



Hoonah City Schools

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HOONAH CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 28, 2021

6:00 PM

Esther Greenwald Library

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

OLD Business

1.0 FY 2021/2022 Revised School Calendar

1.1 AASB Policy Updates for Articles 1 and 6 for 1st Reading

NEW Business

2.0 Hire of Secondary ELA Teacher

DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alaska State Law, 44.62.310 makes all school board meetings open to the public except the following excepted subject may be discussed in executive session if so determined by a majority vote of the government body:

- (1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the public entity,
- (2) subjects, that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion
- (3) matters which by law, municipal charter or ordinance are required to be confidential,
- (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure

Posted: 6.25.21

ACTION ITEM OLD Business 1.0

ACTION

DISCUSSION

TOPIC: APPROVAL of the 2021-2022 REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR

Background

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare for the Board's approval of a School Calendar. This calendar must be submitted and approved by the Department of Education by July 1st.

In the process of entering this into the state calendar system, we encountered an issue. The State of Alaska requires districts to develop a calendar with 180 student days. These can consist of student days and up to 10 inservice days.

With communication with HEA, Hoonah Education Association, and Norma, the calendar was revised to come up with the additional 3 student days.

Recommendation

I move that we approve the FY Revised 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR.

School Year Calendar 2021-2022 *Amended*

District Approved Calendar

District Name: Hoonah City School District

School: Hoonah City School

Approved By:

Title: Superintendent

Jul-21							Aug-21							Sep-21							Oct-21													
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							

NT	New Teacher Inservice
H	Legal Holiday
W	Work Day
S	School Opens
E	End of Quarter
I	Inservice
C	School Closes
G	Graduation
PT	Parent Teacher Conf
S	Last day Seniors
E	Elective Phase
V	Vacation

# of Inservice Days:	# of Inservice Days:	# of Inservice Days: 3	# of Inservice Days:
# of Student Days:	# of Student Days:	# of Student Days: 13	# of Student Days: 21
# of Teacher Days:	# of Teacher Days:	# of Teacher Days: 18	# of Teacher Days: 21

Nov-21							Dec-21							Jan-22							Feb-22											
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					
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	Teach	Stud
Sept	22	13
Oct	21	21
Nov	22	19
Dec	16	13
Jan	21	19
Feb	20	20
March	18	18
April	21	20
May	22	20
June	11	10
TOTAL:	194	173
Q1	44	46
Q2	46	44
Q3	44	46
Q4	46	46
TOTAL	180	180

# of Inservice Days: 1	# of Inservice Days:	# of Inservice Days: 1	# of Inservice Days:
# of Student Days: 19	# of Student Days: 13	# of Student Days: 19	# of Student Days: 20
# of Teacher Days: 22	# of Teacher Days: 16	# of Teacher Days: 21	# of Teacher Days: 20

Mar-22							Apr-22							May-22							Jun-22											
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					

# of Inservice Days:	# of Inservice Days:	# of Inservice Days: 1	# of Inservice Days: 1
# of Student Days: 18	# of Student Days: 20	# of Student Days: 20	# of Student Days: 10
# of Teacher Days: 18	# of Teacher Days: 21	# of Teacher Days: 22	# of Teacher Days: 11

total of 173 student days total of 7 inservice days snow days will come out of inservice
 total of 190 teacher days total of 4 work days total of 7 legal holidays

AGENDA ITEM New Business 1.1

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 DISCUSSION

TOPIC: AASB Policy Updates for Articles 1 and 6 for 1st Reading

Background

Annual updates to Alaska Association of School Board's Board Policy

Recommendation

I move that we put on the table for the first reading the following board policies as recommended by Alaska Association of School Board:

BP 1340

BP 6146.3

ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

BP 1340

Note: AS 40.25.120 sets forth the right of the public to access public records. There is strong public policy favoring inspection of public records and any exceptions to disclosure based on need should be construed narrowly.

The School Board recognizes that state policy provides broad public access to district records. Public access shall not be given to records exempt from public disclosure by state or federal law or by the Board based on the need of the district to maintain confidential information.

(cf. 3580 – District Records)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 – Personnel Records)

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 – Unauthorized Release of Confidential Information)

(cf. 5125 – Student Records; Confidentiality)

(cf. 9011 – Disclosure of Confidential Information)

(cf. 9321 – Closed Sessions)

Note: 14.14.090, in addition to other duties, provides that the Board shall keep records and files open to public inspection at the district office during reasonable business hours.

Any person shall have reasonable access, during regular business hours, to the public records of the schools and district. The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to authorize and facilitate public access to district records in accordance with law, to protect the security of district records, and to prevent interference with regular district operations. Records shall be maintained in accordance with the State of Alaska Model Records Retention Schedule for Alaska School Districts.

