

**HAINES BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING NO. 615
NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Haines Borough School Board was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Stigen in the High School Open Area.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The pledge to the flag was conducted.

ROLL CALL: Carol Kelly, Brian Clay (arrived at 7:30 pm), Gary Stigen, Heather Lende, Daymond Hoffman, Judy Erekson, Sarah Swinton, and JJ Lende.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of the Agenda, Approval of Minutes # 613, 614, Communications, Personnel Report. M/S Swinton/Lende to approve the consent agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE. Advisory vote passed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: PASSED-consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Meeting No. 613, 614: PASSED-consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Music teacher, Danielle Cousino, did a power point presentation on the three boys, (Kelly Edmond, Tristan Sebens, and Kee Heywood) who attended Southeast Music Honor Festival in Wrangell. She said that they students learned a lot and had a great time.

Dave Ammon told the Board that he was interested in transporting and storing a 26 ft yellow cedar totem pole that was being donated back to the Valley by the private residents who commissioned its carving in the mid-1970s. The woman who owns the pole has had it in her home for the past 30 years but she is moving and she would like to see it back in Haines since it was carved here by Alaska Indian Arts carvers. It is located in Northern Lake Tahoe. Ammon said that he was willing to donate the transportation time and costs to locate the pole from Seattle to Haines. The only freight costs would be from Lake Tahoe to Seattle but he felt confident that he could raise those funds as well. Swinton wanted to make sure that the school could accept this pole and that it really didn't belong to, for example, the people of Klukwan. Erekson said that this pole had been commissioned by an individual family and that those children wanted to give it back to the children in Haines. If this pole were carved today it would cost at least \$60,000. Stigen wanted to make sure that the Art and Design Committee was in favor of this acquisition. The Board did not feel that this was an issue. Time was a factor since the pole was scheduled to be removed from the house on the 8th. Lende felt that it was a great thing to have in the school and didn't anticipate any objections to it.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no items of communication.

Reports

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: JJ Lende reported that that volleyball team had recently returned from the Region V tournament where they won the Sportsmanship Award. Brianna Phillips was named to the All-Tournament Team. Basketball conditioning will be starting soon. The cheer/dance/stunt practices are underway. In addition, the pep band has begun practicing for ball games. The DDF will be traveling to Sitka at the end of the month for a meet. The glacier bear, encased in a new case designed and made by David Knight's woodshop class, was on display in the open area. The student council held a pep rally on October 31st. The November Student of the Month was Brianna Phillips. The junior class is again in charge of the community calendar. It is in the process of being finalized. Lende conducted a survey involving juniors and seniors regarding whether or not the graduation ceremony should include the awarding of scholarships. Thirty-six of the respondents wanted the two events separated, eight wanted it to stay the same. There will be a dance on the 10th of November to raise money for the cheer/dance/stunt team. Operation Christmas Child is again underway. Staff and students are filling shoeboxes of gifts to send to underprivileged kids. Lende reported there is some mystery surrounding the student council's sponsor child, Biplob Santra. Marley Horner wanted to write a story about him so he called Children International. After speaking with three people, Horner could still not get any information about Santra. The agency couldn't even tell him what part of India he lived in. The Student Council is investigating changing agencies. Lende felt that school spirit is high and that students are enjoying their classes. The cooking and marine biology classes are favorites of a lot of students.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Stickler was not at the meeting. She was attending the unveiling of the proposed cultural center in Klukwan. In a written report, Stickler commented on her most recent training: Alaska Administrators' Institute- "Learning-Focused Supervision"; Alaska State Principals' Conference-"The Road to Success"; and the State Literacy Association Conference. She gave updates on the Writing, Wellness, and Math Committees. She also referred to Dr. Aaron White's presentation on brain development. Stickler noted that the students in 6th grade were fortunate to have access to Kevin Reeves' newly published book of poems. She said "we are grateful for Kevin's example, his work and his strong voice within our community". We are also thankful for Linnus Danner, she continued, and her ability to integrate art throughout the curriculum and our daily lives.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Jones reported that he and Stickler both attended various conferences throughout the month of October. The fall Superintendent Conference focused on budgetary and legislative issues. Recently the first grading period ended. There were parent-teacher conferences. The percentage of parent participation was greatest for those in grades K-6. The levels dwindled after that. Jones noted that our student numbers should remain at about 294. This number is higher than budgeted on which will mean that our income should increase some. A budget revision will be presented to the Board after the student numbers are finalized by the Department of Education. There were no personnel matters this month. He mentioned that the long-term science substitute will be hired this month. Jones complimented Teri Podsiki and the amount of community education activities that take place in the school. Turner Construction completed the "quick fix" on the track before the first serious freeze. The Borough is balking at funding their half of the "real fix" slated to take place next summer. According to the earlier proposals, this expense will run between \$18 and 22,000. He outlined the building progress.

