

SCHOOL BOARD HAPPENINGS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: October 23, 2000

Darrell J. Sanborn

SUBJECT: **October Regular School Board Meeting**

The Board of Education of the Unalaska City School District met in the library of the school in Unalaska on Thursday, October 19, 2000. Board President, Joanna Aldridge called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Guests were introduced.

RECOGNIZED:

For participating in Key Bank's "Neighbors Make a Difference Program":

1. Marilou Bautista (Key Bank)
2. Joanna Aldridge (Key Bank)
3. Jun Dilay (Key Bank)
4. Iris Day (Key Bank)
5. Kathy Gebhart (Key Bank)
6. Lilia Howard (Key Bank)

For donating "reflectors" to our school kids:

1. Mr. Marion Davis

On behalf of AASA, Darrell J. Sanborn presented Rick Kniazowski a plaque for the Don MacKinnon Education Excellence and Human Recognition Award for achieving high standards and ideals in education.

The Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the September 21st and October 16th minutes as presented.
2. Approved the FY00 Audit as presented.
3. Mrs. Sandra Lambert's MOA for long term substitute teaching for first grade was unanimously approved.
1. Approved and transferred Recycling Program to Qawalangin Tribe's management.

The Board Heard the Following Reports:

1. **Superintendent's Report (Please see attached)**
2. **Principal's Report (Please see attached)**
3. **Exit/Benchmark reported by Mrs. Bonnie Whitney (See Additional Attached Informations)**

Jim Cox's 4 step process for analyzing data to establish the greatest areas of Student need and identify the causes of those needs. Throughout the year we will be addressing the needs and the causes of HSGQE and the Benchmark results.

We need to embrace the notion of becoming better, no matter where we are now. We are a team of "1": students, parents, community members, teachers, school Board members, and administration. The data from the test scores will be used for continuous improvement not judgment. This year we are comparing our district scores to Alaska State scores. In future years it is intended that we only compare our own scores.

Differences between the CAT 5, HSGQE and Benchmarks were explained. CAT 5 is a test series designed to measure achievement in the basic skills taught in schools throughout the nation. HSGQE and the Benchmarks are designed to measure reading, writing and math achievement written for Alaskan children.

CAT 5 is a timed test, whereas the HSGQE and Benchmarks are not; students are given as much time as they need to complete each test. CAT 5 responses are written in a consumable booklet at the 3rd level and recorded on a machine-scorable CompuScan Answer Sheet 4th through 12th grade. HSGQE and the Benchmarks are a combination of multiple choice and written answers that are written directly in the test booklet. Students must stay inside the lines when they are writing their answers. Our next process will be examining individual student results and going through the "Analysis of Process". At this time, we will be setting priorities and begin writing an "Action plan", which will address the needs of our students. It is extremely important that we review the needs of each individual child. As we collaborate, we will form a team of "1" that will be able to support and provide an exceptional educational program. Individual Benchmark scores were received on a day prior to the Board meeting.

*****The Board thanked Mrs. Whitney for her great presentation.*****

1. Mrs. Holman reported on FY00 Audit . She mentioned the audit was completed on October 1st. The Board reviewed the audit and management letter and approved them as presented

*****The Board praised Holly for dealing and working on numbers so well.*****

The Board Discussed the Following:

1. Transferring the Recycling Program to the Qawalangin tribe. The Board members had a good feeling that this will turn out to be a more progressive program in the future. The Board approved the transfer with expectations of scholarships and that students continue to be able to participate in fundraising effective November 1st, 2000. The Board agreed to transfer the title of the 1990 F350 truck and issue a \$10,000.00 check to ensure that the program has the opportunity to get off the ground.

THE BOARD MADE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

1. They appointed /nominated Shannon and Rick for FY02 Budget Committee.
2. For Legislative Liaison Committee, they appointed Rick. Congratulations!
3. The Board nominated Tammy for Child Advocate Committee.

The Future Agenda Items Include:

1. Forming a "Calendar Committee" – Tammy and Bobbie volunteered.

The Following Activities Were Announced:

1. Tour of new school – Sunday, 2:00pm. Video tour still too soon.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03pm.