The district may charge for copies of public records or other materials requested by individuals or groups. The charge, based on actual costs of duplication, shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

40.25.120 - .220 Public Records Act

14.03.115 Access to school records by parent, foster parent, or guardian

14.14.090 Additional duties

14.20.149 Employee evaluation

14.43.930 Scholarship program information

23.40.235 Public involvement in school district negotiations

City of Kenai v. Kenai Peninsula Newspapers, 642 P2d 1316 (Alaska 1982)

Anchorage School District v. Anchorage Daily News, 779 P2d 1191 (Alaska 1989)

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

Revised 3/2021

Note: Effective June 30, 2016, the requirement that no secondary student be issued a diploma unless he or she has taken a college and career readiness assessment is repealed.

The School Board shall provide for students to take college and career readiness assessments, as required by law and regulation. The exams shall be administered in accordance with state law and regulations. The taking of an assessment is not a requirement for a diploma.

(cf. 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.4 - Reciprocity on Graduation Requirements)

(cf. 6146.5 - Differential Requirements for Individuals With Exceptional Needs)

(cf. 6162.5 - Standardized Testing)

The IEP team for a student with a significant cognitive disability may determine whether the student will take the assessment. The IEP team's determination should consider whether the assessment supports the transition plan set forth in the student's IEP.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.03.075 College and career readiness assessment

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 06.710 Statewide student assessment system

4 AAC 06.718 College and career readiness assessment after student receives a certificate of achievement

4 AAC 06.765 Test Security; Consequences of Breach

4 AAC 06.790 Definitions

Revised 3/2021

AGENDA ITEM New Business 2.0

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 DISCUSSION

TOPIC: FY 2021/2022 ELA Teacher Hire – Dr. Wallace “Beau” Abernathy

Status

The interview team interviewed Mr. Abernathy for the secondary ELA teacher and all were in favor of recommending him for the open ELA position. Approval for the hire of this candidate is requested.

Attached is his resume.

Recommendation

I move that the Board of Education approve the hire of Wallace G. Abernathy for the secondary ELA teaching position.

Dr. Wallace "Beau" Abernathy

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P.O. Box SRV, Stony River, AK 99557

Education

Doctorate, Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL, (Magna Cum Laude)
December 1999.

Masters, Washington College, Lanham, MD (Valedictorian), May 1988.

Bachelor of Arts, Calvary College, Grandview, MO (Valedictorian), May 1986.

Current Alaska Teacher and Administration Certifications (Expires January 3, 2024)

Certified English, Language Arts and Reading (8-12)

Certified English as a Second Language (ESL Endorsement)

Certified Speech

Certified Principal

Certified Superintendent (Endorsement)

Endorsement in Gifted and Talented Instruction

Special Note: Nominated for Assistant Principal of the Year for the State of Alaska in 2019. Fluent in Spanish, can speak passable Japanese, and can read and write Hebrew and Greek. Voted "Favorite Teacher" by students three years in a row. Selected by GPISD to complete the "Principal's Leadership Academy" through Region 10. Endorsements in ESL, Gifted and Talented (Supplemental), PDAS and Instructional Leadership, Gomez and Gomez Dual Language Acquisition, and TESOL Endorsement.

ADMINISTRATION AND EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

University of Alaska Fairbanks Adjunct Professor (2016-present)

- Teaching three college writing courses (Wrote and Designed the Curriculums)
 - WRTG F111X Writing Across Genres
 - WRTG F213X Writing and the Sciences
 - WRTG F211X Writing and the Humanities
- Teaching Intensive Spanish 1 and 2 Courses (Wrote and Designed the Curriculums)
- Student Evaluations consistently average 5.0 on a 5.0 scale.

Gusty Michael School, Stony River, AK Lead Teacher (August 2020-Present)

- Lead Teacher/Local Principal for a rural school in a village of 57 people.
- Plan and teach every core subject and electives for grades K-7 (along with a co-teacher)
- Recruit and train staff for the school (teacher's aides, cook, custodian, and maintenance)
- Design and maintain an excellent, safe learning environment, so that our scores improve dramatically.
- Ensure that we are Data Driven and Vision Guided so that we are effective in our instructional practices.
- Mentor a new teacher in how to effectively instruct in a challenging setting.
- Communicate consistently with the Area Principal and District Office regarding any needs or local updates in Gusty Michael School.
- Represent the Kuspuk School District well in the community so that we have a team mentality with the community in educating the students.

