KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – August 16, 2021

The Board of Education of the Kodiak Island Borough School District met in regular session on Monday, August 16, 2021, in the District Services Conference Room. The meeting was broadcast on KMXT Radio. School Board President JULIE HILL called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by School Board President JULIE HILL

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

Julie Hill Judy Carstens Dave Johnson

Board members absent: Katie Oliver Duncan Fields

A quorum was established.

ALSO PRESENT:

Damon Hargraves	Walter Barnes	Fernando Escobar	Katrina Stewart
Jacelyn Keys	Cristina Bieber	Angie Hietala	Debbie Rohrer
Geoff Smith	Jack Barnwell	Neil Hecht	Katrina Virgin
Laura Walters	John Glover	Heather Norton (BlueJeans)	
Gregg Hacker (BlueJeans)	Diane Maples (BlueJeans)	Michelle Odlin, RN (BlueJeans)	
Kim Saunders (BlueJeans)	Peggy Azuyak (BlueJeans)	Audra Morrow (BlueJeans)	
Brandi Noe (BlueJeans)	Beate Daly (BlueJeans)	Destiny Fitzgerald (BlueJeans)	
Emily Waters (BlueJeans)	Cory Gronn (BlueJeans)	Holly Hunter (BlueJeans)	
Jen (BlueJeans)	Joellen Schibler (BlueJeans)	Joyce Blair (BlueJeans)	
Sandy Daws (BlueJeans)	Melissa Griffin (BlueJeans)	Kathryn Symmes (BlueJeans)	
Kathy Simpler (BlueJeans)	Pam Gray (BlueJeans)	Sarah Nugent (BlueJeans)	
Liz (BlueJeans)	Michelle StClair (BlueJeans)	Sabrina Sutton (BlueJeans)	
Guest (BlueJeans)	Megan Ivanoff (BlueJeans)	Kiely Yung (BlueJeans)	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed under Agenda and Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the School Board and will be approved by one motion. The Agenda and Consent Agenda were considered for approval and/or amendment.

MOTION

JUDY CARSTENS moved to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented. DAVE JOHNSON seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

5.02 Special Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2021 – Approved under the Consent Agenda as presented.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Katrina Virgin addressed the Board regarding concerns on the universal mask requirement in the district, requesting masks be a choice, and voiced her appreciation for the Board.

John Glover, President of Kodiak Hockey League, thanked the Board for their work, discussed efforts to raise money to improve Baranof Park, and expressed wishes to have hockey become an official high school sport.

Laura Walters expressed support for making hockey an official high school sports program.

PROGRAM STAFF REPORTS:

7.01 **Hockey Update** – Superintendent LeDoux updated the Board on a proposal being drafted to create an ASAA sanctioned hockey program at Kodiak High School, to be presented to the Board for consideration at an upcoming meeting. Activities Director Debbie Rohrer addressed Board questions regarding sports schedules.

7.02 **Staffing Report** – Superintendent LeDoux provided the Board with an update on current staffing as well as hiring efforts. Dr. LeDoux spoke to the addition of a teaching position in the AKTEACH program due to increased homeschool enrollment, to provide homeschool workshops and elementary reading groups as needed. The Superintendent noted that the district will continue to provide free meals for all student, requiring hiring of additional food service staff. Dr. LeDoux noted that new Director of Facilities and Maintenance and a new Tech Coordinator have been identified and are in the hiring process. The Superintendent spoke to plans for opening a Family Resource Center to offer parent and family resources, training, and services. He also emphasized the need for substitutes, crossing guards, and substitute nurses.

7.03 **Fall Inservice Report** – Director of Instruction Katrina Stewart and Elementary Curriculum Coordinator Angie Hietala provided the Board with a report on fall inservice planning. Mrs. Stewart reviewed plans for the New Teacher Inservice, including plans for new teachers to attend inservice sections in each building. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Hietala provided the Board with an overview of the District-wide inservice plans at both the elementary and secondary levels.

