



Regular Meeting

Friday, July 15, 2022 8:00 AM
LKSD, Po Box 305, Bethel, Alaska 99559
Official Minutes

1. Call to Order

AASB Board President Peter Hoepfner called the regular meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. on July 15, 2022. Clarence Daniel led a land acknowledgement.

2. Roll Call

Barb Amarok:	Present
Margo Bellamy:	Via Zoom/Excused
Clarence Daniel:	Present
Tim Doran:	Present
Marie Greene:	Via Zoom/Excused
Diane Gubatayao:	Present
Pete Hoepfner:	Present
Andy Holleman:	Present
Brian Holst:	Excused
John Mark:	Present
Dana Mock:	Present
Katie Oliver:	Present
Chrya Sanderson:	Present
Michael Swain:	Present
Penny Vadla:	Present
Clarence Daniel:	Present

3. Establish Quorum

A quorum was established.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hoepfner.

5. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed by the Board of Directors.

6. Recognition of Visitors

President Hoepfner recognized Kimberly Hankins, Superintendent, and Edward Pekar Assistant Superintendent of the Lower Kuskokwim School

District. He also recognized Joel Isaak (DEED Tribal Liaison) and Liz Medicine Crow (FAI).

7. Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

Approval of agenda with addition of item 12T Tribal Compacting. This motion, made by Clarence Daniel and seconded by Penny Vadla, Passed.

8. Approval of Minutes

Motion:

Move to approve the minutes from March 19, 2022 and Special Board meeting minutes from May 10, 2022. This motion, made by Clarence Daniel and seconded by Penny Vadla, Passed.

Voting Summary: Yea: 12, Nay: 0, Excused: 3

Recessed at 11:45 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

9. Board Self Evaluation

Speaker(s): Katie Oliver

Motion:

Motion to move into executive session. This motion, made by Penny Vadla and seconded by Katie Oliver, Passed.

Voting Summary: Yea: 12, Nay: 0, Excused: 3

Entered into Executive Session at 1:07 p.m.

Recessed Executive Session at 2:59 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

Exited executive session at 4:15 p.m.

Recessed for the day at 4:15 p.m.

10. Executive Director Evaluation'

The Executive Director evaluation was discussed in executive session.

11. Correspondence

President Hoepfner acknowledged the correspondence provided in the board packet for the Directors' review. Five June Nelson Scholarship thank you notes, in addition to commentary, workshop and School Law Day kudos.

Reconvened at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2022.

12. Reports/Discussion Items

12.A. 2021 AASB Audit Report

Max Mertz, Auditor provided a report for the 2021 AASB audit.

Discussion followed.

Speaker(s): Max Mertz

12.B. Finance Officer's Report

AASB Finance office introduced a new financial dashboard report. She covered assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Discussion followed.

Speaker(s): Jenny Mathis

12.C. Executive Director's Report

Lon Garrison provided a brief oral report; a written report was provided in the board packet. He touched on staffing, NSBA, grant funded services, and advocacy.

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison

12.D. Associate Executive Director's Report
Timi Tullis provided a brief summary of her written report. She included board services information, workshops/academies, and partnership work. Put together a template for charter school bylaws with DEED on it.

Speaker(s): Timi Tullis

12.E. Director of Membership Services Report
Tiffany Jackson provided an overview of her written report which included resolutions, board services, charter schools, and policy information. Planning a regional training up north.

Speaker(s): Tiffany Jackson

12.F. Director of Conditions for Learning's report
Lori Grassgreen provided a summary of her written report. She provided updates about the CFL team efforts with post-secondary partnerships, new team members work with family dialogues, and AASB's work with partners on Professional Boundaries. Lori played a video about the St. Mary's family partnership and Stronger Together framework.

Speaker(s): Lori Grassgreen

Recessed at 10:02 a.m.
Reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

12.G. Advocacy Director's report
Lon Garrison provided a summary of Norm Wooten's advocacy report. A written report was included in the board packet.

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison

12.H. Annual Conference review
Timi Tullis provided details about the 2022 annual conference. The theme of the conference will be Ensuring Opportunities for All Students. Jenni Lefing provided a written report that was included in the board packet. There will not be an awards banquet on Saturday night. This will now be a luncheon. We are excited to bring the youth back to the Annual Conference this year.

