

THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting AGENDA
October 30, 2014, 11:00 AM

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
2. ROLL CALL
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 - b. Check Registers-**NONE**
5. ORDERING OF AGENDA
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7. DELEGATIONS
 - a. Lake and Peninsula Borough
 - b. LSAC: IGI
 - c. Student: IGI
 - d. Principal/Teacher: IGI
8. REPORTS-**NONE**
 - a. School Board Committee
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Location of AA Meet-LSAC Feedback
10. NEW BUSINESS 15
 - a. Executive Session: Compare and Contrast Candidates 16
 - b. Selection of Candidates for Open Board Seat
11. PERSONNEL-**NONE**
12. MISCELLANEOUS-**NONE**
13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-**NONE**
14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATE
 - a. November 13-Teleconference
15. ADJOURNMENT

**The Lake and Peninsula School District
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2014
King Salmon, AK**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Gerda Kosbruk called the Regular Meeting of the Lake and Peninsula School Board to order at 8:01 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Recited

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Gerda Kosbruk, Patty Alsworth, Stacy Hill, George Hornberger, Austin Shangin, Sue Evanoff,
Lisa Natwick-Absent and Excused

3. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Ty Mase, Superintendent
Laura Hylton, Business Manager
Amber Kresl, District Information Officer
Rick Luthi, Chief Operating Officer
Teleconference Participants: Martha and Brittany Anelon/NEW, Shannon Johnson/NEW, John Bragg/EGE

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

a. Previous Minutes

MOTION: to approve 6/11/14 minutes; moved Hill, second Alsworth

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: voice vote; all in favor, motion approved

b. Check Registers

MOTION: to approve Payroll 40054-40110 and General 92150-92728; moved Alsworth, second Shangin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: voice vote; all in favor, motion passed

5. ORDERING OF AGENDA

MOTION: to approve agenda; moved Hornberger, second Shangin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: voice vote; all in favor; motion passed

6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Site Reports-August and September

Discussion: All agreed that they liked the addition of photos with the reports

b. LSAC Minutes- August and September

Discussion: Mase discussed his reply to IGI school requesting a change in daily schedule release times. State mandates and distance delivered courses are also considered with the alterations of school schedules. Alsworth discussed the school trips mentioned in some minutes. Mase

would like to encourage schools to submit their trip proposals in a timely fashion.

c. Invitation to Nondalton

Discussion: Board would like to see a visit to Nondalton in the near future.

d. Re-opening of Chignik Bay

Discussion: Mase explained the process of reopening a school through the state as well as re-establishing a lunch program by ordering supplies.

e. Levelock-Teacher Housing Request

Discussion: Mase discussed the District procedures. Hornberger expressed the need to create a board policy for future purposes. Others spoke about the problems/concerns with individual metering of units for accurate leasing/utilities.

f. Egegik-Letter of Concern

Discussion: Mase described the efforts in place to address most of the concerns within the letter. Mase reported on behalf of the location of the school windows. John Bragg expressed his appreciation of the hard work.

7. DELEGATIONS

a. Lake and Peninsula Borough-None at this time

b. LSAC Representative-None at this time

c. Student Report-Brittany Anelon spoke on behalf of the NEW Student Government to voice their resolutions regarding the AA Meet.

d. Principal/Head Teacher: Ed Lester commented

e. Public Comments: Shannon Johnson and Martha Anelon: Voiced opinion of the AA Meet to remain in NEW.

DISCUSSION: Board would like to hear from district LSACs before decision is final.

8. REPORTS

a. School Board Committee Report:

Alsworth discussed the progress of the Linda Johnson Memorial Scholarship.

b. Air Taxi Committee Report:

Mase discussed the new requirements and restrictions that will be presented to airlines for student/staff transportation.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Facilities/Maintenance Report-None

b. Technology Report-Rick Luthi Presented

c. Curriculum Report-Ty Mase presented on behalf of Bill Cornell

DISCUSSION: The board would like to see more communication regarding the CCCS.

