

# THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2011  
Newhalen, Alaska

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of The Lake and Peninsula School Board was called to order by Board Vice President Patty Alsworth, at 3:17 PM at the Newhalen School.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## 2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Sue Evanoff, Lisa Natwick, Christina Salmon, Rebecca Jensen, Patty Alsworth and Austin Shangin were all present. Gerda Kosbruk was absent and excused.

## 3. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

**Staff present:** Ty Mase, Superintendent; Bill Hill, Administrator Student Services; Rick Luthi, Chief Operating Officer; Laura Hylton, Business Manager; Ron Mistler, Maintenance; Kary Hawkins, Ed Lester, Adam Mokolke, and Pat Manning, Principals; Colter Barnes, Jenny McArthur, Ann Washburn, Richard Bierer, Teachers.

**Community Members Present:** Shirley Nielson, George Hornburger, Tisha Rochdi, Dawn Wassillie, Martha Anelon, Margie Olympic, Shannon Johnson-Nanalook, Johnny Johnson, Victoria Briggs (via phone), Greg Anelon.

## 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

### a. Previous Minutes:

March 1, 2011 and March 10, 2011, Board Meetings

### b. Check Registers

**Read by Alsworth:**

Check Registers for Payroll **03-08-11 through 04-08-11 38373 to 38475**

Check Registers for General **02-18-11 through 04-12-11 84362 to 84762**

**MOTION:** Moved Jensen, Second Shangin, to approve both sets of minutes and Check Registers.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE:** Voice vote; all in favor, motion approved.

## 5. ORDERING OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Moved Evanoff, Second Salmon to approve agenda with changes.

**DISCUSSION:** Addition of item 10 e. Claire A Baalke Competency Waiver.

**VOTE:** Voice vote; all in favor, motion approved.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS-General

### a. Correspondence

1. Letter to Alaska Legislature Senate Education Committee supporting SB84

2. Letter to Tim Anelon regarding Newhalen Wrestling and Club activities

3. Letter to Pedro Bay parents and community members Board requirements for opening school.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS-General** (*continued*)

4. Letter to communities with less than three preschool students projected for FY12

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

b. LSAC minutes

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE OF MEETING</u>
1. Chignik Bay	
2. Chignik Lagoon	
3. Chignik Lake	03-21-11
4. Egegik	
5. Igiugig	
6. Ivanof Bay	<b>closed until further notice</b>
7. Kokhanok	03-31-11
8. Levelock	
9. Newhalen	02-08-11
10. Nondalton	
11. Pedro Bay	
12. Perryville	03-08-11
13. Pilot Point	
14. Port Alsworth	
15. Port Heiden	03-17-11

**DISCUSSION:** Evanoff commented there were a lot of objections to the new format of the school calendars, is it to late to change. Mase said we did not receive many comments during the public comment period; we have received more comments since the comment period ended. Calendars have been submitted to the State and it is too late to change for next year.

**7. DELEGATIONS**

**a. Lake and Peninsula Borough-**Written report under site reports highlights the Boroughs current projects.

**b. LSAC-**Shirley Nielson, Kokhanok, First and foremost highlight the DC trip and the opportunity it presents for the students of Kokhanok. The reason Kokhanok did not like the school calendar is because the spring break is during the Battle of the Books competition and should be changed. In the Samsung competition, students won \$8,000 in technology for the school. She would like to commend the teachers at the Kokhanok School; they do a great job with the students. Margie Olympic, Newhalen, She is new to LSAC in Newhalen. They are happy with their teachers. Dawn Johnson, Newhalen, Agrees with comment to move spring break, it should be during the State Basketball Tournament rather than the Regional Tournament due to the fact that everyone leaves Newhalen for the State Tournament.

Tisha Rachdi, Kokhanok, District should have a recognition system for teachers going above and beyond for their communities and schools. Alsworth spoke of the Shining Star Program and encouraged community efforts to recognize teachers as the local recognition is often more meaningful than Superintendent or Board recognition.