7.04 **FY23 Capital Improvement Plan Priority List** – Superintendent LeDoux reviewed the FY23 Capital Improvement Plan Priority List for the Board, updating the Board on the status of each list item. Superintendent LeDoux noted that if plans are not made to manage minor maintenance projects, they will become major projects. Dr. LeDoux noted that the Capital Improvement Plan priority list requires Board approval for submission to the State.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Larry LeDoux shared with the Board a proposal to amend the KIBSD calendar to allow for two extra inservice days to prepare for the possibility of remote instruction. The Superintendent noted that the suggested change would be posted for community feedback prior to bringing the amendment before the Board for consideration. Dr. LeDoux expressed appreciation to Destiny Fitzgerald and Damon Hargraves for the launch of the new redesign of the KIBSD website. The Superintendent noted that COVID data which may be of interest to the public will

be posted on the website. Dr. LeDoux reminded the Board that, this school year, parents will not need to pay fees for students K-12, including activities and exam fees, and that the District will be providing school supplies. Superintendent LeDoux noted that, with the start of the new school year, the District would no longer have the waiver to feed all children of the community, but will continue to be able to feed all students for free. Dr. LeDoux noted that the school kitchens will return to preparing more hot meals rather than sack lunches. Dr. LeDoux recognized the hard work of Leon Wallace and Sandy Daws with the food service program.

NEW BUSINESS:

9.01 Milk Bid Award and Requisition Approval – School Board action was needed to approve a purchase requisition for cases of milk for the 2021-2022 school year.

MOTION

DAVE JOHNSON moved to approve Purchase Requisition #15256 to Diversified Foods in the amount of $181,200.00, as presented. JUDY CARSTENS seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

9.02 FY22 BAG Award – School Board action was needed to accept the FY22 Broadband Assistance Grant Award.

MOTION

JUDY CARSTENS moved to accept the Broadband Assistance Grant Award in the amount of $488,130.24. DAVE JOHNSON seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

9.03 Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Contract Award - Board action was required to award contracts to provide internet connections for remote school buildings and surrounding communities.

MOTION

DAVE JOHNSON moved to award contracts to STG Incorporated and GCI, for the Emergency Connectivity Fund through the Universal Service Administrative Co. in the amount of $2,067,963.10, as presented. JUDY CARSTENS seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

9.04 July 2021 Report of Revenues and Expenditures – The July 2021 Report of Revenues and Expenditures was ready for Board review.

MOTION

JUDY CARSTENS moved to acknowledge the receipt of the July 2021 Report of Revenues and Expenditures, year-to-date general fund revenues in the amount of $3,136,694.00 and year-to-date general fund expenditures in the amount of $272,884.36. DAVE JOHNSON seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

9.05 FY23 Capital Improvement Plan Priority List Adoption - School Board action was needed to adopt the FY23 Capital Improvement Plan Priority List.

MOTION

DAVE JOHNSON moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 23 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. JUDY CARSTENS seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Katrina Virgin expressed thanks to Dr. LeDoux for his comment regarding not requiring vaccination, expressed support for two days of additional inservice, and encouraged looking at additional factors beyond CDC data when considering mask mandates.

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Future Topics of Discussion:

- Graduation Expectations Committee Update
- Driver's Ed Update
- Culturally Responsive Education
- Applied Sciences
- Fisheries Technology in KIBSD
- Career and Technical Education Update
- Secondary ELA Update
- School Board Metrics Presentation
- YRBS Results
- GT Presentation (Goals & Objectives)
- Board Self-Evaluation

BOARD COMMENTS:

DAVE JOHNSON: Welcomed all new District employees. Congratulated HR and front office staff for work in hiring process. Looks forward to future discussion and decision on hockey. Thanked the presenters.

JUDY CARSTENS: Noted number of new teachers being overwhelming; appreciated work that went into recruiting and hiring. Expressed support for Dr. LeDoux's decisions regarding masking. Spoke to current and upcoming games in football and volleyball. Interested in hearing more about hockey program and costs. Commended the custodial staff for their work.

JULIE HILL: Congratulated all on hiring effort. Would like to develop collaborative plan with Borough regarding District maintenance. Looking forward to attending some of the Inservice sessions. Appreciated concerns expressed for students' health, and noted revamping health curriculum.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

DAVE JOHNSON moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting. JUDY CARSTENS seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

There being no further business, School Board President JULIE HILL adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:17 p.m. on August 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bianca Clark
Secretary to the Board

Approved by the Kodiak Island Borough School District Board of Education at their Regular Meeting of February 21, 2022.

Clerk of the Board