

Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development
Approved Minutes
July 25, 2018
Audio/Special Business Meeting originating in Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Chair Fields called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. After the pledge of allegiance, the board adopted the agenda for May 31, 2018. Roll Call began at 2:02 p.m. Member Hamilton was excused for a portion of the meeting. There were no potential conflicts of interest.

Public Comment

There was not any public comment at this time.

Work Session

Agenda Item 1. Commissioner's Report. Commissioner Johnson spoke about the Superintendent Fly-In that DEED was hosting and a bit about the implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan. He also spoke about content for the Alaska Education Challenge and the work that we were doing with Bernie Sorenson of Education Northwest. The format is prepared and it is both inspiring and informative. He also talked briefly about a few of the education bills that were being signed in the next couple of weeks, including SB104.

Agenda Item 2. Assessment Scores Discussion. Deborah Riddle, Student Learning Division Operations Manager, spoke about the amendments to regulations related to assessment achievement level scores on the Performance Evaluation for Alaska's school assessments in grade 9 math. Member Van Diest had a question about cut scores and Deborah Riddle talked about the representation that we have from districts across the state. Member Van Meter talked about the reasoning behind cut scores and asked if this kept us more in line with the national averages. He also talked about how this is presented to students and parents. Member Van Diest asked how we are comparing to other states in relation to the PEAKS and other Alaska assessment data. Deborah Riddle also talked about the standard setting process and how it includes the impact data; showing the estimated percentage of students scoring at each achievement level based on the recommended score ranges.

Agenda Item 3A. Assessment Scores. Member Thompson motioned, and Member Van Diest seconded the following motion: After considering all public comment, I move the State Board of Education and Early Development adopt the proposed amendments to 4 AAC 06.739 Assessment and achievement level scores. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

Board Comments

There was some comment about the September Board Meeting and Retreat, scheduled to be in Sitka on September 13-14, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.