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Minutes of the Yupiit School District Regional Board of Education

Held: June 19, 2014
 Village: Akiachak, Alaska

<p>Call to Order</p>	<p>Chairman Willie Kasayulie called the regular meeting of the Regional School Board to order at 11:16 AM.</p>
<p>Roll Call</p>	<p>Present Willie Kasayulie, Chairman Ivan Ivan, Vice Chairman Samuel George, Treasurer Peter Napoka, Board Member Gerald Langton, Superintendent Lucienne Smith, Recording Secretary</p>
<p>Absent</p>	<p>Noah Andrew, Secretary; Moses Owen, Board Member; Brain Henry, Board Member</p>
<p>Invocation</p>	<p>III. Invocation: Peter Napoka rendered the invocation.</p>
<p>Commissioner Mike Hanley</p>	<p>Chairman Willie Kasayulie welcomed Commissioner Mike Hanley and gave him an opportunity to speak.</p> <p>Commissioner Mike Hanley was given an opportunity to make comments. Mike Hanley stated that he is just here as a learner. Yupiit School District really tries to engage their new teachers with the community thru cultural camp and they do it better than any district or state does. Kim Langton invited Mike to be part of the new teacher orientation to experience the gathering, sharing his thoughts, mainly just listening and see what the new teachers are gaining. The teachers have shared their stories about their mentor families in their communities, its huge and they are all looking forward of coming back. The recent legislative session, the biggest thing probably is the funding component at an extra \$348.00 per kid and next year at \$352.00, not much of an increase. He knows a lot of people are trying to get more and trying to get it shifted to that BSA formula, but that is a pretty significant jump in</p>

<p>Continue – Commissioner Hanley</p>	<p>funding that he has seen in many, many years. The removal of the high stakes exam HSGQE, another big thing. There is a lot of language on Charter Schools, Correspondence Schools, and things like that. Mr. Hanley does not know if Yupiit School District is connected to ANCPT Program but they received more money and there is a grant out and hopefully will get some of that money that will increase down to 8th grade. These are just some of the highlights. A lot of education conversation this year.</p>
<p>Chairman Kasayulie</p>	<p>Chairman Kasayulie and Ivan Ivan went down to Juneau this past February, about week or so before AASB conducted their legislative Fly In. Ivan can contest to it, but one of the biggest challenges out here is to meeting the requirements of, not just education but providing adequate funding to the providers that we receive, power. Over the years, we have been contracting with the local providers. With the last few years, there have been challenges especially in the Utility Companies that are trying to provide services to the community as well as to the school. With the increase of fuel prices. Especially this year, we’ve had tremendous challenges for us budget wise, because of the deficit Yupiit School District has, meeting the requirements of the local Utility Power Companies. We’ve had some discussion of how we can go around requesting the State to start providing adequate funding in terms of trying to provide services to our community as well as the school.</p>
<p>Ivan Ivan</p>	<p>Ivan Ivan commented Commissioner Hanley for being here in person, that he is the first commissioner getting out, being with the Regional School Board and hearing the real story and wish Mike well for the future, because your beginning to understand what to deal with education, especially in rural areas. I think YK Delta is most in poverty, if that is the correct word for lack of our management capabilities, accounting, etc. and management in small communities is a challenge. We don’t even know what the municipal corporation could issue bonds, that’s a total different world for us We are just simple, look at a dollar and we go from there try to account for it. . Ivan was in the legislature when senate bill 36 was introduced; there intend to put funds into the education classrooms. Its invisible, as you looked from Juneau or Anchorage. If this School District were in the rail bill, we’d enjoy however kilowatt-hours it is in Anchorage. I would like to ask, our small villages use between 200-400 kilowatts depending on their population and demand and to provide power to their communities. Our village is a good example, our customers that exist the 80 homes, teacher housings, the school and the tribal offices help, but with the cost of fuel, we were buying \$5.70 fuel to provide electricity. How do these pay fuel for the electricity. Someone is paying pretty penny for the fuel and that’s a challenge. But our citizens say, “Kids first”, our management capabilities are there but we suffer. We’ve contributed and charged the school district. But last trip as Willie mentioned I had the opportunity to travel with the Chairman and asked him if he can bring these issues to the legislators, and the board authorized them. Willie and Ivan provided the actual costs of electrical generation fuel costs for both Akiak and Akiachak. Ivan is very curious of this and would like to enlighten them</p>

