

**Copper River School District**  
**REAA #17**  
**July 13, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**  
**CALL TO ORDER**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

Board President Mark Somerville called the regular business meeting of the Copper River School District Board of Education to order at 12:35 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE**  
**WELCOME TO GUESTS**

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Board President Mark Somerville welcomed all those present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Roll is taken: Mark Somerville, Katrina Church-Chmielowski, Marce Simeon, Jaime Matthews, Greg Biddle, James Fields

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Miah Breivogel - absent excused

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tammy Van Wyhe, Acting-Superintendent; Naomi Stickney, Superintendent/Board Secretary; Kathy Gearhart, Business Manager; David Krimmel, Technology Assistant; Dr. Michael Johnson, State Commissioner of Education

**VISITORS PRESENT**

Heidi Jacobsen, Daisy Grandlinard, Angie Hand, Patty Miller

**QUORUM**

Quorum is established with six members present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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**DISCUSSION**

President Mark Somerville stated he would like to add 'Item E. Recognition of Years of Service' to Opening Business.

Marce Simeon stated the minutes of the June 9, 2016 BOE meeting were not provided in the online format Board Docs, so she suggested the approval of those minutes be tabled from the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION**

Motion made by President Mark Somerville to amend the agenda, adding 'Item E. Recognition of Years of Service' to Opening Business; and the removal of the approval of minutes of the last Board meeting from the Consent Agenda, seconded by James Fields.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous, motion passed

**RECOGNITION OF YEARS SERVED**

Board President Mark Somerville presented Dr. Michael Johnson with a Gold Pan of appreciation for his commitment and dedication to our students, staff, and families of the Copper River School District through his twenty years he served the District.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**  
**ASSIGNMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT**  
**MOTION**

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Motion made by James Fields to approve the assignment of Tamara Van Wyhe as the Interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2016, until the Board of Education hires a permanent Superintendent, seconded by Katrina Church-Chmielowski.

**DISCUSSION**

Greg Biddle requested it be noted that he is not in support of an internal candidate for Interim Superintendent, nothing personal, just procedural.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – 5 yeas, 1 nay – Greg Biddle, motion passed.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

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- A. Certified resignation of Jennifer Moser, Grade 2 teacher, effective end of the 2015-16 contract year.

**III. CONSENT**  
**AGENDA CONTINUED**

B. Superintendent Resignation of Dr. Michael Johnson effective July 2, 2016.

**IV. OPENING**  
**BUSINESS**  
**COMMUNICATION**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Community member, Angie Hand, questioned what the survey pertained to that is on the District webpage, and who receives the results. Tamara Van Wyhe, Interim Superintendent, stated it is the annual student and parent survey, and the principals and Advisory School Boards will receive the results. Interim Superintendent Van Wyhe stated the survey is still being made available online due to the lack of feedback, and it was the Glennallen ASB who made the request to keep it posted.

Mrs. Hand also voiced her concern on the timing of parent/teacher conferences this past spring. She stated having the conferences in April does not give parents enough time to help change the course of their student's ability to improve their grades if needed. Interim Superintendent Van Wyhe stated discussion will take place with teachers and parent/teacher conferences can be re-scheduled on the current school calendars.

**V. REPORTS &**  
**INFORMATION**

**BOARD REPORTS**

Board Vice-President Katrina Church-Chmielowski reported on the Curriculum Committee Meeting held July 11, 2016, where the adoption of the i-Ready curriculum as a pilot program took place. The i-Ready program entails blended learning so there is professional development for teachers included as well. Glennallen Schools and Slana School will be piloting the program; Kenny Lake School chose not to participate in the pilot.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Interim Superintendent Van Wyhe reported she is transitioning into her new position and plans on keeping things moving through the summer as this is a very busy time for the District Office.

**MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REVIEW**

The Monthly Expenditure Review was shared.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

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A. FY 17 Budget – Second reading

**MOTION**

Motion made by Vice-President Katrina Church-Chmielowski to approve, at second reading, the FY17 School Operating Budget as presented, seconded by Greg Biddle.

**DISCUSSION**

Marce Simeon read, from the June 9, 2016 Board Meeting minutes, the first reading of the FY17 School Operating Budget. Kathy Gearhart, Business Manager, stated there are no changes in the budget at this time.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous, motion passed.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Certified Hire of Elementary Teachers for the 2016-17 SY.

**MOTION**

Motion made by James Fields to approve the certified hires of Melissa Krimmel and Kayla Goodwin as Elementary Teachers at Glennallen Elementary School for the 2016-17 SY, and seconded by Marce Simeon.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous, motion passed.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**  
**CONTINUED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

B. FY 17 Re-hire of Non-tenure Certified Staff

**MOTION**

Motion made by Greg Biddle to approve the FY 17 re-hire of non-tenure staff, Fallon Dale, as Grade 1 Elementary Teacher at GES, and seconded by Katrina Church-Chmielowski.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous, motion passed.

C. Surplus of Computer Equipment

**MOTION**

Motion made by Greg Biddle to approve the surplus of equipment as listed in Board Docs, and seconded by Marce Simeon.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous, motion passed.

D. Chrome Book Purchase

**MOTION**

Motion made by Marce Simeon to approve the purchase of 75 Dell Chrome Books for \$22,575 for elementary students, seconded by Katrina Church-Chmielowski.

**DISCUSSION**

Board Member Katrina Church-Chmielowski inquired why the Chrome Book was chosen. Technology Assistant, David Krimmel, stated the Chrome Book is significantly less expensive than other choices and it is easier for typing as it has a keyboard.

President Somerville inquired if there are any limitations to the Chrome Book. Mr. Krimmel and Interim Superintendent Van Wyhe both expressed no limitations with the Chrome Book, it's Google based and will be easily used for web-based curriculum. Mr. Krimmel also noted the Chrome Books are to be used in the classroom only and not to be taken home by students.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – unanimous, motion passed.

E. Employee Bonus – Ratification of Poll Vote

**MOTION**

Motion made by James Fields to ratify the poll vote taken on 6/30/16 to approve an employee bonus of \$1,000 per person for all employees that worked 5 hours or more a day and completed the 15-16 school year, seconded by Greg Biddle.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous, motion passed.

F. Northwest Textbook Depository Purchase

**MOTION**

Motion made by Marce Simeon to purchase Northwest Textbook Depository consumables for a total of \$16,694.17, seconded by Katrina Church-Chmielowski.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous, motion passed.

G. Curriculum Purchase

**MOTION**

Motion made by Greg Biddle to purchase i-Ready/Ready materials for a 2016-17 pilot in the following schools and classrooms, and seconded by Katrina Church-Chmielowski:

- Glennallen Elementary:
  - Grades K-5: Mathematics
  - Grades 2-5: Writing
  - Grades 4-5: Reading/ELA
- Slana Elementary
  - Grades K-5: Math, Reading/ELA, Writing

**VII. NEW BUSINESS CONT.**

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous, motion passed.

**VIII. CLOSING BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular BOE Meeting – Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office Board Room  
Work Session – Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the District Office Board Room

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOTION**

Motion made by James Fields to adjourn at 1:37 p.m., and seconded by Katrina Church-Chmielowski.

**ACTION**

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous, motion passed.

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Naomi Stickney, Recording Secretary

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Mark Somerville, Board President

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Date