

RSB Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 6:00 PM Alaskan

ZOOM
500 Big Dog Salmon Way
Angoon, AK 99820

Elizabeth Hooge: Present

III Albert Kookesh: Absent

Stacey Proctor: Present

Jack Strong: Present

Jen Todd: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 1.

III Albert Kookesh: Present

Present: 5.

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 6:07 pm

1.1. Reading of the Mission Statement

Reading of the mission statement by Ralph Watkins

2. Flag Salute

Flag Salute Completed

3. Roll Call

Roll call to determine quorum

4. Recognition

Klukwan:

Justina Hotrech

Jenn Marschke

Clara Natonabah

Gustavus:

Deja Jarvis

Karen McSpadden

Jessie Soder

Megan Boshop

Liesl Barker

Quynn Thompson

Chantel Mulligan

Tenakee Springs:

Linnes Lospenosochatel

Lori Strong

Booke LG

Laura

Diane McCarty

Anne Connely

Darcy Ziel

Gordon Chew
Nate Story
Alice Carter
Justin and Megan Moody
JT Collins
Wendy Stern
Lisa Speno
Rick Petersen
Rasah Mcchensey
Angoon:
Emma Demmert
Mary Zika
Fernan Lopez

Teri Hoover from SERRC

5. Approval of the Agenda

I make a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote passed unanimously. This motion, made by Stacey Proctor and seconded by Jen Todd, Carried.

III Albert Kookesh: Absent, Elizabeth Hooze: Yea, Stacey Proctor: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Elizabeth states that the hiring of a teacher from the general fund was pulled from the initial agenda that had gone out. There will be a special meeting later this month to approve teacher contracts for next year. She also states that the board has received about 40 or 50 emails in the past few days, and the board has read all of them.

6. Opportunity For Public Comment On Non-Agenda Items

Rick Petersen comments about the proposal to sell the teacher housing in Tenakee Springs and how he believes it would be a disservice to the district and community to do so. There is no long term housing available in this community, and if the school were to ever open again, it would be crucial to have available. He also comments in regards to the great service the ILC has provided to students, parents, and the community. Comments that Harmony ed should not replace the ILC, but should only increase the

Linnea Lospenosochatel comments about the impact statement that she had sent to the board members. She echoes what Rick said that the ILC is used for so many kids and so many people in the community. She reiterates that the teacher housing is the only rental housing available in Tenakee Springs. Reminds the board of their duties to act in the best interest of the students in our communities.

Megan Moody comments that she has worked for the district for almost a decade. Her son goes to the ILC to learn and socialize. Without this program, Tenakee has no other extracurricular. Speaks about the loss of the director position for next year and the impact that it will have on her. She comments how the loss of him this year would be devastating. She reads a letter from a parent Chris Mannino: her daughter is in the CSD homeschool program. Please do not sell the Tenakee teacher housing. Two Chatham school district employees currently reside in it.

Chantel Mulligan-Rear comments that she would like to give some recognition and gratitude to some Gustavus staff. She comments about the secretary Danielle Patrick and how she goes above

and beyond, and Thanks her. She comments that the K-2 teacher Janice Byerlee is phenomenal and the impact on her son who is in her class is special. Lastly she comments about the HR Director Michelle Shatswell supports the school, staff, and students. Thank you to everybody for their dedication and meaningful impact in the schools.

Anne Connely comments about the loss of the director in Tenakee for next year, and the effects it will have on the program and the community. Thanks the board for reading all the letters in support of keeping the Tenakee program and buildings.

Marvin Willard Jr comments about the effects that the budget has on the teachers every year. Need to fix the budget, fix the school, and move on. Should also think about mental health and supporting our youths.

JT from Tenakee comments in regards to the letter he sent to the board. Wants to say to the Tenakee staff that he sees them putting in the work and their dedication. Thanks them for all of it.

Diane McCarty comments about the proposal to put the Tenakee teacherage on the market. She has watched the Tenakee students fluctuate through the years. When the time comes to open the school again, the teacherage will be needed. Also wants to encourage retaining the current staff at the ILC. If the director was let go early it would be a disservice to the ILC and the community. Tenakee is just as important as any of the other sites within Chatham School District.