**7. DELEGATIONS** *(continued)*

**c. Student-**Sasha Kramer, Pilot Point, District Student Government Vice President, handed out student government resolutions and read them for the record. Resolution: More In-Depth Training In The Standards Based System For New Teachers; Resolution: Banning Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam) in LPSD; Resolution: Student Involvement in the Hiring of New Teachers.

**d. Principal-** Pat Manning Pilot Point, Port Heiden and Chignik Lagoon- Recognized Sasha Kramer for her accomplishments. Pilot Point will have two seniors. Carnival went well and the building was left in great shape. Port Heiden's carnival went well and it was great for the teachers to meet all the community. Chignik Lagoon is doing great. They have had good opportunities for learning this year, Ron provided trapping and skinning, the stained glass artist and the boat building project. No staff changes at his sites. It has been a great year at all his sites.

Kary Hawkins Chignik Bay, Chignik Lake, Perryville-Shared the work Natalie McBrayer, Glenda, Elgi, Linda Richter and Kary completed to customize AIMS Web to LPSD this week. Chignik Bay canceled their last LSAC meeting, they have 19 students. Becky is leaving this year and will be missed. Tate Gooden will be filling that position next year. They will have two graduates. Chignik Lake will have 2 graduates. Richard Schmitt is leaving, they are working to hire for the elementary position, and the middle school position will be eliminated. The Lake recently had a boat safety class, an archeologist, CPR training and all the middle and high school students are now CPR Certified. Perryville has no staff changes and is very excited regarding no turnover. They hosted the District Basketball Meet, Ed Lester ran a great event the only down side was the flu that went around. Linda Jennings is teaching piano and violin again since she is feeling better after her surgery.

Adam Mokolke, Newhalen- Researched and implemented a bullying prevention program after Christmas and it is going very well. Hope to see continued reduction in the bullying. Girls basketball team took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Region and boys team took 1<sup>st</sup> place and went on to place 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State Tournament. Students named all state players Kristina Tretikoff, Tyler Anelon, Eknaty Cobb and Jon Trefon. Bob Rychnovsky once again named Coach of the Year! Hosted a health fair and had classroom health presentation from the public health nurse. Community provided great breakfast meals during the SBA testing. It was my personal goal to have a SMART board in every classroom when I came here and I just ordered the last one. Kokhanok has an amazing energy this year and the kids are nice and friendly. Great things are happening for the kids there.

Bill Hill, Iguigig- The community hosted sourdough pancake, french toast and sausage breakfast for SBA's. Borderline with enrollment for next year, the community is working on it. Thanked Superintendent Mase for keeping the student teacher ratio low to promote student learning. Katy and Andrew are doing a great job.

**e. Teacher-**Colter Barnes, Kokhanok-Thanked everyone the Board, Adam Mokolke, Ty Mase and Bill Hill for helping him learn as a new head teacher. It is always nice to have good feedback on our kids. The parent and community involvement is amazing and being able to offer electives like art, anthropology, technology and entrepreneurial is another important aspect to learning. The staff has a great creative tension and is raising the bar for the kids. I would like to recognize Ann Washburn for all her work and contributions to the students and staff of Kokhanok School she will be missed.

Ann (Gotchal) Washburn, Kokhanok-As many of you know I married Todd Washburn in Jamaica over spring break. It's been a good year and we are looking forward to the DC trip where we will present our book at the Smithsonian.

## **7. DELEGATIONS** (*continued*)

Jenny McArthur, Kokhanok- I would like to recognize what Ann has done. She is responsible for the book! She spent many hours pulling it all together. I would like to recognize the community for the work on test preparation and a 100% turnout for parent teacher conferences.

Richard Bierer, Levelock- No staff change for next year. It is my first year teaching and I tutored here in Newhalen last year. Glad I signed on with the District. Levelock community involvement is improving only one parent missed parent teacher conferences due to travel out of the village. Schedule is set up so teachers are teaching to their strengths. Maryellen has mentored him along this year.

Ed Lester, Newhalen and Pedro Bay- Conducted Pedro Bay testing at the village council building. Gabriella did a great job. They will have 3 graduates.

Ty Mase- Ed Lester will be the principal at Newhalen next year and it is great to see a graduate of Newhalen in the position.