Continue – Ivan Ivan	to the best of my abilities. We are just saying this is what it takes to provide education in rural villages. We are trying to educate the legislator. Mark Hanley was the House Finance Chairman and helped us a lot and other areas. We have another good person there that understood our challenges out here and he made sure Rural Alaska balanced. Thank you for this opportunity.
Willie Kasayulie	Willie stated its one of the issues we are dealing with in this board. We so have other issues we are having some challenges and Jim Hartz can attest to that. Right now, we are trying to upgrade a lot of our teacher housings as well as the classrooms in our communities.
Ivan Ivan	Ivan Ivan stated would like to ask a favorable consideration as we face these issues and as you learned, help us to overcome them. Your in a very powerful position. You can talk to the Governor and assure him and that we are trying the best we can with the hidden costs. You coming here and helping us going through this challenging time, we are able to go forward.
Gerald Langton	There has been a lot of leadership with the board and administration working with Mr. Hanley and others to really make some solid gains in our relationship and our services toward our students. I appreciate that we are ale to move from where we were for there was not much all that trust and now we have a great deal of trust and a great deal of positive collaboration going on. It is very appreciated. It makes so many of the kids working in the district for our students, so much easier and so much more productive. Thank you very much Mr. Hanley, I appreciate it.
Commissioner Hanley	Mr. Hanley to build on what Kim said, we have come a long way and relationships are build on trust, but he is going to continue to work on that, talk is cheap but is going to continue to work with you and move forward my actions will speak for what they are and hopefully that will continue to build our relationship. We’ve got to move forward for the sake of communities and for our kids as well.
Willie Kasayulie	Thanked Commissioner Hanley and said he is welcome to seat in and listen on our meeting. We are just going to continue with our agenda.
Recognition of Guests	IV. Recognition of Guests: Diane George; Jim Hartz; Rayna Hartz; Katie Charles; Commissioner Mike Hanley
Approval of Agenda	V. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ivan Ivan, Seconded by Sam George to accept the agenda as with additions. Motion was passed unanimously.
Approval of Minutes	VI. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sam George, Seconded by Ivan Ivan to approve the Regular Board minutes for May 15, 2015. Motion carried.
Correspondence	VII. Correspondence: A. State of Alaska, Division of Elections

<p>Continue - Correspondence</p>	<p>Superintendent Gerald Langton reports the letter from State of Alaska, Division of Elections is presented for information only.</p> <p>B. Report from EED – Maintenance Assessment Superintendent Gerald Langton reports the Report from EED Maintenance Assessment is presented for information only.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>VIII. New Business</p> <p>A. Akiak Electrical Agreement Superintendent Gerald Langton reports the Electrical Agreement between Yupiit School District and City of Akiak at the approximate amount of \$130,000.00 for FY2014-2015 is presented for approval.</p> <p>Motion by Sam George, Seconded by Peter Napoka to approve the Akiak Electrical Agreement between Yupiit School District and City of Akiak at the approximate amount of \$130,000.00.</p> <p>Ivan Ivan disclosed for the record that he serves as a City Administrator.</p> <p>Motion carried and passed with 3-1 votes. Motion carried and passed.</p> <p>B. Akiachak Electrical Agreement Superintendent Gerald Langton reports the Electrical Agreement between Yupiit School District and ANC Electric Company at the approximate amount of \$300,000.00 for FY2014-2015 is presented for approval.</p> <p>Motion by Ivan Ivan. Seconded by Peter Napoka to approve the Akiak Electrical Agreement at the approximate amount of \$300,000.00 for FY2014-2015. Motion passed with 2-2 votes. Motion carried and passed.</p> <p>C. MOA – Sharon Anderson Superintendent Gerald Langton reports the MOA – Anderson Educational Services at the approximate amount of \$23,700 from August 1, 2014 – November 20, 2015 is presented for approval.</p> <p>Motion by Sam George, Seconded by Ivan Ivan to approve the MOA – Sharon Anderson at the approximate amount of \$23,700 from August 1, 2014 – November 20, 2015. Motion carried and passed unanimously.</p> <p>D. Request for Waiver Assistant Superintendent Diane George reports this is a letter to Commissioner Hanley requesting waiver for an applicant Anthony Kasayulie.</p> <p>Chairman Kasayulie said he abstain because the applicant is his son.</p> <p>Motion by Ivan Ivan to adopt the letter to Commissioner Hanley to move forward the letter to Request a waiver for Anthony Kasayulie. Motion carried and passed.</p>