Break-9:27 AM

MOTION: to begin break in session; moved Hornberger, second Shangin

End Break-9:48 AM

MOTION: to come back in session; moved Alsworth, second Hill

d. Special Education Report-Rick Luthi Presented

e. Assessment-Glenda Egli Presented

DISCUSSION: Board would like to see communications regarding the new mandates regarding testing procedures.

f. Activities Report-Ty Mase Presented on behalf of Ed Lester

g. Financial Report-Laura Hylton Presented

DISCUSSION: An explanation of consolidation of Migrant Funds was given by Hylton.

h. Shining Stars-Amber Kresl Presented

i. Other-Personnel-Rick Luthi Presented

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. AFHC Resolution 15-01-Action Item

The resolution pertains to construction of teacher housing in PVL.

MOTION: to approve AFHC Resolution; moved Hornberger, second Hill

DISCUSSION: Alsworth expressed concerns with many strings being attached to this resolution.

VOTE: voice vote, all in favor; motion passed

b. Possible School Closure

Mase discussed the numbers of EGE. Don Strand was called upon to describe the community's plan to keep school numbers for October.

c. Indian Policy and Procedures

Hylton explained the annual review of the District's current IPP.

MOTION: to approve the IPP; moved Evanoff, second Shangin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: voice vote; all in favor; motion passed

d. Executive Session

To discuss the Principal Negotiations and Superintendent's Evaluation.

MOTION: to enter executive session 11:26 AM; moved Hill, second Hornberger

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: voice vote; all in favor; motion passed

MOTION: to exit executive session 12:40 PM; moved Alsworth, second Shangin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: voice vote; all in favor; motion passed

e. Activities Calendar

Mase discussed the current calendar of events.

MOTION: to approve the calendar; moved Hornberger, second Shangin

DISCUSSION: With the exception of the location of Prom and AA Meet to be determined in Nov. meeting.

VOTE: voice vote; all in favor; motion passed

11. PERSONNEL

a. Certified Contract Approval

Lori Koutsky	Teacher Chignik Bay	\$32,763.00
Christina Jencks	Teacher Pilot Point	\$34,966.63

Kitza Durkop	Itinerate Principal South	\$12,829.77
Jonathan Brunn	Teacher Newhalen	\$44,703.00
Sam Rigby	Technology	\$19,200.00
Nicole Metzgar	Principal Teacher Kokhanok	\$76,650.00
Derek Luke	Principal Teacher Meshik	\$66,703.00

b. Certified Contract Adjustment

Matthew Stark	Education	\$73,446.00
Sarah Armstrong	Additional Days	\$36,402.88
Colleen Gabriel	Education	\$55,879.00
Kitza Durkop	Additional Days	\$29,798.17
Jesse Davis	Half time to Full Time	\$45,826.32

MOTION: to approve all approvals and adjustments; move Hornberger, second Evanoff

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Roll Call-Alsworth/yes; Hill/yes; Hornberger/yes; Shangin/yes; Evanoff/yes; Kosbruk/yes; motion passed

c. Resignations-None

d. Other-None

12. MISCELLANEOUS-Action Item

a. Lisa Natwick –Resignation Letter

MOTION: to accept resignation; moved Hill, second Hornberger

DISCUSSION: Resignation accepted, clarification of appointment process.

VOTE: voice vote; all in favor; motion passed

13. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mase discussed his report: student numbers, upcoming dates,

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATE

- a. October 30/IGI
- b. November 13/Teleconference
- c. AA Meet location
- d. December 11/Anchorage

15. ADJOURNMENT-1:15 PM

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting; moved Hornberger, second Hill

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: voice vote; all in favor; motion passed

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014
BY THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL BOARD.

Board President

Board Clerk

October 14, 2014

Dear Lake and Peninsula School Board,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in the Lake and Peninsula School board position that has been created by the recent resignation of Lisa Natwick. As a teacher of nine years and a mother of three Lake and Peninsula School District students, I have always had a strong desire to serve on the school board and feel that that I am a strong candidate for this position.

