

**HOONAH CITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**April 18, 2019**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Harold Houston, Dillon Styers, Grace Villarreal, Robert Hutton, and Ethan Gray (Student Representative). Heidi Jewell was absent excused.

**SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL:** Ralph Watkins

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelli Gretsinger, Recording Secretary, Amy Stevenson, Business Manager, Jeremiah Byers, Maintenance Director, Veronica Dalton, Britta Tonnessen, and Shawn McConnell.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Robert Hutton called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Four (4) Board Members were present at roll call, a quorum was established.

**CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:** No Correspondence to the Board.

**AGENDA REVISIONS:** No revisions.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Robert Hutton asked if there was any objection for adopting the Agenda. No objection. Approved by unanimous consent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Robert Hutton asked if there was any objection to adopting the minutes. No objection. Approved by unanimous consent.

**BOARD CALENDAR:** May 5<sup>th</sup> will be the celebration of Wilma Davis and Ladonna Dybdahl's Retirement Party at ISP.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT EACH):** No Public Comments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

- **Administrator Report – Ralph Watkins** gave a written attached report. He gave a Legislative Update and spoke about the quotes for the Security Cameras.
- **Business Office Report – Amy Stevenson** gave a written attached report.
- **Grant Director's Report – Norma Holmgaard** gave a written attached report. Not present for questions.
- **Maintenance Report – Jeremiah Byers** gave a written attached report.

- **SPED Report – Sheryl Ross** gave a written attached report. Not present for questions.
- **Board Report – Robert Hutton** read a statement. He described a “suggested timeline for policy review and AASB-suggested policy changes. Tonight we have before us the AASB-suggested changes to Articles 0,1 and 3. There are no suggested changes for Articles 2 or 9. He anticipate that we will have second and final readings in May. He would like to have the first readings for Articles 4 and 5 in May, with the idea of completing them with second and final readings in June. Also in June, if anyone has revisions that they would like to suggest for Articles 4 and 5, we can present them for first reading in June. If there are no revisions, we will have the second and final readings of the AASB updates and the annual review process for articles 4 and 5 as per policy AR 9311-R will be considered as having been completed. As for Article 6, there are changes suggested by AASB that has to do with Native ceremonies and observances as well as culturally-responsive education. Because he thinks that it would be a good idea to have input from our Native Education staff before bringing Article 6 revisions before the board, he would like to postpone first readings of Article 6 until August, with second and final readings in September.”

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1.0 FY 2019/2020 School Operating Fund Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading**

M/S Grace Villarreal, Dillon Styers moved that we approve the FY 20 School Operating Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,979,558 for second and final reading. Discussion: None. **Roll Call Voice Vote: Representative Preferential Vote: Yes, DS-Yes, GV-Yes, HH-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **2.0 Approval of the 2019-2020 School Calendar for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

M/S Dillon Styers, Grace Villarreal moved that we approve the proposed 2019-2020 School Calendar for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Discussion: None. **Roll Call Voice Vote: Representative Preferential Vote: Yes, DS-Yes, GV-Yes, HH-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.**

### **2.1 Memorandum of Agreement for the 2019/2020 School Year**

M/S Grace Villarreal, Dillon Styers moved that we approve the Memorandum of Agreement for: Chelsea Wilburn, Kaye Lawson, and Doug Wessen for the 2019/2020 school year. Discussion: None. **Roll Call Voice Vote: Representative Preferential Vote: Yes, DS-Yes, GV-Yes, HH-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.**

### **2.2 AASB Policy Updates for Articles 0, 1, 3 for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

M/S Dillon Styers, Grace Villarreal moved that we put on the table for the first reading the following board policies as recommended by AASB: BP 0100, BP 1000, BP 1260, BP 1311, BP 1312, BP& AR 1312.1, BP 1312.2, BP 1312.3, BP 1330, BP 1400, and BP 3550. Robert Hutton

read a written statement. **“Statement to the public:** The purpose of this first reading is to put the policies on the table, and does not imply an adoption by the board of these policies at this time. These policies will be available to the public in the district office until the next regular monthly meeting, at which time there will be a public hearing. **Statement to the Board:** If there is no objection, I will dispense with reading each policy aloud. If there is objection, clarify which policy or policies they wish to be read, and read them.” **Roll Call Voice Vote: Representative Preferential Vote: Yes, DS-Yes, GV-Yes, HH-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Gaming as a supplement to the school budget:** Grace Villarreal, Ralph Watkins, Amy Stevenson, and Chris Hustman had a meeting to discuss how the gaming and operator process works. Harold Houston and Grace Villarreal are in favor of this. Dillon Styers and Robert Hutton are not in support of it because of ethical issues. It was unsure if this will become an action item by next meeting.
- **Board Workshop and Board Retreat – Dates, topics for agendas:** It was agreed upon that the Board Workshop and Retreat would be combined. Three topics: Board Self-Evaluation, setting Board Goals for the upcoming school year, and setting District Goals. The Board agreed that a Friday evening and all day Saturday would be best. Robert Hutton is going to contact AASB to see if June 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> would work. If these don't work the Board Retreat will be postponed until August.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER):**

- Britta Tonnessen spoke about upcoming events for AWARE and HIA.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:**

- **Harold Houston** thanked the audience for coming to the meeting even though they have families. He appreciated them being there.
- **Robert Hutton** announced that there will be an event honoring Ladonna Dybdahl's and Wilma Davis's service to the school. There will be a dinner at Icy Strait Point from 5-7 pm on Sunday, May 5. The cost of the meal is \$25 including tip and beverage, payable in advance to Glenda Hutton or at the door. Please notify Glenda by April 30 if you will be attending. Renee Gray is collecting money for gifts.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- **MOAs**
- **Exempt Contracts**
- **Second and Final Reading of Articles 0, 1, and 3**
- **Second and Final Reading of 2019/2020 School Calendar**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dillon Styers', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Dillon Styers  
Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kelli D. Gretsinger', with a cursive style.

Kelli D Gretsinger  
School Board Secretary

\*Please note that the audio recording of this meeting is available for listening in the District Office.