

**KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – March 25, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Kodiak Island Borough School District met in special session on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 virtually via BlueJeans. School Board President DUNCAN FIELDS called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Duncan Fields Julie Hill Judy Carstens Kelly Bell Katie Oliver LCDR Dave Johnson

Board members absent: None.

A quorum was established.

ALSO PRESENT (via BlueJeans):

Beth Cole	Damon Hargraves	Mel LeVan	Neil Hecht
Peggy Azuyak	Sandy Daws	Elizabeth Bender	Darrell Blair (Joyce Blair)
Gregg Hacker	Kimberlee Saunders	BlueJeans AllSchools (Eric Andersen)	
Curriculum PD (Jennie Schauff)		KIBSD Special Services	
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COMMUNITY COMMENTS: None.

PROGRAM STAFF REPORTS:

5.01 COVID-19 Update– Superintendent LeDoux and members of the administrative team provided a comprehensive COVID-19-related update of the efforts and activities of the district. Superintendent LeDoux discussed the efforts of the administrative team in generating a distance learning program that can be successful for staff, students, and families. These efforts included network upgrades, technology and curriculum packet roll-out to students, and the development of IT and translator help desk lines. Additional efforts included increases to food ordering and preparation work for the enhancement of the district’s food program. The Superintendent highlighted the recent development of a telecommute agreement with both KBEA and KIESA. Superintendent LeDoux answered questions from School Board members relative to expectations for staff schedules and screen time, student screen time, and consideration of the grading policy at the secondary level. Director of Instruction and Learning Jennie Schauff provided an update on elementary schools, including the conducting of family surveys, preparation of curriculum packets, and the coordination of staff training on online tools for instruction. KMS Principal Eric Andersen gave a Middle School update, including individual teacher contacts with families, updating staff on platforms to be used for distance delivery, and both departmental and grade-level teacher collaborations to develop plans and expectations for instruction, with special consideration for equity. Principal Andersen and Superintendent LeDoux answered School Board questions regarding the use of BlueJeans as a classroom tool, planning for delivery of instruction for career and technical education courses, and counseling support for students. Kodiak High School Principal Mel LeVan gave a High School update, including planning for a primarily asynchronous system for delivery of instruction, and discussion on both prom and graduation ceremonies. Special Services Director Geoff Smith and Assistant Director Kimberlee Saunders gave an update relative to the Special Services program, including the efforts the department will be making to provide services and support to students with all methods of instruction during distance delivery, the status of evaluation timelines, and

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promoting balance for staff and families. Principal of Rural Schools Peggy Azuyak provided a rural schools update, including ongoing meetings with Advisory School Boards and communities, distribution of packets and materials to students, availability and strength of internet access in different communities, and the level of familiarity that rural school teachers have with many of the platforms to be implemented in distance delivery. Director of Federal Programs Damon Hargraves provided an update on the district's development of a distance delivery model district-wide, including daily training of staff on delivery and meeting platforms, manning a virtual help desk for staff to assist with technology issues, and the development of an online learning resource page on the KIBSD website. Chief Financial Officer Sandy Daws provided an update on the district's meal program, noting that the district is now providing meals five days a week to all students ages 1-18 in the district, with both delivery by bus route and at pick-up at two school sites. The district is serving in excess of 900 meals per day, increasing by 50 or more meals per day, and plans to develop a menu and expand the bus route. Assistant Superintendent Beth Cole provided a district-wide update, including the effort to deliver instructional materials and iPads, the hiring of translators for both Spanish and Tagalog, and the aligning of certified teachers with paraprofessionals for support. To conclude the report, the Superintendent gave a brief summary update on other aspects of the district's response to the COVID-19 crisis, including support of the local Emergency Operations Center, individual staff efforts to provide technology support, recognition of essential staff who must report on site across the district, and the intent to develop future compensatory programming to combat potential regression in learning.

5.02 Emergency Purchasing Update— Administration made two purchases over \$25,000.00 to Food Services of America, which were required to be done prior to Board approval to ensure the ability to continue to provide meals to all children ages 1-18 in the community. The purchases provided additional shelf stable milk, as well as fast meal breaks to be used in the event of food service staff falling ill. The purchases will be brought to the School Board for approval at the next business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.01 2020-2021 Certificated Contract— Administration had one certificated tenured contract ready for recommendation to the School Board for approval.

MOTION

KELLY BELL moved to approve a 2020-2021 Certificated Tenured Contract to Brett Simpler, MA54 Step 20, in the amount of \$90,873.00, for a 1.0 FTE Social Studies Teacher at Kodiak Middle School. KATIE OLIVER seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

BOARD COMMENTS:

JUDY CARSTENS recalled the word "Unity" and thanked everyone at the meeting. She expressed feeling fortunate to serve on the Board of Education with Superintendent LeDoux as their leader because of his foresight. In speaking with parents of other districts, she believes our district is far ahead of others.

DAVE JOHNSON – no comment

KELLY BELL expressed being proud to be a part of the district and has received many compliments on the way the district is handling current events. She expressed thanks to all and is happy to be able to

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provide support. She shared a saying: "Instead of saying all the reasons why something won't work, let's figure out how we can make it work" and feels that is what this administration has done.

KATIE OLIVER appreciated the information. She expressed feeling informed going into the meeting because of all the effort put into communication but felt better informed at the conclusion. She expressed appreciation to all administrators for their participation and for taking questions. Board Member OLIVER will be participating in a Board meeting for the Association of Alaska School Boards on Saturday. If any information is received about how other school districts are doing from the Board's perspective, or other relevant information, she will share that information with the local School Board.

JULIE HILL reiterated a big thank you to all who participated in the meeting.

DUNCAN FIELDS noted the technological challenges that were experienced during the meeting and expressed an interest in identifying and problem-solving those issues. He also noted the possibility of the need arising for another informational or business meeting within the next ten days prior to the scheduled Work Session, as much may occur in that timeframe under current circumstances.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

JULIE HILL moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. KELLY BELL seconded the motion.

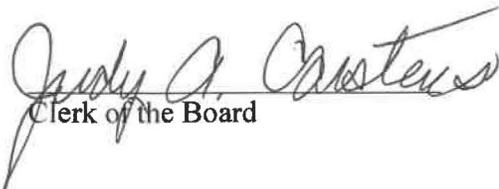
There being no further business, President DUNCAN FIELDS adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:55 p.m. on March 25, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bianca Clark
Secretary to the Board

Approved by the Kodiak Island Borough School District Board of Education at their Regular Meeting of April 20th, 2020.



Judy A. Gusterson
Clerk of the Board