I come from a family of educators and was raised in rural Alaska living in the villages of Kasigluk, Akiak and then Bethel where I received my high school diploma in 1999. I graduated from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education in 2005 and was hired by Lake and Peninsula School District as a K-3 teacher in Chignik Lake where I spend two amazing years learning about the community and students there. I met my husband and moved to Kokhanok where I taught for the last seven years from 2007-2014. During this time I worked with the school and community of Kokhanok to raise funds, budget, and plan school trips to Amakdedori, Fish camp, Washington, D.C., Fishcamp Culture week (Kokhanok), and Hawaii. Although I am no longer teaching, I enjoy volunteering at the school and maintain an active role in our community.

As a former Lake and Peninsula School district teacher of nine years, I have a solid foundation of how our standards based system operates. Last school year 2014-2015, I served on the Common Core committee and have an idea of what challenges lay ahead for our district in the future. I also know the importance of having a shared vision and will work with board members in making decisions based on the best interest of our students, teachers, schools and communities.

As a parent of three incredible Lake and Peninsula students, I believe in the importance of holding high standards in maintaining the quality of education as well as supporting current and future opportunities that our district provides for its students and teachers. Although I know there are many factors in operating a school district (a district who's size roughly spans the entire state of West Virginia!) I believe the ultimate focus of the board should remain on the students of the Lake and Peninsula School District.

As a head-teacher for two years, (just a few credits shy of receiving my type B certification in administration) I also have an administrative perspective on school, community and district issues. I know the importance of having good community relationships and I believe our communities play a key role in the success of our schools.

With all of my life, academic and professional experience I believe I would be a well represented member of our school board and would be honored to hold such a position. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth Hill
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Chasity Anelon

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Iliamna, AK 99606

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Email chas71@hotmail.com

Subject: Letter of Interest for School Board seat B

10.13.2014

To the LPSD School Board

My Name is Chasity Anelon an Iliamna resident. I am expressing my interest in the vacant Lake and Peninsula School Board-Seat. I've lived here all my life. I have a daughter that just started preschool. I went to school in Newhalen and graduated in Newhalen. I loved growing up here and I look forward for my daughter Stormi to grow up here. I work as an administrative assistant here in Iliamna. I have volunteered for our community weather it was coaching middle school basketball, community clean up or helping with our carnival committee. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chasity Anelon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Chasity Anelon

Gregory Anelon, Jr
Box 246
Newhalen, Alaska 99606

October 20, 2014

Ms. Amber Kresl
The Lake and Peninsula School District
101 Jensen Drive
Box 498
King Salmon, AK 99613

Dear Ms. Kresl:

My name is Gregory Anelon, Jr and I am a resident of Newhalen and the City Administrator. I am interested in placing my name in filling the vacant board seat for Seat B representing Iguigig, Kokhanok, Newhalen, Nondalton, Port Alsworth and Iliamna.

I am long time resident and I understand and have knowledge in working with big organizations especially in the area of balance sheets, income sheet, budget to actual and staying solvent. I believe I can be an asset to the Board if I am selected.

Thank you for your time.

In Good Fishing,

Greg Anelon

To the Lake and Peninsula School Board,

June 5, 2014

In the event that Lisa Natwick resigns her position on the school board, I would like to respectfully ask you to consider me as a replacement to fill her seat until it is time for that seat to be up for election again.

I have been involved behind the scenes with the LPSD school board since Lisa was elected in a number of ways. Lisa and I discussed openly and honestly about issues facing the board, and this has helped me to have a perspective on what it is like to wrestle through fundamental structure of the educational system here in Southwest Alaska as well as to consider the daily life decisions that must be made in order for there to be a stable and nurturing learning atmosphere in our schools.

I have also been involved first hand with a number of schools and students in the process of bringing our R22 helicopter out to do presentations at 3 different schools this past year. The goal of the R22 helicopter program has been to inspire our young people to realize that they can become professional pilots if they wish and that they must pursue learning in order to reach this goal. The cost of this endeavor has been underwritten completely by Tanalian Aviation, Inc. and has been offered at no cost to the LPSD school district. I would like to continue this outreach by going to as many schools as possible over the next couple of years.

