

Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development
Approved Minutes
Audio Conference Meeting
April 25, 2018
State Board Room
Department of Education & Early Development
801 West 10th Street
Juneau, AK 99801

Chair Fields called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. All board members were present except Member Van Meter, and Student Advisors Tanis Lorrington and Charles Michael. The board, staff, and public recited the Pledge of Allegiance. No members reported conflicts of interest. The board approved the agenda unanimously.

Public Comment

Tim Parker, Executive Director of NEA Alaska, talked about the recent meeting with Jerry Covey and the three commitments. He thanked the department staff for their time and commitment.

Agenda Item 1. Commissioner's Report.

Commissioner Johnson spoke about his travel to the various regional superintendents meetings around the state.

Agenda Item 2A. Regulations related to school and district accountability, improvement and reporting; educator and paraprofessional qualifications; English learner identification; and other conforming regulations to implement the state plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The board is being asked to open a period of public comment on regulations related to school and district accountability, improvement and reporting; educator and paraprofessional qualifications; English learner identification; and other conforming regulations to implement the state plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Margaret Mackinnon, Federal Programs Coordinator, talked about the ESSA plan.

Member Van Diest asked about the time line for the regulations. Commissioner Johnson explained that there is a formal process of 30 days. After the 30 days, we can either ask the board to adopt or open another 30 days of public comment.

Member Thompson asked if we can put them out for longer than 30 days. Margaret Mackinnon said that we can update the board after May 31st board meeting.

Commissioner Johnson said that he appreciated the wisdom and the interpretation of the regulations. He suggested that the board members contact Margaret Mackinnon with questions.

Erin Hardin, Information Officer, explained the process on how the department creates a public news release, an advertising order in a major local newsletter, the on-line public network (OPN),

and regulations are posted on our department web page. The department also creates a weekly newsletter called the Info Exchange. She also discussed similar steps that are taken when we approve regulations.

Agenda Item 3A. Regulations related to school and district accountability, improvement and reporting; educator and paraprofessional qualifications; English learner identification; and other conforming regulations to implement the state plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Member Hamilton motioned and Member Van Diest seconded the following motion: I move the State Board of Education & Early Development open a period of public comment on 4 AAC 04.220 Paraprofessional standards, 4 AAC 04.900 Definitions, 4 AAC 06.055 Immunizations required, 4 AAC 06.260 Additional requirements, 4 AAC 06.737 Standards-based test, 4 AAC 06.775 Statewide assessment program for students with disabilities, 4 AAC 06.776 Assessment of a student with limited English proficiency, 4 AAC 06.800 Purpose, 4 AAC 06.802 Requirements adopted by reference, 4 AAC 06.812 Alaska school performance index, 4 AAC 06.815 Annual measurable objectives, 4 AAC 06.820 Participation, 4 AAC 06.821 Academic achievement indicator, 4 AAC 06.822 Student growth indicator, 4 AAC 06.823 English learner progress indicator, 4 AAC 06.825 Graduation and attendance rates, 4 AAC 06.826 School quality and student success indicators, 4 AAC 06.830 Subgroups, 4 AAC 06.835 Star ratings, 4 AAC 06.840 Identification of priority and focus schools, 4 AAC 06.845, School Improvement Plan, 4 AAC 06.850 District improvement plan, 4 AAC 06.852 Technical assistance, 4 AAC 06.864 Priority schools, 4 AAC 06.868 Focus schools, 4 AAC 06.872 State system of support, interventions, 4 AAC 06.875 opportunity to review data, 4 AAC 06.880 Notice, 4 AAC 06.883 Jury service exemption, 4 AAC 06.885 School recognition, 4 AAC 06.888 Informal review of complaints, 4 AAC 06.895 Report card to the public, 4 AAC 06.899 Definitions, 4 AAC 12.300 Certification of teachers, 4 AAC 19.055 Reporting of evaluation results, 4 AAC 33.505 Public school growth and proficiency index, 4 AAC 33.540 Qualification, 4 AAC 34.055 Plan of service, 4 AAC 34.090 Definitions.

Board comments

Member Van Diest thanked the department and Margaret Mackinnon, Federal Programs Coordinator for their work.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.