<p>Recess</p> <p>Progress Report on Recommendations</p> <p>Unfinished Business</p> <p>Personnel</p>	<p>Chairman Willie Kasayulie called for lunch break at 11:59 AM. Reconvened at 1:16 PM</p> <p>IX. Progress Report on Recommendations made by Melody Douglas Superintendent Gerald Langton reports the progress report by Melody Douglas is presented for review and information only.</p> <p>Unfinished Business:</p> <p>A. Monthly Attendance Report Superintendent Gerald Langton reports the K-12 attendance monthly reports for Akiachak, Akiak and Tuluksak School is presented for review and information only.</p> <p>B. Strategic Plan Update Superintendent Gerald Langton reports the Yupiit School District School Board approved the strategic plan and adopted it as the document to guide the district over the next several years, with adaptations as needed. It will be part of the agenda going forward to empower the Board in determining our progress in the four goals delineated in the plan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yup'ik Curriculum • Effective Operations • Involving Elders, and • Career Pathways <p>X. Personnel:</p> <p>A. New Hires:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul E. Thomas, Tuluksak Principal 2. Kevin LaBar, 6th/7th Grade, Tuluksak School 3. Victoria Anthony, Special Ed, Tuluksak School 4. Elsa Larson, 5th Grade, Akiachak School 5. Abigail Jarrett, 5th/6th Grade, Akiak School 6. Lam Tuyen Seaton, Math/Science Teacher, Akiak School 7. Ashley Savage, Math Teacher, Akiachak School <p>Superintendent Gerald Langton reports to approve the new hires for Paul E. Thomas, Principal for Tuluksak School; Kevin LaBar, 6th/7th Grade Teacher for Tuluksak School; Victoria Anthony, Special Ed Teacher for Tuluksak School; Elsa Larson, 5th Grade Teacher for Akiachak School; Abigail Jarrett, 5th/6th Grade Teacher for Akiak School; Lam Tuyen Seaton, Math/Science Teacher, Akiak School; and Ashley Savage, Math Teacher for Akiachak School. These are presented for approval.</p> <p>Motion by Sam George, Seconded by Ivan Ivan to approve the new hires for Paul E. Thomas, Tuluksak Principal; Kevin LaBar, 6th/7th Grade Teacher for Tuluksak School; Victoria Anthony, Special Ed Teacher for Tuluksak School; Elsa Larson, 5th Grade Teacher for Akiachak School; Abigail Jarrett, 5th/6th Grade Teacher, Akiak School; Lam Tuyen Seaton, Math/Science Teacher for Akiak School; and Ashley Savage, Math Teacher for Akiachak School. Motion carried and passed.</p>
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Consent Agenda Reports	XI. Superintendent, Gerald Langton's report: Motion by Ivan Ivan, Seconded by Sam George to accept the Consent Agenda report for Superintendent, Gerald Langton. Motion carried
Assistant Superintendent's Report	Assistant Superintendent, Diane George's report: Motion by Ivan Ivan, Seconded by Sam George to accept the Consent Agenda report for Assistant Superintendent, Diane George. Motion carried
CFO's Report	CFO's Report: Motion by Ivan Ivan, Seconded by Sam George to accept the Consent Agenda report for CFO's Motion carried.
ANE Grant Director's Report	ANE Grant Director, Rayna Hartz' Report: Motion by Ivan Ivan, Seconded by Sam George to approve the Consent Agenda report for ANE Grant Director, Rayna Hartz. Motion carried.
Interim Maintenance Director's Report	Interim Maintenance Director, Jim Hartz Report: Motion by Ivan Ivan, Seconded by Sam George to approve the Consent Agenda report for Interim Maintenance Director, Jim Hartz. Motion carried.
Travel	XII. Travel:
Executive Session	XIII. Executive Session:
Information	XIV. Information:
Board and Public Comment	XV. Board & Public Comments
Date of Next Board Meeting	Date and Place of Next Meeting: July 17, 2014 in Akiachak.
Adjournment	XVI. Adjournment: Motion by Ivan Ivan, Seconded by Sam George to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 PM.
	<p>_____</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Date</p>