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**Education Committee Agenda
Thursday August 17, 2017
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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1:30 Roll Call: Peninsula Reporting

Voting members: Jill Burkert, Sandra DeHart-Mayor, Don Enoch/ Cassidy Jones, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Tracy Culbert, Elizabeth Joseph, Hettie Hume, Margaret Kossler, Patrick Pillai, Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich

Chair: David Kohler

Co-Chair: Anthony Cravalho

Community members and guests: Alex Fogarty, Kristi Fuller, Anji Gallanos, Rebecca Himshoot, Jimael Johnson, Jim Kreatschman, Clayton Holland, Ernie Manzie, Gennifer Moreau-Johnson, Starr Marsett, Amber Parker, Maria Pepperworth, Fred Villa, Blayne White/Adele Daniels, Courtney Westmann, Ina Boucher

Staff: Anne Applegate

Welcome from the Chair/Co-Chair: David Kohler

- Announcements and Good News
 - Again, welcome to new CASE representative, Tracy Culbert
 - Again, welcome to new Community Member, Courtney Westmann
 - Welcome to new Community Member, Ina Boucher
 - Mallory Hamilton moved on from Ed Committee
- Conflict of Interest Declaration

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Past Minutes:

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes from June meeting
- Correspondence
 - On-line comment on 2nd Draft State Plan for ESSA
 - Memo to U.S. Senators about Transitions in Rural Alaska for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Students
 - Grant Application for Administration for Community Living Grant "Living Well in the Last Frontier", out on July 24th, hear back on August 21st

Reports:

- Chair's Report - David Kohler

- Federal News:
 - Visits with Senate Delegation – David Kohler, Alex Fogarty, and Anne Applegate
 - Appropriations process for Education Budget
- OSEP Leadership Conference – Alex Fogarty, David Kohler
- CEC/CASE Legislative Summit – Anne Applegate
- Agency/Organization Reports
 - Special Education Service Agency - Patrick Pillai
 - Department Education Early Development - Don Enoch/Cassidy Jones report
 - Council of Administrators of Special Education – Tracy Culbert
 - Disability Law Center - Hettie Hume
 - Stone Soup Group - Alex Fogarty
 - Project SEARCH – Anne Applegate
 - Alaska Advisory Board for the Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (May Board Meeting summary; upcoming Town Hall meeting) – Courtney Westmann

Old Business:

- SEAP membership, demographics, and majority requirements – Anne Applegate
- Council representatives update:
 - Special Education Advisory Committee for Anchorage School District
- ESSA State Plan Application, 2nd Draft (Public Comment period ended July 31st; Plan due to feds on September 18th);
<http://www.advocacyinstitute.org/ESSA/ESSA.State.Plan.Review.Guide.Advocacy.Tips.June2017.pdf>;
https://education.alaska.gov/akessa/stakeholder/ESSA_State_Plan_Webinar_Presentation_by_EED.pdf
- SEAP training (w/ TAESE from the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University)

New Business:

- Proposed changes to vocational education in the DEED regulations 4 AAC 51.390 to define vocational education to include grades seven through twelve. Deadline for Comments: 4:30 p.m., August 7, 2017.
- Executive Order on Regulatory Reform; deadline for Comments is August 21st
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/06/22/2017-13157/evaluation-of-existing-regulations>
- Alaska's Education Challenge Update – Rebecca Himshoot

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences:

- Alaska's Education Challenge meetings (meeting audio will be live streamed on <http://akleg.gov/index.php#tab5> for members of the public):
Student Learning Committee
 August 29, 9:00am –12:00pm
 September 26, 1:00pm –4:00pm
Educator Excellence Committee
 August 31, 9:00am –12:00pm

September 28, 1:00pm –4:00pm
Modernization & Finance Committee

August 22, 9:00am –12:00pm

September 18, 1:00pm –4:00pm

Tribal & Community Ownership Committee

August 30, 9:00am –12:00pm

September 19, 1:00pm –4:00pm

Safety & Well-Being Committee

August 24, 9:00am –12:00pm

September 27, 1:00pm –4:00pm

- Education Board Meetings:

September 14-15, 2017 – Audio – Regular quarterly

October 5, 2017 – Anchorage – Work session Alaska’s Education Challenge

November 2, 2017 – Juneau or Audio – Special meeting Alaska’s Education Challenge

December 7-8, 2017 – Audio – Regular quarterly

Next Meeting: September 21st

Creating Change That Improves the Lives of People with Disabilities