I believe that there are many ways to inspire children to learn and would enjoy the opportunity to deepen my investment into the lives of the children in the Lake and Peninsula school district.

Best regards

Joel Natwick
Port Alsworth

Heidi Robertson Wilder

110 N Easy St.
Port Alsworth, AK 99653
(907) 781-3055

October 10, 2014

Stacy Hill, George Hornberger, Austin Shangin, Sue Evanoff, Patty Alsworth, and Gerda Kosbruk
Lake and Peninsula School Board
101 Jensen Dr.
P.O Box 498
King Salmon, AK 99613

Dear Lake and Peninsula School Board members,

With the newly vacated seat on the Lake and Peninsula School Board, I would like to express my interest in serving on the board until the re-election process is completed.

For the past seven years I have made Port Alsworth my home, living in and serving the communities of our school district. After receiving my masters in Adventure and Outdoor Education, I came to Alaska to work for LPSD where I taught full-time for two years and have continued to be involved with the school in various part-time positions, including Health and P.E. Aid, Cross Country coach, Rifle Club coach, and substitute teacher. I am also involved with local kids in numerous community activities including teaching at local kids camps and leading young woman's leadership clubs.

With my diverse and specific training I believe I would be an asset to the school board. My teaching credentials and teaching experience would provide a valuable perspective for school board issues. My background as a commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay, experience as a member of the Port Alsworth Volunteer Fire Department, and the experience I have gained owning and running a local business gives me an insight into the lives and livelihood of many of our students and families of this area. All of my training and experiences would lend well to guiding and providing a fresh perspective to our district.

With my extended family and my own, young and growing family firmly planted in the region, I have a vested interest in the students and communities of this area and desire to have input in the future education and direction of our district. Please consider me for the open position on the LPSD Board and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time,

Heidi Robertson Wilder

Amber Kresl:District Information Officer

Please include me on the list of candidates to be considered for the vacancy on the LPSD Seat B. I can be reached at:

Harry Ricci
PO Box 1069
Kokhanok, AK 99606

907-282-2324
ak61foxecho@hotmail.com

Amber Kresl
District Information Officer
Lake and Peninsula School District
P.O. Box 498
King Salmon, AK 99613

Letter of Support for Chasity Anelon:

To Lake & Peninsula School board:

I am submitting this letter of support for the candidate Chasity Anelon to be considered for the vacant board seat for the Lake and Peninsula School District.

I have had the privilege of watching Chasity Anelon mature and has a child attending the Newhalen School at this time. I feel that she would have the best interest of children that attend school and from life learned lessons would be able to help set direction that would help all children have success in a better education. Chasity has served as a board member on the Iliamna Village Council for a term and she currently works to help support her family. I know that Chasity Anelon is a lifelong resident of Iliamna and would be a contributor to the board for education and bring new ideas of what would help our students in the lake and pen area for college bound or vocational training.

I respectfully support Chasity Anelon to be considered to fill the vacant seat for the Lake and Peninsula school district.

Gerald Anelon Sr.
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Iliamna, Alaska 99606

Martha Anelon
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Iliamna, AK 99606
907-571-1879

Lake & Peninsula School District
PO Box 498
King Salmon, AK 99613

RE: Reference letter for Chasity Anelon

Dear Ms. Kresl,

I highly recommend Chasity Anelon as a candidate for the Lake and Peninsula Board Seat.

I have known Chasity for over 20 years, during these years I have observed Chasity develop and grow in many different aspects in her lifestyle. One of which is her compassion for our communities and our children.

I had worked with Chasity for 8 years, and during this time Chasity displayed excellent communication skills. In addition she is organized, reliable and willing to learn new things. Chasity can work independently or as a team member. She is flexible and willing to work on any projects that were assigned to her and if she didn't know how to do a task she learned.

