

**SOUTHWEST REGION SCHOOLS  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
November 27, 2007  
11:00 A.M.  
BOARD ROOM  
SOUTHWEST REGION SCHOOL CAMPUS  
DILLINGHAM, ALASKA**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Kay Andrews, Vice President at 11:41 a.m..

**2. Roll Call**

Members present included:

Sean Carlos, President, Togiak (Arrived at 12:30 p.m.)

Kay Andrews, Vice President, Aleknagik

LeRoy Fox, Secretary/Treasurer, Togiak

Peter Christopher, Member, New Stuyahok (Distance Delivery)

Helen Gregorio, Member, Togiak (Teleconference)

Wassillie Wonhola New Stuyahok (absent)

Evelyn Yanez, Member, Togiak (absent)

**3. Approval of Minutes**

LeRoy Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30th meeting, seconded by Helen Gregorio. Discussion: Insert page 3, available entities for housing projects; and page 4 Wassillie Wonhola did attest to having the girls tournament at Manokotak; Roll Call Vote. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Helen Gregorio moved to approve the agenda, seconded by LeRoy Fox. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Introduction of Guests**

The following guests were present:

Jared Sherman, Kate Young, Johanna Grasso, Karen Rogers, Barbara Luckhurst, Executive Assistant/Personnel Officer, Jack Foster, Superintendent, Dennis Simmons, Federal/State Program Director, David Piazza, Director of Info Systems and Technology, Jon Clouse, Computer Asst. Instruction Specialist, Shannon Cloude, Media Specialist, Diane Simmons, Business Manager, Lee Ann Andrew, Accounts Receivable/Travel, Esther Ilutsik, Principal of Aleknagik, Stan Dancer, Principal of Ekwok, Latisha Walcott, Joshua King, David Williams, Ramona Larsen, Carl Hansen and Rod Lindberg, Principal of Twin Hills.

**6. 3 Site Reports**

Rod Lindberg, Principal of Twin Hills reported that they had a good fall. They have a new teacher, Louann Bates who has 25 years teaching experience in Texas and who is currently teaching K-3 students. Rod also reported on the following: RIF Distributions, Halloween Party, Have begun gym night 3 nights per week, Purchased new computer for math and reading to help students who are behind, Saxon Math is going well and shows improvement on assessments, Looking for Yup'ik programs.

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Joshua King, David Walcott and Letisha Walcott, students of Ekwok each gave a report. Joshua King reported on his trip to AFN, David Walcott reported on his trip to King Salmon and Letisha Walcott reported on her trip to Dillingham. Stan Dancer Principal reported that the reason for all these trips was because they couldn't go last spring. He also reported on working hard at meeting AYP, Basketball, Imaginarium and that one teacher will be out next month.

Esther Ilutsik reported on the following: School Carnival, utilizing Dan Walker, Battle of Books, Awards assembly for students and parent volunteers, host volleyball tournament, veterans day potluck, Thanksgiving potluck, student council wants tutor night, imaginarium, One teacher on Administrative Leave.

**\*7. Identification of Persons Wishing to Address the Board –**

Ramona Larsen asked to address the board at this time, but since the president was not present she was asked to come back on #12 of the agenda.

Jared Sherman with AMLJIA reported on the Insurance. Kay Andrews asked if they go to any of the sites, Jared stated that they went to half of them. She also asked if they do any kind of coverage. Jared said that the coverage is free, vague but covers a lot.

**\*8. Employee of the Month**

Jack Foster recognized Shannon Clouse at this time. Shannon received an "Employee of the Month" plaque.

**\*9. Servicemen Appreciation**

Barbara Luckhurst read the name of the servicemen who served in Iraq for the past year. They included: John Tugatuk Sr. of Aleknagik; Jonah Lomack, Gabriel Ayojiak, Rueben Andrew, Brandon Kusegta, Moses Toyukak Jr. of Manokotak; Keith Hodson of New Stuyahok; Larry Arnariak, Dennis Tommy Sr., Everette Arnariak, Paul Bavilla III of Togiak; Oliver Mark and Lester J. Henry of Twin Hills.

**\*10. Action Items**

**a. SRS-433 New Hire Report** –LeRoy Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Peter Christopher. **Motion Carried Unanimously, SRS 433.**

**b. SRS-434 Trip Proposal for Manokotak** – Peter Christopher made a motion to approve, seconded by LeRoy Fox. **Motion Carried Unanimously. SRS-434.**

**11. Reports**

Karen Rogers from Altman & Rogers presented the audit report. Peter Christopher had a question in regards to fuel sale for Twin Hills. Diane Simmons, business manager, responded that this was taken care of and that they have a form for all sites to use in regards to this. Kay Andrews asked about the breakdown of the audit report, Karen explained in regards to page 38 of the audit report.