Shishmaref School (Pre-K-12), Shishmaref, AK Assistant Principal (8/2019-2020)

- Nominated for “Assistant Principal of the Year” for Alaska (2019).
- Instructional Leader for the School (along with the principal).
- Organized, trained and supervised the Teachers and Paraprofessionals.
- Evaluated and monitored the teaching in the classroom daily through the Danielson Model.
- Recruited, trained and supervised every substitute for the school – including teacher substitutes, aides, paraprofessionals, maintenance, cook and custodial staff.
- Coached and trained all of the paraprofessional staff to become Highly Qualified by the end of the school year. This was a great accomplishment for the benefit of the students.
- Organized all of the details for the sporting events, including recruiting referees, volunteers for the gate, concessions, etc. and travel arrangements for teams leaving or visiting our campus.
- Kept track administratively of all of the time-off requests and sick leave.
- Ensured that effective instruction was occurring for home-bound students.
- Organized and delivered meals during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Performed all of the duties as requested by the Principal (weekend travel for teachers, ordering food for Thanksgiving and Veterans’ Days, Christmas Pageant and Feast, etc.).
- Kept accurate records for attendance and grades so that awards could be given to students every quarter.
- Coached teachers in effective lesson planning and delivery.
- Helped lead the school during the transition of construction during 2019-2020.
- Mentored teachers for an Administrative Role in the District.
- Made certain that the school was in compliance with all directives regarding COVID-19.
- Led and served on the PMF Team.
- Chaperoned students and adults on various trips during the year.

Kotzebue Middle High School, Kotzebue, AK – Teacher (8/2015-2019)

- Teacher of Dual Credit Senior Language Arts (college credit for University of Alaska).
- Teacher of 9-12 Language Arts, Health, Small Business, and some computer courses.
- Taught Spanish, Japanese, Economics, World History, American History, Physical Education and Remedial English courses as requested by the Principal and necessary for the students in order for them to graduate.
- Taught some special needs students who were in need of a highly structured environment in order to succeed, including a deaf student and several highly emotionally needy students.
- Sponsor of the Student Council.
- Yearbook Advisor.
- Concessions Manager.
- Coach for Middle School Cross Country.
- Sponsored Videography Club.
- Began clubs and recruited teachers to sponsor the clubs in order to help student success (hockey club, ping-pong club, chess club, board game club and snowmobile club).
- Coached and advised the Student Council in how to implement change.
- Sports Announcer for the Northwest Arctic region.
- Selected to be the Technology Liaison and trainer at the school.
- Recruited to chaperone the students on a 500-mile snow machine trip, which required four overnights in the Arctic tundra.

- Coached new teachers in how to adjust and teach in Bush Alaska.
- Regularly invited to speak at various villages to motivate and assist young people.
- Spoke at three Graduation Baccalaureates in the region.

David Daniels Elementary Academy – Acting Principal/Assistant Principal/Lead Instructional Facilitator for a Five-Star Gold Campus Title 1 School (8/2011 - 7/2014).

- Motivated and led the school in the Principal's absence for five months.
- Selected by the School District to attend a Region 10 Leadership Academy.
- Trained in and implemented the Marzano Evaluation for teachers.
- Instructional Leader as an Administrator, utilizing data to target needs.
- Testing Administrator.
- Crafted a Behavior Intervention Plan for the Student Success Team process.
- Handled the discipline/behavior issues on a large campus.
- Organized schedules for buses, teacher duties, and students to ensure the safety of the children.
- Assessed students based on exams and data to target specific needs.
- Translated in Spanish for ARD (IEP) and Speech meetings regularly.
- Regularly met with parents, community leaders and students for encouragement and involvement.
- Used creative, constructivist techniques to teach students.
- Represented and led our school during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee.

South Grand Prairie High School-9 Taught AP English, PreAP English 2, English as a Second Language/English, Language Arts and Reading 1, Leadership, and Club Sponsor (8/2009 - 7/2011)

- Received "Kid Magic" Award from the Grand Prairie ISD School Board.
- Voted "Favorite Teacher" two years in a row by the students.
- Nominated "Teacher of the Year" (2010-2011).
- Mentored five young men in English and life.
- Made the ELL students a model for use of technology in the classroom.
- Co-sponsored the FCA Club (two years at SGPHS-9).
- Mentored six students in 2008-2009.
- Mentored seven students 2009-2010.
- Mentored fourteen students 2010-2011.
- Passing rate of 99.7% on TAKS, with 87% commended in 2010-2011.
- Took students on two Field Trips for educational purposes.
- Regularly called parents and translated for other teachers and counselors.
- Exited 24 students out of the ESL Program in 2010.
- Five ELL students were commended in TAKS Reading.
- Passing rate of 86% of ELL students.
- Led the students through "Paths to Scholarship" to receive scholarships for college and post-graduate degrees.

Published Author

- Have written three published books for two different authors.
- Currently have twenty-two books that are in the process of being published (with Dr. Frank Minirth as my co-author for the majority of the books).

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(More References and a Teaching Philosophy will be sent upon request.)