## **8. REPORTS**

**a. School Board Committee Reports**-LJMSF applications due Monday and so far we have received eight applications. JEHJMS applications are out this year and the family will be reviewing the applications and awarding the scholarship.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Facilities/Maintenance Report**-Written report submitted by Ron Mistler who attended the meeting and was available for questions. Not much breaking news in maintenance. We are moving ahead on new projects and site surveys.

**b. Technology Report**- Written report submitted by Kyle Ferguson-Ty was available to answer any questions. Evanoff asked for more details on the lease with Apple. Hylton explained the three-year lease agreement and the five-year cycle for replacing technology. The five-year cycle will allow for complete replacement of all computers allowing the models to be uniform. The budget will include initial year payment, with smaller payments in each of the following two years, in year four and five funds can be set aside for the initial payment on the next replacement cycle.

**c. Curriculum Report**-None

**d. Special Education Report**-In addition to the written report Bill Hill stated that Bob Rychnovsky will be filling the itinerant Sped Position for the south next year on a half-time basis. The position for Newhalen has been offered to a good candidate. *Read Naturally* program purchase adds tools available to our teachers in supporting the needs of our students. Testing went well and all the tests are due back by Friday.

**e. Assessment**-Bill Hill submitted a written report and was available for questions.

**f. Activities Report**- Written report submitted by Ed Lester, Lester was available for questions. Ed reviewed the AA Meet and the activities included, 5 citizenship awards, leadership, archery, air rifle, outdoor leadership, all students came with a two minute speech on leadership either something they wrote or something that inspired them. NYO program continues to improve, 12 students qualified for Regional's and leave for Bristol Bay tomorrow then on to State if they place.

**g. Financial**-Hylton submitted a written report that updated the Board on current financial issues and was available for any questions. Jensen asked about audit schedule, May 23 for interim and July 25 for final.

**h. Shining Stars**-Adam & Crystal Mokolke, and Sasha Kramer. Crystal was nominated by the staff at the Bethel Health Corp. for her support of the Kokhanok students voting for the Samsung project.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (*continued*)

**i. Other-None**

**\*Call for Break at 4:34 PM**

**Motion:** Salmon, Second Shangin to go on a break.  
Voice vote; all in favor, motion approved.

**\*Meeting called back to order at 4:50 PM**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. FY12 Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Hylton presented the FY12 Budget and recommended it for approval.

**Motion:** Moved Jensen, Second Evanoff to approve the FY12 Budget as presented.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Evanoff, yes; Natwick, yes; Salmon, yes; Jensen, yes; Shangin, yes, and Alsworth, yes.  
Motion approved.

**b. Board Policy Update 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

BP 0000-BP 0530(c) Philosophy-Goals-Objectives & Comprehensive Plans  
BP 0000-BP 1700 Community Relations

Mase stated the sections presented are the edited versions for review. If you have changes, questions or comments please bring them to the next meeting for proposed changes.

**c. Kokhanok Student Trip**

Hill recommended the Board approve the Kokhanok DC trip as submitted.

**MOTION:** Moved Evanoff, Second Natwick to approve the Kokhanok Student Trip.

**DISCUSSION:** Natwick stated how impressive the community and parent support for this trip is.

**VOTE:** Voice vote; all in favor, motion approved.

**d. Pedro Bay Update**

Jensen said they still do not have enough students to open the school. Still working hopefully will have by August 1, 2011.

**e. Claire A. Baalke Competency Waiver**

Hill stated Baalke has taken the Washington HGQE and passed with high marks and this request is to waive the Alaska HSGQE requirement so she can receive a diploma.

