

Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development
Approved Minutes
October 24, 2018
Audioconference Work Session
originating in Juneau, Alaska
State Board Room

Chair Fields called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. After the pledge of allegiance, the board adopted the agenda for October 24, 2018. Colonel Van Meter and Member Hamilton were excused.

Work Session

Agenda Item 1. Commissioner's Report.

Commissioner Johnson thanked everyone for joining us and spoke about the school accountability process and the feedback that he had received from the superintendents. He thanked Bob Williams, Director of Educator and School Excellence, as well as the entire data team and information technology (IT). He also thanked Karen Melin and Deborah Riddle from DEED for helping with the roll-out yesterday. He encouraged state board members to go to the DEED website and see what we had released to the public.

Agenda Item 2. Board Report to the Legislature.

Marcy Herman, Legislative Liaison spoke briefly about the Board Report to the Legislature. She said that we will see it again in December for board members to talk about and then one final time in January. We plan to submit it to the legislature sometime near the end of January.

Board Comments

There were comments made about the designations for schools. Bob Williams, Director of Educator and School Excellence indicated that we had sent out information to the districts last week and had several superintendent meetings to share the results. Overall it was a very positive release and Director Williams attributed that to the culmination of a lot of people working together for a long period of time. He read from the designation summary report and shared statistics with the state board members. Member Kowalski asked about presenting it at the principal's conference and what tool kits that we might have for them to use with their communities and staff. Director Bob Williams spoke briefly about index values and graduation rates. Karen Melin, Project Coordinator, also suggested some of the resources on the DEED website. She said that principals seemed pleased and they had talked about strategies and room for growth. Chair Fields commented that we should continue to focus on the growth, and not on percentages. Commissioner Johnson said that this was our first public roll-out and that we want to continue to encourage parents to look at the DEED website regularly.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.