Nate Story comments about his concern about closing the school. He has six kids all 12 and under. Plan to raise them there and is concerned about the loss of the ILC. Rfers to the districts mission statement and asks that they heed it.

7. Consent Agenda

I make a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the change of 7.2 name changed from John Ostheimer to Emma Demmert. Roll call vote passed unanimously. This motion, made by Jen Todd and seconded by Stacey Proctor, Carried.

Elizabeth Hooge: Yea, III Albert Kookesh: Yea, Stacey Proctor: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Does anything need to be pulled from the consent agenda?

7.1. Approve the hire of Tiffany DeWitt for FY 2026 at the Klukwan school funded through the FSCS grant as PreK teacher with the Possibility of doing PreK-K/1.

7.2. Approve the hire of Hunter Safety Ed Instructor Trey Schneider and Leeland Barker in Gustavus funded by the Hunter Safety Ed Grant

7.3. Approve Extra Duty contract for Jen Marschke as Hunter Safety Ed Instructor in Klukwan funded by the Hunter Safety Ed Grant

7.4. Adopt board meeting minutes from February 11th, and March 5th, & 6th

7.5. Approve hire of Kylee Larsen in Klukwan as Language Support Aide paid for by the FSCS grant

7.6. Approve Extra Duty Contract for Megan Bishop as Track and Field Coach in Gustavus

8. Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items

Rick comments on the proposed budget revision. He asks if they reject the revision of Tenakee Springs, and proposes that they will save money without having a revision for the Tenakee Springs funds. Errors in the proposed budget, that he confirms actual spending was different than what was listed in it. He comments about the revision to his salary, and how that will negatively affect himself, the staff, and the ILC. Harmony ed does not replace the work the ILC does in Tenamkee Springs.

Anne Connely comments how the director position can not be lost before the end of the year, due to all the information he has, and the need to be there for the kids. Please keep the staff through this school year.

Linnea comments about the budget revision and states that the projections and expenses are not accurate. Please look closely at the proposed budget. We really need the director through this year.

9. Financial Report

Ralph introduced the reports.

Teri commented on the budget line items that the Tenakee staff were concerned about.

Elizabeth asks about the process in which site administrators access the financial reports to see where they are at in their spending. Ralph explains how they have access to the financial reports to view and see where they are at each month throughout the year. Maybe we need to bring this into our weekly admin meetings too.

10. Action Items

10.1. Approve the FY 2025 Chatham School District Budget Revision

I make a motion to approve the FY 2025 Chatham School District budget revision. This motion, made by III Albert Kookesh and seconded by Jack Strong, Carried.

Elizabeth Hooe: Yea, III Albert Kookesh: Yea, Stacey Proctor: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

I make a motion to approve the Chatham School District Budget Revision Draft #3. Roll call vote Motion passes to approve the amended draft number three of the budget revision. This motion, made by Jack Strong and seconded by III Albert Kookesh, Carried.

Stacey Proctor: Nay, Elizabeth Hooe: Yea, III Albert Kookesh: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 1

Stacey Proctor: Nay

Elizabeth called for the question to adopt the FY25 Budget revision draft#3. This motion, made by Elizabeth Hooe and seconded by Jen Todd, Carried.

Stacey Proctor: Nay, Elizabeth Hooe: Yea, III Albert Kookesh: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 1

Stacey Proctor: Nay

Ralph gave a verbal summary

He thanks everyone who came out to the board meeting tonight to rally around our kids'

education. We are in the same crisis that 52 other districts in the state are. Made adjustments to staffing assignments in the number of days, hours, and positions to try to gap the deficit we are facing.

Teri summarizes the budget revision information.

She addresses the base student allocation that the district receives from the state and how that was calculated, and answers board member questions.

Board member comments:

Discussion included clarification on the budget line items, the need to continue working through a tight budget for the remainder of the school year, understanding of what cuts have been added to this revision, and how to move forward. The board discusses possibly delaying the approval of this budget revision so that they board could feel like they had more detailed information prior to voting.

When and if money becomes less tight, they would like to see the reversal in the reduction of staff hours.

10.2. Approve the FY 2025-2026 Chatham School District Calendar

I make a motion to approve the fiscal year 25-26 district calendar. Roll call vote passed unanimously. Motion carries. This motion, made by Stacey Proctor and seconded by Jack Strong, Carried.