Chasity would be a tremendous asset for the Lake & Peninsula School District. If you have any questions with regard to her background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you,




Martha Anelon

Hi,

I would like to comment on Greg Anelon from Newhalen. To begin with, he was and probably still is a certified teacher. He is a very caring person when it comes to issues for children. He will advocate and express his opinion based on facts and his knowledge. I would recommend having him seated on the Lake and Peninsula School Board.

Best regards,

Dolly Ann Trefon

Dolly Ann 

Candidate Schedule

11:20	Chasity Anelon
11:40	Beth Hill
12:00 Break for Lunch	
1:00	Harry Ricci
1:20	Heidi Wilder
1:40	Greg Anelon-Teleconference
2:00	Joel Natwick-Teleconference

LPSD School Board Candidate Interview Questions

Please prepare your written responses and submit to:

Amber Kresl, akresl@lpsd.com

By October 29th

Name of Candidate __Chasity Anelon_____

1. Why are you pursuing this vacant School Board seat?

I am very interested in seeing how our school district is taking care of our students of LPSD. My daughter is in preschool this year and I want to be involved.

2. What has been your personal involvement with education in your community and in the region?

I love going to school events all the sports and activities and fund raising in our community. I was a volunteer middle school basketball coach for 10 years. I sit on our Iliamna Carnival Committee. Whenever I am in any surrounding communities and if someone needs a hand I don't hesitate.

3. What do you feel is the number one challenge facing our schools today?

Getting kids to graduate and continue their education.

4. Are you familiar with LPSD's performance based model?

Yes the standards based system.

5. Will you be committed to representing the interests of the entire district and not allow personal or home site interests affect your judgment? When might this be a difficult task?

Yes I will be committed to representing the entire district and not allowing my personal or home sites interest affect my judgment. It won't be a difficult task.

6. What qualities do you bring to this seven-member board that would make us a more effective team?

I am very approachable and very involved in my community. I am a great people person. I know a lot of people throughout our district from Iliamna Newhalen all the way to Perryville.

7. Do you feel your schedule and commitments will allow you to fully participate in the duties of the office? Will you be available to attend the New Board Member conference in Anchorage Nov. 6-9, 2014?

Yes my schedule will allow me to fully participate in the duties of office. Yes I will be available to attend the new board member conference in anchorage November 6-9, 2014

8. Will you be interested in running for this position when this appointment ends?

Yes I will be interested in running for this position when it ends.

9. Do you have any other questions, concerns or educational views that you would like to share at this time?

Thank you for this opportunity.

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Name of Candidate: Beth Hill

1. Why are you pursuing this vacant School Board seat?

I am pursuing the vacant School Board seat because I feel that I am the best candidate for the position. My interests are in the future of our students and building solid healthy communities. I would like to fill this position before running for term to establish myself and a positive working relationship with board members. I also feel representation from our village is important and that is another reason why I am applying for this position.

2. What has been your personal involvement with education in your community and in the region?

I have worked as a K-5 elementary teacher for Lake and Peninsula School District for the past 9 years. I taught in Chignik Lake for two years, (2005-2007) and Kokhanok for 7 years (2007-2014). During this time I have become fully immersed in the standards based system. I have also traveled with students to Junior High Jamborees and Cross-Country events where I have helped work with Lake and Peninsula students in leadership and community service projects. In Kokhanok I have worked hard in establishing a cultural studies program, working with local community members and teachers in planning, teaching and using local resources to teach our students.

3. What do you feel is the number one challenge facing our schools today?

I think that the number one challenge facing our schools today is preparing our students to live successful and healthy lifestyles. I see students

graduating from school with the necessary academic skills to move on to higher education but their hearts are in the villages with their families and friends and socially they are unprepared to branch out and seek additional training or education. Preparing students for careers that fit their interests will help sustain our villages and keep our schools open.

4. Are you familiar with LPSD's performance based model?

Yes. I attended the Performance Based Model seminar in Anchorage in the fall of 2006 which went through an overview of the system highlighting benefits and fallbacks of the system. I have also lead several workshops during teacher inservice on implementing Personal Education Plans (P.E.P's) in the classroom. I have been involved in several major changes to our standards serving on math, social studies, and reading committees in which I was responsible for creating standards. I also created an Alaska Studies curriculum guide for our Social Studies standards.

