



Chugach School District

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Vision/Mission Statement

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UNAPPROVED AGENDA CHUGACH SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: Thursday, October 24, 2024

PLACE: Zoom Only

Teleconference Call-in Number: 1-206-858-8066
PIN: 576697

CSD School Board Meeting

TIME: 6:00 PM

Board members present:
*Charlene Arneson, Gail Evanoff,
Nanci Robart, David Totemoff, Dave Dickason*

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. MISSION/VISION STATEMENT, LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Chugach School District Mission Statement: The Chugach School District is committed to developing and supporting a partnership with students, parents, community and business which equally shares the responsibility of empowering students to meet the needs of the ever changing world in which they live. Students shall possess the academic and personal characteristics necessary to reach their full potential. Students will contribute to their community in a manner that displays respect for human dignity and validates the history and culture of all ethnic groups.

Land Acknowledgment: The school board would like to take this moment to respectfully acknowledge that we serve on the traditional lands of the Chugach people which includes the Sugpiaq and Alutiiq people.
6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and/or ANNOUNCEMENTS
7. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
9. BOARD COMMENT
10. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
 - a. Executive Session
 - b. Whittier Seat B Board Member Appointment
Letter of Interest for Whittier Board Seat 4
 - c. Tatitlek Modified School Year
Tatitlek School Term 5
2024-2025 Calendar Tatitlek copy 6
11. OLD BUSINESS
12. NEXT BOARD MEETING
 - a. December 6th, 2024
13. ADJORNMENT

Public Comment: A person wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the president. Public comment on Agenda items are limited to individuals on the sign-up list at the time the meeting is called to order. The Chugach School Board welcomes public comment for up to 3 minutes per person, with a maximum of 30 minutes set aside for public comment. Public comment must comply with all Board policies including policies that prohibit public comment containing charges or complaints against any employee. School Board members and Administration will listen to comments, but may not respond.

Executive Session: The board reserves the right to enter into executive session on any agenda item as allowed for in State law. Executive sessions will be entered into only by motion and approved. The following subjects may be topics for executive session as permitted by law: (1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the District; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character

of any person, provided that the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential which includes, but is not limited to, confidential attorney/client communication. Action may not be taken in executive session except to give direction to an attorney on a specific legal matter or to a labor negotiator on pending labor negotiations. Motions to go into executive session should specify the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private.

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Whittier, AK, 99693

Dear Ms. Jackson and the Chugach School Board,

I recently came across the vacancy notice of the Whittier board position and am writing to express my interest in the opening.

My husband and I live in Whittier full time and we have three young children. Two of them are currently enrolled in the preschool program at the school. In addition to being a mother, I am a physical therapist practicing in Anchorage and Whittier.

I have been attending the monthly EAC meetings since last school year hoping to be more involved with school and the community. I would like to further involve myself in the school board, to better understand the function of the board, and to bring the perspective of someone who has experienced different cultures and school systems.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. I hope to hear from you soon. I can be reached at hn12830180@gmail.com or 907-360-3648

Sincerely,

Bibo Chung

Tatitlek School Term Modification

In accordance with AS 14.03.030 (School Term), we would like to request a change to the school term for Tatitlek School for the 2024/2025 school year. Under this modified term, students in grades four through twelve will receive at least 900 hours instead of 180 days (10 of which can be inservice days).

Current Calendar: 170 student days x 6.5 hours (length of school day) = 1,105 hours of instruction

Modified Calendar: 160 student days x 6.5 hours = 1,040 hours of instruction

We are requesting your approval for this change due to a comprehensive school remodel set to begin in Spring 2025. After the State assessments, Tatitlek School will have its Cultural Heritage Week, followed by two weeks of regular instruction. We propose to release our K-5 students on May 9, after Cultural Heritage Week, which is two weeks earlier than originally scheduled. High school students will spend an additional week after Cultural Heritage Week helping to pack up the school before departing for their CloseUp trip to Washington, D.C., to complete their school year.

This plan would allow the contractor to begin work inside the school two weeks earlier, increasing the likelihood that we can start on time in the fall. Upon Board approval, administration will submit a formal request to the Commissioner of Education.

Alaska Statute 14.03.030. School Term.

A school term begins and ends on the dates fixed by the governing body of a school district. A school term shall include not less than 180 days in session unless, with the approval of the commissioner,

(1) a day used for in-service training of teachers is substituted for a day in session, up to a maximum of 10 days;

(2) an "emergency closure day" is substituted for a day in session because of conditions posing a threat to the health or safety of students; or

(3) the school board adopts a different school term that includes at least 740 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade and at least 900 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in grades four through 12 if the commissioner finds that the school board has submitted an acceptable plan under which students will receive the approximate educational equivalent of a 180-day term.