Elizabeth Hooe: Yea, III Albert Kookesh: Yea, Stacey Proctor: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10 minute break began at 8:58 pm

Ralph gave a verbal summary of the calendar presented

No board member comment

10.3. Approve Second Reading of BP1250 Volunteer Assistance

I make a motion to approve the second reading of BP 5120 Volunteer assistance, the second reading of BP 5121 Grades, and the second reading of BP 5131 Bud Conduct. Roll call vote passed unanimously. Motion carries. This motion, made by Stacey Proctor and seconded by III Albert Kookesh, Carried.

Elizabeth Hooe: Yea, III Albert Kookesh: Yea, Stacey Proctor: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

All three of the presented board policies for second reading were voted to be approved as presented.

No board member comment

10.4. Approve Second Reading of BP5121 Grades

10.5. Approve Second Reading of BP 5131 Bus Conduct

10.6. First Reading of BP 5131.5 Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti

10.7. Approve First Reading of BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs

I make a motion to approve the first reading of BP 5131.5 theft, Vandalism and Graffiti, and BP 5131.6 Alcohol and other drugs, and BP 5141.3 Health examinations. Roll call vote approved unanimously. Motion approved. This motion, made by Stacey Proctor and seconded by Jen Todd, Carried.

Elizabeth Hooge: Yea, III Albert Kookesh: Yea, Stacey Proctor: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

All three of the board policies up for first reading were approved by the board.

No board member comment

10.8. Approve First Reading of BP 5141.3 Health Examinations

10.9. Approve Special Services Contract with SERRC for FY 2026 in the amount of \$57,018.15

I make a motion to approve the special services contract with SERRC for FY 2026 in the amount of \$57,018.15. Roll call vote passed unanimously. Motion carries. This motion, made by Jack Strong and seconded by Jen Todd, Carried.

Elizabeth Hooge: Yea, III Albert Kookesh: Yea, Stacey Proctor: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Ralph gave a verbal summary

Board member comment

Jen comments that at a recent meeting, there were comments stating that maybe the district could save money by not doing so many contracts with serrc. She wants them to know they were heard, and they have a plan for some of the other ones. But this one does make sense to go with.

11. Special Reports

Any additions, changes or questions on the reports?

11.1. Superintendent Report

Ralph gave a verbal summary

11.2. ASB Minutes

Any questions on the minutes?

12. Information/Discussion Items

12.1. Negotiations Update

The board talked about the dates that are being suggested by NEA to meet and do interest-based bargaining. Because it is challenging getting all board members to be available at the dates provided. So they decided to go back to traditional bargaining so that fewer board members would be needed in the meetings. Then it can get started with the first proposal being sent to NEA at the end of March, and exchange proposals from there.

13. Executive Session to Discuss Superintendent Contract Negotiations

I make a motion to go into executive session to discuss superintendent contract negotiations. This motion, made by Jack Strong and seconded by Stacey Proctor, Carried.

Elizabeth Hooe: Yea, III Albert Kookesh: Yea, Stacey Proctor: Yea, Jack Strong: Yea, Jen Todd: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

13.1. Superintendent Search Update

The board went into executive session at

The board came out of executive session at 11:03 pm

Board chair stated we are back in open meeting and asked all board members, do you attest that all that was talked about was the superintendent contract negotiations. All stated yea

Board chair stated that 6 superintendent candidates were interviewed. They had two finalists and one of them has been offered the position. He will be visiting Angoon tomorrow. His name is David Langford. The board has come to an agreement with him on a contract. After his visit to Angoon, he will give notice to the board if he accepts the position or not.

This will be for a three-year contract as well.

Jack comments to Ralph how he really appreciated his tenure here.

Albert echoes Jack's sentiments and thanks Ralph for his tenure.

14. Board Member Comments

Stacey states that tomorrow will likely be a hard day for many staff members, and to keep that in mind as we interact with them. She also states that there will be a meeting for negotiations some time later this month as well.

15. Meetings/Work Sessions/and Other Announcements

15.1. RSB Work Session Tuesday, March 25th

15.2. Next RSB Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 8th

15.3. Budget Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 12th

15.4. Special Meeting TBA in March for Teacher FY2026 Contracts

16. Adjournment

Jack moves to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Albert.

No objections to adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM