

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

January 17, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heidi Jewell, Anasia Neal, Jamie Erickson, Dillion Styers, Robert Hutton

SUPERINTENDENT: PJ Ford Slack, PhD

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Stevenson, Recording Secretary; Judy Hankla, Business Manager; Ralph Watkins, Principal; Sheryl Ross, David Ross, Jeremiah Byers, Heather Brown, Shawn McConnell, Pearl Miller, Veronica Dalton, Travis Lewis, Carol Jerue, Amber Malone, Melissa Thaalesen, Jenny Miller, Melody Douglas, Aimee Smith, Ken Skaflestad, Mayor of the City of Hoonah.

CALL TO ORDER: Robert Hutton, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

ROLL CALL: Five (5) Board Members were present at roll call, a quorum was established.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

- Robert Hutton read a resignation letter from Dr. PJ Ford Slack.

AGENDA REVISIONS

- None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillon Styers to adopt the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillion Styers to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting, November 17, 2016. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

BOARD CALENDAR

- **Fly-in is February 11-13, 2017**
- **February's regular board meeting needs to be moved as Bob and PJ are both gone. Set for February 27th.**
- **Board work session set for February 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM for Board goals.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT EACH)

- **Mayor Skaflestad** – He would like to hold a joint work session to compare notes with the Board RE: School Budget. Set for February 2, 2017 at 5:00 PM.
- **Travis Lewis** – He suggested the school look for sponsors to help with raising money for the playground. He also is a lobbyist at the legislator. He would love to help assist by lobbying for the school district.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Superintendent's Report – PJ Ford Slack, PhD

- Melody Douglas explained the proposed adjustments for the FY 2017 budget revision.

B. Principal's Report – Ralph Watkins

- Witten Report – Bob thanked Ralph for the references to the Strategic Plan goals.

C. SPED Director's Report – Sheryl Ross

- Written Report – Bob also thanked Sheryl for this as well.

E. ANEP Grant Director's Report – Heather Powell

- Written Report

F. Maintenance Report – Jeremiah Byers

- See Attached Report
 - He attached one bid from Corvus Designs to do the drawings and specs on the playground. He is hoping for at least one more.
 - He has made changes to the energy efficiency plan and has attached that for review.
 - An EED monitoring inspection is coming up on March 17th.

G. Student Representative Report - Halle Budke

- None

H. Board Reports – Robert Hutton

- He received a draft report from Lon Garrison. We will go through it and see what we have accomplished out of the two goals that were set. The two goals were:
 - Investigating with the help of AAS and others, opportunities to deliver, collaborate and partner with other school districts to achieve our vision of education in Hoonah.
 - We will seek alternative options to increase district revenue.

NEW BUSINESS

1.0 Memorandum of Agreement-AASB for Board Retreat

M/S Heidi Jewell, Anasia Neal that we approve the memorandum of agreement with AASB for the January 14th Board retreat. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

1.1 FY 2017 Budget Revisions

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillon Styers that we approve the FY 17 Budget revisions as presented. This revision includes approved cuts to the FY 17 general fund budget of \$3,227,584.00, a FY 17 food service budget in the amount of \$160,000.00 and a FY 17 student activity budget of \$182,171.00. DISCUSSION: Heidi asked the reason for suggested proposed budget cuts. Melody read attached proposed revisions for the Board. Bob asked Melody to review retirement on-behalf for the Board. Heidi asked about the large amount of SPED students. Why are we cutting para's hours? PJ and Sheryl told the Board that the student must be intensive to have one on one and standards are 3 intensives to one para. Both PJ and Sheryl commented that we are para rich. We will work with what we have and can afford. We will still be in compliance with the State. Jamie suggested that we cut the superintendent's hours, even to part-time, and give the work load to Sheryl and Ralph. Melody commented with the fact that PJ is under contract and voluntarily insisted in a salary reduction. Rolling tasks off of PJ to other people makes no sense. No one has time. PJ commented that we are nickel and diming right now. Nothing has been done yet. FY 18 will have very large cuts. To pull Ralph out of the classroom to do the work of the work that would have to be done is not the right thing to do. He is also early in his career. Also, Sheryl is already the SPED Director and a SPED teacher. We have even talked about putting PJ in the classroom. It is our job to close the budget and your job to do what you think

is right. Everyone agreed with cutting the breakfast program to the community and having staff pay for breakfast is a good idea. Roll Call Voice Vote: JE-Yes, DS-Yes, AN-Yes HJ-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.

M/S Robert Hutton, Dillon Styers to amend main motion to read with the exception that classified hours will not be reduced. Roll Call Voice Vote: JE-Yes, DS-Yes, AN-Yes HJ-Yes, RH-Yes. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Draft Facility Use Agreement** – PJ asked the Board for the next step with the suggested changes to the facility use agreement. It was the consensus of the Board to have the district office make the changes.
- **District Office Restructuring: Related to FY '18 Budget** – This was sent out as a document in the board packet.
- **FY '17 Budget Cuts: These cuts to be put into place for the remainder of this school year reflecting to cuts in the budget revision for tonight.** This was covered earlier.

M/S Heidi Jewell, Dillon Styers to go past two hours. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT (THREE-MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

- **Pearl Miller** – Thank you, Board for not cutting hours. She is speaking for the paras and the children.
- **Aimee Smith** – There has been a lot of out pouring of support for the staff. She learns from the staff every day.
- **Mayor Skaflestad** – He knows how difficult this is as the City faces the same issues. Nothing hits the heart of it like our children. Atta boy to all of you. We are facing tough times and failed to prepare for this day. The City is very concern. We may seem complacent but we are not. The City is with you.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- **Heidi Jewell** – She expressed appreciation to the audience and staff.
- **Jamie Erickson** – Thanked the audience for being there. Definitely felt heart felt expressions. She see everyone frantically running around covering. She will be going to the corporation. It helps me want to work harder for you.
- **Anasia Neal** – Thanked the audience, teachers, and Mayor. It is desperate times for the City and school.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- PJ's Resignation
- FY '18 Budget
- Sponsors for the playground

ADJORNMENT

**M/S Heidi Jewell, Jamie Erickson to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS
CONSENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dillon Styers
Board Secretary

Amy Stevenson
Recording Secretary