Speaker(s): Timi Tullis

12.I. President's Report
President Hoepfner provided updates regarding FAI event he attended on boarding schools, being a witness to it, bringing awareness to the experience and becoming an accountability partner. Discussion followed.

Speaker(s): Peter Hoepfner

12.J. Past President's report
Past President Oliver gave a report about actions of the policy committee that she chairs. Upcoming items, she will follow up with Lon about the board self-evaluation, and chairing the Nominations Committee.

Speaker(s): Katie Oliver

12.K. ASAA Report
Dana Mock spoke about experiencing the travel on the ferry of students and the expense to students and districts. He provided past minutes. ASAA is working on strategic planning, and they have recently looked at some bylaw revisions. Discussion followed.

Speaker(s): Dana Mock

12.L. NSBA Director's Reports
President Hoepfner shared details about the NSBA annual conference in San Diego. He also discussed concerns about other states leaving the membership of NSBA. Discussion followed. The next meeting will be held in Florida. Constitution & Bylaws includes Michael Swain and Lon Garrison.

Speaker(s): Peter Hoepfner
Pacific Region, Michael Swain
AIAN

NSBA has decided to offer individual school board members tickets or training even if they are not members at an increased cost. There are multiple States that have left and returned to NSBA. A total of 22 states have dropped out. Michael Swain is on the Advocacy Committee. Discussion followed.

12.M. NSBA Pacific Region report

There will be an NSBA Pacific Region in Fairbanks in October. With the departure of Arizona from NSBA, Alaska is now hosting the event.

Speaker(s): Peter Hoepfner

Recessed at 11:45 a.m.

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

12.N. AIAN Report

Michael Swain encouraged everyone to join AIAN and all the other councils. Provided the link information to join the councils.

Speaker(s): Michael Swain

12.O. BLN Reports

Directors shared their reports from districts as board liaisons. Discussion followed.

12.P. Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report

Lon Garrison provided a summary from the written report provided by Constitution and Bylaws Committee in Margo Bellamy's absence.

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison

12.Q. Membership committee report

Chrya Sanderson provided a brief summary to the written report included in the board packet. Discussion followed.

Speaker(s): Chrya Sanderson
and Tiffany Jackson

12.R. Scholarship Committee

Penny Vadla provided a brief summary to the written report included in the board packet. Discussion followed.

Speaker(s): Penny Vadla

12.S. Summer 2023 Meeting

The Summer meeting has historically been hosted by the Board President's District. This year in 2023, Marie will be President which means the Summer meeting would be in Kotzebue. The district has already agreed to host the summer meeting, if the board agrees on Kotzebue.

Speaker(s): Timi Tullis

12.T. Tribal Compacting

Board discussion around Joel Isaak's presentation and a possible resolutions from districts.

13. Action Items

13.A. Acceptance of the 2021 Audit

Motion:

Move to accept the 2021 audit as presented. This motion, made by Michael Swain and seconded by Diane Gubatayao, Passed.

13.B. Equity Statement

Motion:

Speaker(s): Margo Bellamy

Move to accept the equity statement as written by the equity committee.
This motion, made by Margo Bellamy and seconded by Diane Gubatayao,
Passed

13.C. Approval of Executive Committee actions

Motion:

Move to approve the executive committee actions. This motion, made by
Michael Swain and seconded by Penny Vadla, Passed.

13.D. Executive Director's Contract

Motion:

I move to approve the executive director's contract. With the following
amendments July 1, 2022 to Dec 31, 2025 July Annual salary of 128,000.
This motion, made by Katie Oliver and seconded by Michael Swain, Passed.

13.E. Money Pension Purchase Plan

Speaker(s): Lon Garrison

Motion:

I move to adopt the AASB Adopting Resolution for the amended AASB
Money Pension Purchase Plan, effective January 1, 2022. This motion, made
by Michael Swain and seconded by Dana Mock, Passed.

14. **Resolutions**

Speaker(s): Tiffany Jackson

Motion:

Motion to continue the sunseting resolutions. This motion, made by
Michael Swain and seconded by Penny Vadla, Passed.

Move to amend by striking to make up for flat funding since FY2011. This
motion, made by Katie Oliver and seconded by Penny Vadla, Passed.

To forward the REAA reapportionment to the resolutions committee to
add AASB urges the divisions of elections, division of community and
regional affairs, and the Alaska department of education and early
development to consult with AASB and REAAs before the final
reapportioning and recasting of school board member representation
occurs. This motion, made by Michael Swain and seconded by Katie
Oliver, Passed.

With Subsidiary Motions:

Add without meaningful consultation. This motion, made by Clarence
Daniel and seconded by Michael Swain, Failed.

15. **Board Comments**

Penny: Thank you to everybody. Thank you, Clarence, for your sincerity and
inclusion; appreciative of the BBQ. Thank you, Kimberly Hankins and Ed Pikar.
Great for Joel Isaak to be here and learn about tribal compacting. Thank you
to everyone for what they do.

Dana: Staff, Board of Directors, LKSD, wonderful trip; too bad Marie, Margo,
and Brian couldn't be in person, but thank you, Marie and Margo, for joining
the zoom. BLN contacts - JNMS - Asking for scholarship gifts and a recap of the
meeting with the Board Presidents.

Tim: State board releasing for the recommended cut scores, and the results could be better; they are not an accurate picture of what students do. It is not just how well they did on tests but how the community impacts Alaska star measures. High stakes for third grades, high stakes for graduating seniors. We have a resolution that asks the state to analyze the system. There is nothing in the Alaska star that includes analysis. Thank you to Clarence and the district for hosting us. Thank you for sharing your ideas and thoughts.

Barb: I appreciate that we can have an intimate discussion, and I appreciate that we can speak candidly. Thank you, Steph, for putting us at midtown cottages. Thank you, everyone, for your work before you got here.

Chrya: I have always wanted to come to Bethel; Lon, Timi, Tiffany, Lori, and Steph appreciate the intimate conversation of this trip. Seeing the Liz Medicine Crow and learning from Joel Isaak was great. You stretched me, and I learned quite a bit.

Lori: Thank you to everyone for your time - this is the meeting where I get to know everyone.

Tiffany: Getting used to being here as a staff member. Thank you for your efforts with BLN. There will be a webinar on the 9th. Thank you for being here.

Timi: Thanks to John and Clarence. I love the summer meeting. Everybody gets to know each other and the community better.

Steph: Thank you for your commitment to Alaska students and for being responsive to emails and phone calls. I am grateful to get to know each of you a bit better.

Lon: Thank you to everyone. Please be available for legislative support.

Marie: - Apologizes for not being here in person. Thank you for allowing Margo and me to comment via Zoom. Thank you for all you have done as a board.

Margo: Thank you for you being the stable thing in my life. Excellent and very responsive. Every year the advocacy gets stronger and stronger. Tiffany and Timi, for all your support. Lori, you are amazing, and thank you for giving Emily our number. At our last joint meeting, a group of young people came forward with a resolution for a mental health survey and possible ASD and the association.

Clarence: Thank you to the staff. Joel Isaak did an excellent job of making everyone more aware of the tribal compacting mission of what is going on. Good discussions missed a lot of bonding at the dorm. Qu yana

Diane: It has been excellent. Respect level for AASB and all of you as board members. Thank you, John and Clarence, and LKSD. Thanks to Timi for the ride on the magic school bus; it was an adventure every day! Thank you, Pete, Katie, and Marie. It's been an honor getting to know all of you. Gunalchéesh, Haw'aa

Andy: Thank you to the staff for all your work, getting up early, and staying late. I appreciated learning about tribal compacting.

John: Express gratitude to everyone and everything that is going on. You should know what I go through; I often strain to hear what someone is saying, which impacts my effectiveness as a listener and contributor. Could there be a microphone and speaker?

Pete: Thank you to Joel Isaak for coming. Super appreciate Clarence and his family. We appreciate them opening up the house to 15 or 20. Thank you to the staff for everything. It is always great to be part of these rural parts of Alaska. Thank you to all the board members for being here and present. It forms a legislative platform.
I am looking forward to November.

Katie: Thanks to the staff for always setting us up for success. I love our resolution process. I appreciate Clarence and the Lower Kuskokwim school district for hosting us.

Michael: Thank you to the staff.

16. **Future Business**

17. **Adjournment**

Motions:

Move to adjourn. This motion, made by Dana Mock and seconded by Michael Swain, Passed.