**MOTION:** Moved Shangin, Second Salmon to approve the waiver.

**DISCUSSION:** Mokolke stated the Board has given approval in the past for the Texas exam. Pedro Bay will have 3 graduates Claire Baalke, Brandon Jensen and Chelsea Jensen-Roehl

**VOTE:** Voice vote; all in favor, motion approved.

**11. PERSONNEL**

**a. Certified Contract Approval 11-12**

Tate Gooden	Chignik Bay (T)	\$53,541.00
Albert Plan	Port Heiden (T)	\$50,950.00
Jordon Pufka	Kokhanok (T)	\$43,178.00
Nancy Anderson	Chignik Lagoon (T)	\$43,178.00
Paul Ed Lester	Newhalen (Principal)	\$77,539.00
Colter Barnes	Kokhanok (HT)	\$63,273.93
Bob Rychnovsky	South Sped Itnt. Temp.	\$35,687.63
Nicole Stover	Port Heiden	\$47,496.00

**11. PERSONNEL** (*continued*)

**MOTION:** Moved Jensen; Second Evanoff to approve Certified Contracts for 2011-12.

**DISCUSSION:** Mase commented that Tate Gooden has 7 years Alaska teaching experience and that Jordan Pufka was a tutor this spring in Kokhanok.

**VOTE:** Evanoff, yes; Natwick, yes; Salmon, yes; Jensen, yes; Shangin, yes, and Alsworth, yes. Motion approved.

**b. Certified Contract Adjustments 10-11** None

**c. Certified Resignations** - None

**d. Other Contracts** - None

**12. MISCELLANEOUS – Community Comments.**

**Greg Anelon, Newhalen-** I am asking the district to fund more travel for basketball and wrestling programs. As ASAA sports they should be funded over the three-man teams. Newhalen is discriminated against because of our size. Alsworth responded that the clubs discussion that you missed will help with wrestling. We are proud of your boys. Salmon stated that the Board is not discriminating against anyone. Evanoff said that some schools are losing preschool funding so there are pro's and con's to being large and small. Anelon said maybe you could form multi-school teams so they could be ASAA too. The board will take these matters under advisement.

**Martha Anelon,** I agree with Greg LPSD should fund basketball more. These kids need the incentive to participate and do well in school. NIAC follows LPSD eligibility rules so basketball bumps attendance. It is really good for student incentive to do well in school. Mase described the club program idea for those who missed the earlier discussion. Martha said NIAC raised \$18,000 for the JR High kids basketball travel. Alworth said, it is amazing that you do that- in some schools the parents pay all the expenses related to sports. Greg Anelon commented that district teams compete against JR High for activity fund raising and that the District should just pay for these activities. Martha Anelon asked how many jobs are in Naknek-in light of school closing concerns the district should put positions in the villages to keep communities alive. You could have a north and a south travel coordinator for example. Alsworth said the district office was located in King Salmon due to the central location and travel hub of the region. Our job is to educate kids; it is not to provide employment. Mase pointed to the budget chart showing 66% of \$14 million dollar budget is payroll and most of that goes into the communities.

**Shannon Johnson-Nanalook-**Handed out wish list to the board. She stated that LPSD should hold graduations for kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade; it is an important recognition of accomplishments. She requested information on Head Start. Culture-each person has there own unique culture and would like to see this addressed through language, dance, cross cultural people, Votech, shop and Home Economics. She is worried about this gym floor with all of the knee, ankle, back injuries associated with it, maybe it should be torn out. She would like to see salmon in the lunch program. Adam addressed bullying in his presentation, what is the Board doing about it in the other communities and schools? Alsworth thanked Shannon for her comments and Mase stated that the National School Lunch Program rules prohibit subsistence salmon from being used in the lunch program so commercial processed fish would be required.

**Martha Anelon-**Asked for the Board Members email addresses and a list of people who work in district office. Alsworth said all email addresses are first initial last name @lpsd.com.

**13. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT-**This report was entitled “The Standards Based System , A Decade of Success” The report covered the results of our decision to go to the SBS Model. The report had an overview of the system, our successes based on benchmark comparisons from 2005-2010. It also covered where are graduates are now in the work force or furthering their education and what is next for the SBS and the LPSD students.

**14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Next Meeting date will be May 10 & 11 in King Salmon
- b. FY 11 Budget Revision
- c. GASB 54 Fund Balance Resolutions
- d. Student Resolutions
- e. Student Travel, C13 form revision, split and define process.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved Shangin, Second Salmon to adjourn at 5:44 PM

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** All in favor, motion approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2011  
BY THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL BOARD.

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Board President

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Board Clerk