The mounted glacier bear is on display in the open area. David Knight's woodshop class built the temporary case. Some students have suggested a "name the bear" contest. Jones complimented the teachers for the degree of effort expended to help our students succeed. Winter activities are beginning. DDF is underway and Jones thanked the students, coaches, and community for their part in making the Haines meet be very successful. Basketball and cheerleading/dance/stunt practices will begin soon. The volleyball team just ended their season. Jones said that Kelly George did an exceptional job of coaching this young and inexperienced team. They recently returned from a tournament with the sportsmanship award.

THE ART OF MOTION GRANT REPORT: Jeanne Kitayama presented a power point presentation on the activities accomplished with the grant that was awarded by the Rasmuson Foundation through the Arts in Education Initiative. For a week Brietta Leader led students through movement and stretching. Kitayama shared that the District could apply for an Artist in Residence grant. This grant pays two-thirds of a person for 80 hours of instruction. The district's portion would only be \$600.

Erekson said that with the Board's approval she wanted to apply for a Kennedy Center for the Arts grant in the amount of \$10,000. To qualify, the district needed to show that we care for arts in our school. She thought that Haines did an exceptional job of this through art, music, dance, and theater/drama classes. Kelly agreed reminding the Board that even when we had to RIF staff, the music and art programs stayed in place. The Board agreed that Erekson should apply for this grant.

ASLA REPORT BY TEACHERS: Lisa Andriesen, on behalf of the elementary staff, presented some favorite ideas learned during the Alaska Literacy Conference in Juneau. Lilly Boron, on behalf of the high school staff, also presented on strategies that will be put into place in our classrooms. She thanked the Board for sending our staff to the conference. She said that it was a sense of pride knowing that Haines was the only District to send all of its staff. The teachers felt that it was a beneficial workshop and many of them are already using techniques learned.

BOARD REPORTS/COMMENTS: Lende reported that W. Randolph Hicks from Anchorage again sent the cross country team \$300 to use as needed. She said that the letter from Hicks read that at PFD time he divides up his check and donates it to good causes.

Erekson reported on the AASB conference she attended in September. The workshop with the attorneys on privacy, due process, freedom of speech, and student records was very interesting. She also attended a workshop on digital learning and wanted our district to be teaching with the times using technology.

Old Business

NEW SCHOOL UPDATE: Jones reported that the Tuesday morning meetings are still happening. Tracy Johnson was supposed to be here this week but now cannot arrive until the first week of December. The electrical and plumbing subcontractors were finishing up their work so that cement could be poured. The steel workers are putting up the steel as fast as it is arriving on the barge. The District still does not have critical decision-making dates from Dawson though Gary Hovde assured Jones that there would be one soon. The school is moving along and Dawson is building faster than anticipated. Even the barge arriving a day later than usual delayed the project by 6 working hours. Les Hostetler is busy keeping everything moving along smoothly. The District ranked 16 of 164 projects on the CIP list. Assuming that the State funds to at least \$53 million, Haines should be able to add some items back into the new school/renovation project. Jones said that there had been a question as to whether or not to run sheetrock to the roof or stop just above the ceiling line. Running rock to the ceiling would help with soundproofing rooms. The Board and those teachers in attendance were in favor of sheetrock to the ceiling. Jones said that he would pass that decision on. Hoffman wondered about the dirtwork, why it went over-budget and what was being done about that. Stigen said that the money amount was currently in negotiations. Jones also noted that the cost of buying the land for the school came out of the building project. Kelly said that was not supposed to happen. That very item had been discussed in many meetings prior to deciding where to build the school.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB: Erekson said that the Boys and Girls Club administrators wanted the District to look through the programs offered by the Club and tell them which ones the District would be interested in. Jones said that he would do this.

New Business

PERSONNEL REPORT: There were no personnel matters to report.

GRADUATION CEREMONY: A committee to re-design the graduation ceremony would be assembled. JJ Lende stated that there should be students on the committee since they seemed to be very interested in ceremony. It was noted that the scholarship should not be awarded the night of graduation, but on another night instead. It was suggested that it be combined with the High Honors Dinner or National Honor Society Induction rather than add another ceremony in May.

MISSION STATEMENT: Lende said that in order to do this correctly and most efficiently the Board needed to hold a workshop. It was suggested that a facilitator be arranged and a date in February be set or the Board to establish goals and revisit the mission statement. Lende said that she would work on organizing this.

NEW BUILDING TIMELINE/DECISIONS: The only timeline available at this time was the one used when the GMP was being discussed. On that timeline, many items needed to be decided in December. Jones told the Board that every Tuesday during their morning meeting he reminds the architects that an updated list is needed. The timeline, he pointed out, was to be able to tell if and when items could be added back in to the project.

SCHOOL SAFETY POLICY: The Crisis Response Plan was included in the packet. Kelly had requested that this be included so, in light of recent national events, staff and students would be familiar with the procedures. She also said that she would like to be on the team when these procedures are reviewed as she sees some areas for improvement.

BOARD COMMENTS: JJ Lende wondered where Officer Hinson spent his day. The last time she saw him the high school was during the lock down drill. Jones said that he would speak to Hinson and the Chief of Police about this.

ADJOURNMENT: M/S Swinton/Lende to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Advisory vote passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.

Gary Stigen, Board President

Attest:

Ashley Sage
Administrative Secretary