

**KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – June 29, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Kodiak Island Borough School District met in special session on Monday, June 29, 2020 in the District Services Conference Room. School Board Vice President JULIE HILL called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

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

Duncan Fields Julie Hill Judy Carstens Kelly Bell Katie Oliver

Board members absent: LCDR Dave Johnson (excused)

A quorum was established.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mel LeVan	Jennie Schauff	Leon Wallace	Peggy Azuyak
Heather Norton	Josie Bahnke	Pat Branson	Mike Tvenge
Sandy Daws	Angie Chervenak	Kim Saunders	Angie Hietala
Joyce Blair	Kerry Irons	Michelle StClair	Destiny Fitzgerald
Jamie	Joan	Alan Beck (MT)	Guest

COMMUNITY COMMENTS: City Manager and Emergency Services Director Mike Tvenge, along with Mayor Pat Branson, expressed thanks to the district for its recent resolution recognizing the Emergency Operations Center (Resolution No. 19-20-004), and for the district’s offering of facilities for the Emergency Operations Center and City Council use. Manager Tvenge and Mayor Branson then presented the Board and Superintendent LeDoux with a check for \$100,000.00 of CARES Act funds from the City of Kodiak, expressing appreciation for the district’s efforts to provide continued support to the community of Kodiak during the pandemic.

PROGRAM STAFF REPORTS:

5.01 Smart Start Task Force Update– Superintendent LeDoux addressed the Board regarding to the district’s planning for the reopening of schools for the FY21 school year, following Alaska’s Smart Start Framework. The Superintendent noted a total of nine task force groups comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, and Board members, meeting and working together to develop a plan by the fifteenth of July. The plan will need to be presented to the Board and to be sent to the State for approval. The Superintendent outlined the three possible scenarios, including potential schedules, for reopening schools safely in the fall, based on risk levels defined in the Smart Start Framework. The Superintendent stated that he is planning to develop a Medical Advisory Committee comprised of three local doctors, a local public health nurse, and a school nurse. The committee would provide their best medical advice as the district moves forward in its planning. Superintendent LeDoux indicated that a parent survey would be going out to obtain information from parents regarding return-to-school planning. The Superintendent also gave an update on COVID funding. The Superintendent indicated that his intent was for the Board to review the return to school plan between July and August 1st. Superintendent LeDoux noted that the District would be moving to some form of a mask policy. In addition, the superintendent discussed the impact of possible community-level phase changes on the district’s approach to instruction and emphasized the importance of having a plan that is flexible. Superintendent LeDoux spoke to Board member questions regarding transition between phases, and the

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timeline for the parent survey and completed return to school plan. The Superintendent and KHS Principal Neil Hecht and KMS Assistant Principal Heather Norton gave a brief update on secondary curriculum planning. East Elementary Principal Angie Hietala gave a brief update on elementary curriculum planning, specifically ELA and math.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.02 GENYOUth Grant Award Acceptance** – School Board action was needed to accept the GENYOUth grant award for the Food Services Department, to purchase carts for meal delivery to classrooms, as well as protective food coverings.

MOTION

JULIE HILL moved to accept the GENYOUth grant award in the amount of \$3,000.00, as presented. KELLY BELL seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

- 6.03 Request to Bid Cloth Masks from Local Vendors**– School Board action was needed to approve the request to solicit bids from local vendors to make cloth masks for students and/or staff.

MOTION

JULIE HILL moved to approve the request to bid cloth masks from local vendors. KATIE OLIVER seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

- 6.04 Web Design and Management Bid Award**– School Board action was needed to approve the bid award for website design and management for the FY2020-2021 school year.

MOTION

KATIE OLIVER moved to approve Purchase Requisition #7029 to Destiny R. Fitzgerald in the amount of \$45,600.00 for website design and management for the FY2020-2021 school year. JULIE HILL seconded the motion and it carried 4-1, with JULIE HILL, KATIE OLIVER, KELLY BELL, and JUDY CARSTENS voting to approve the motion, and DUNCAN FIELDS voting against the motion.

- 6.05 FY21 Supplies Bid Award**– School Board action was needed to approve the bid award for cafeteria food, central stores, and custodial supplies.

MOTION

KATIE OLIVER moved to approve Purchase Requisition #7015 in the amount of \$73,503.35 and #7016 in the amount of \$93,086.15 to Food Services of America; Purchase Requisition #7017 in the amount of \$53,887.11 to Staples Technology Solutions; and Purchase Requisition #7026 in the amount of \$52,626.50 to Veritiv Operating Company, as presented. JULIE HILL seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by a roll call vote of all members present.

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BOARD COMMENTS:

JUDY CARSTENS: Reiterates thanks for the work being done in the community so that students become good students and good citizens.

JULIE HILL: One concern that some people may have is that the district may overreact and close too soon. While it is clear what green, yellow and red levels are, how to transition between them is at the decision of the Superintendent. Having the Medical Advisory Committee is very important. It is parents' desire to have students in school for many reasons, and that is something that we all share. Doesn't want people to get sick and doesn't want to put any staff at risk. Feels very comfortable with what district is doing, and that district is not going to overreact. Suggests using digital signs at middle and high schools to put out positive message that the district also wants kids in school, and that district is working on a plan collaboratively with the City, Borough, and medical community.

KATIE OLIVER: No additional comments.

KELLY BELL: Expressed thanks for hard work all are doing. All are doing the best they can for our kids, and that is the most important thing.

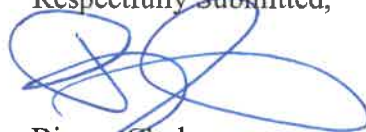
DUNCAN FIELDS: Thinks the district will get to a place with school plans where he feels comfortable. Doesn't want district to lose option of nuanced response, particularly in the face of broad sweeping mandates as in recent months. Regarding disagreement relative to local hire, holds it as a fundamental basic principal in an island community, and will continue to champion that, recognizing the need of the district to have a professional in that position doing a great job for the district. Appreciates presentation from Superintendent relative to work that all have been doing. Appreciates administrators being present and thankful for their work over the summer. Encourages all to step back and find time to be renewed even as all are faced with this crisis.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

JULIE HILL moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. JUDY CARSTENS seconded the motion. Without objection, there being no further business, President DUNCAN FIELDS adjourned the Special Meeting at 1:57 p.m. on June 29, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,



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 July 20th, 2020.


Clerk of the Board