

Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development
Approved Minutes
April 24, 2019
Audio/Work session originating in Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Chair Fields called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. After the pledge of allegiance, the board adopted the agenda for April 24, 2019. Roll Call began at 10:00 a.m. Student Advisory Member Mainard was not present. There were no potential conflicts of interest.

Work Session

Agenda Item 1. Commissioner's Report. Commissioner Johnson congratulated the members of the board (Scott, Griffin, and Stockhausen) who were recently confirmed by the Alaska State Legislature. He shared his congratulations to Danielle Rhea, Alaska's Teacher of the Year and one of four finalists for the National Teacher of the Year. Although she was not selected as the National Teacher of the Year, it does not in any way diminish the celebration of her and what she's done for the students at her school. The commissioner and the board celebrated administrative professional's day by providing flowers to Joa Sangster and Linda Mattson for their work.

The commissioner updated the board on the work of the board committees. We have appreciated the patience and the feedback as we go through those meetings. The commissioner highlighted that they are productive ways to advance your agenda as well as the Alaska Education Challenge.

Erin Hardin, DEED Public Information Officer, updated the board on the internal professional work that DEED is doing. She will check with the Department of Law to verify that the board can listen in to those meetings as it may be a public meeting act issue.

Deb Riddle updated the board on the CTE plan regarding the Federal Carl Perkins Law updates. She also updated the board on the department's statewide testing efforts.

Agenda Item 2. Legislative Update. Commissioner Johnson briefed the board on behalf of Chief of Staff Hartmann due to the fact that she was in a legislative hearing and unable to attend. He encouraged the board to read through SB 114 as it may have implications to education in the state.

Board Comments

Chair Fields expressed his appreciation to the newly confirmed board members for their professionalism in their confirmation hearings and is looking forward to their continued work with the board.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Joa Sangster and Linda Mattson for their administrative work as part of administrative professional's day.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.