduling of meetings.

Nick Szabo addressed the Board to express support of the Board's decision regarding the complaint hearing, and expressing concerns related to lack of mask enforcement at meetings and public events.

Cody Campos addressed the Board reading a selection from the Declaration of Independence, voicing concerns related to mask-wearing, testing, and other COVID-19 mitigations.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

DAVE JOHNSON moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. DUNCAN FIELDS seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

There being no further business, Board President JULIE HILL adjourned the Special Meeting at 2:47 p.m. on January 10, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,


(on behalf of)

Bianca Clark
Secretary to the Board

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Approved by the Kodiak Island Borough School District Board of Education at their Regular Meeting of January 24, 2022.



Clerk of the Board