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Back to order at 1:30

b. Superintendent Report

1. Site Visits
2. New Stuyahok Classrooms
3. Good things on Saxon Math and Open Court
4. Student Count
5. QS2 – Good responses from Site
6. Youth Leadership – Sent 4 students and 2 chaperones
7. Instructional Audit – New Stuyahok, Manokotak and Togiak
8. See good education in classrooms
9. New Stuyahok Teacher Housing – Will be receiving full amount

Kay Andrews asked about resolutions at annual meeting. Sean Carlos responded. Kay Andrews also recommended that Diane Simmons attend the Legislative Fly-In. She also asked how much audit cost. Audit is done through a grant, doesn't cost the district anything.

c. K-12 Sites – Mike Patrick Director

Mike gave a report on student activities. He told the board that the coaches could not come up with a consensus as to where to hold the regional tournament so it was decided that a coin toss be done. The coin toss was done and it was decided through the coin toss that the girls tournament be hosted by Togiak and the boys at Manokotak.

d. Information Systems and Technology – David Piazza, Director

Kari Clusman, teacher and Simeon Christopher, student gave a presentation on the first ever New Stuyahok Tech Camp, he stated that four reps gave presentations, 4 district reps and the Koliganek students were invited.

e. Business Manager – Diane Simmons

Diane reported that Lee Ann Andrew and herself were researching software to replace AS400. They may have found one that they liked very well. Sean wants a new report for next meeting. The cost of the software would be around \$40,000.00 with software and training. Sean asked if they will go with the four year. Diane didn't know.

f. Federal/State Grants – Dennis Simmons, Director

Dennis gave an update on School Improvement Plans. He said that these were sent out to the State on time, haven't heard back so he thinks that everything was OK with them. He told the board that we were on track.

g. Special Education – Ruth Umlauf - Specialist

Ruth reported that she had met with headstart on Wednesday. They set tentative childfind for New Stuyahok and Togiak. Kay Andrews asked about Manokotak. They do not have headstart. They did at one time, but closed to lack of parent involvement.

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Back to order at 2:42

**12. Identification of Persons Wishing to ReAddress the Board**

Ramona Larsen reported to the board at this time. She asked the board if they needed to go into executive session. Sean Carlos said they are not allowed to go into executive session which dealt with special ed. Students. Sean told Ramona that he did not get a packet. Ramona had given an envelope to his van driver, she said it was the one dated April 2007. Sean asked if it was grievance against Special Ed. Or grievance against employy. Ramona mentioned that she had sent letters to Jack Foster and that he did not give copies to the board. Jack told Ramona that she needs to give copies to himself or to Barbara Luckhurst. Sean said that they need to consult the attorney and that he also mentioned that this is an administrative responsibility. Peter Christopher also mentioned that this should be handled by the administration because it's a Special Ed. Issue.

**13. Information/Discussion**

**a. Resignations** – none

**b. CSC Minutes** – As submitted

**c. Digital Board Packet – (Board Docs)**

David Piazza was asked to look into Board Docs which is an area where we can post the agenda in PDF or just test file. The system will allow for confidential area. He told the board that the company had typed this in. They are willing to come out to do training if we go this route and is web based. Kay asked about the cost. Dave said it was in the packet. Kay asked if they would sit with the laptop. Dave said it is up to you. The cost would be \$2700.00 annual fee and \$1000.00 for training and stuff. This is not in the budget but would be up to the board if they want it. Dave asked for directions from the board and told them that it has been around since 1989. Kay asked about scanning capability. Dave said it does. Sean said that it may be something to look into, need to know the cost. Dave said that 179 districts nationwide are using it. Dave was told to research other companies. Sean said it would be something to look at but would need all board's approval. Sites that cannot do this still need to have paper materials.

**d. Board Reports** – As noted

Helen Gregorio told the board that the annual conference was very informative, with good information, new board member orientation was good. Most important was hearing what other members were doing. Alot of information, but was very useful. Peter Christopher reported that there were good presenters. Needed to be connected to our students so our academics will improve. It takes a whole community to raise a child. During shotgun session, they made good point about having vocational classes during the summer break. He wants info on where these grants are coming from. He mentioned that maybe work with Dillingham City Schools on doing something similar. He also addressed the headstart program for Bristol Bay region. Only have four sites. He recommend that every board member who attend these conferences do a written report. Sean mentioned that Vocational Education and Civics were the main topics.

**14. Next meeting date**

Regular Board Meeting: December 12, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in Dillingham.

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**15. Adjournment**

Helen Gregorio moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kay Andrews. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Concur:

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Barbara Luckhurst, School Board Secretary

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Secretary/Treasurer, SWRS Board