5. Will you be committed to representing the interests of the entire district and not allow personal or home site interests affect your judgment? When might this be a difficult task?

Yes of course. Working in the south for two years gave me a different perspective in seeing the challenges and differences between regions in our school. Having 14 schools covering such a large span is what makes our district unique and my best interest are in all of our students.

I have been trained through experience in my relationships as a mother, teacher, head-teacher, friend and parent to keep my personal interests separate from my professional life. Where this becomes difficult is when I feel others are not doing the same in making a decision. That is why having a good working relationship with your colleagues is so important.

6. What qualities do you bring to this seven-member board that would make us a more effective team?

Growing up in rural Alaska, being in the educational system (as a student and teacher), being a parent and a community member have all given me qualities that would benefit to the School Board team.

I am resourceful and creative. I believe there is not just one answer to a problem but many solutions. Thinking creatively and resourcefully is one of my biggest strengths. I also work well with others and know the importance of maintaining good working relationships. I am positive but realistic, I believe having a good attitude is essential in creating a productive working environment. And I am a good listener.

I believe all of these qualities will help make me an effective team member of the School Board.

7. Do you feel your schedule and commitments will allow you to fully participate in the duties of the office? Will you be available to attend the New Board Member conference in Anchorage Nov. 6-9, 2014?

Yes. I currently work from home as an artist so my schedule is flexible. I would be able to attend the conference and think it would be a great opportunity to get information right away about my roles and responsibilities.

8. Will you be interested in running for this position when this appointment ends?

Yes I would be interested in running for this position and feel like I would have good support in doing so.

9. Do you have any other questions, concerns or educational views that you would like to share at this time?

What is a typical work load of a school board member?

What has been your most difficult decision being on the board?

Do board members come up with proposals for changes in our district or is the board member role to mainly decide on proposals addressed in meetings?

What role do board members play in their schools? Are there opportunities to travel to other school sites?

Would I be able to do contract work for our district, or for other districts if I am on the school board?

From: Evelyn Mike-Ricci <ak61foxecho@hotmail.com> October 27, 2014
10:54:55 AM
Subject: LPSD School Board Candidate Interview Questions/Answers/Harry Ricci
To: Amber Kresl View in Browser

1. I would like to participate in the educational process at the policy making level.

2. Attendance at school functions and transportation of district students and employees as an air taxi pilot.

3. Excepting Port Alsworth, a declining student enrollment.

4. Yes.

5. Yes. When dealing with personal friends especially from my home village; Kokhanok.

6. Sixty seven years old; lots of life experiences; willing to talk; willing to listen; willing to set goals; willing to compromise when necessary.

As a working air taxi pilot, a geographical and weather knowledge of the difficulties encountered in travelling within our school district.

7. Yes. I am semi-retired; time is available and the interest is there.

8. Yes.

9. No.

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Name of Candidate **Heidi Wilder**

1. Why are you pursuing this vacant School Board seat?

I am pursuing this seat because I desire to make a difference in our district and communities and possibly affect change in our state and that starts with youth! They are our future! Over the years, the youth in my community and our district have affected me deeply and I have come to think of them as “my kids” with a similar love and care for their future as my own son. Also, I am passionate about learning and education and I would love to be a part of passing that vision on to the younger generations. Lastly, I have recently become a mother and beginning a family has increased my desire to create a quality education system for upcoming generations.

2. What has been your personal involvement with education in your community and in the region?

Over the seven years since my own college graduation, I have been actively involved with the youth of the Lake and Peninsula School District and Bristol Bay. For two years I taught as a Generalist Classroom Teacher in Port Alsworth. Also, I have coached cross country for the past two years, as well as assistant coached volleyball and basketball for one year each. Last year I coached rifle club and plan to do the same this school year.

Outside the school, I have had the opportunity to teach a state certified Hunter Education course, as well as courses in rifle and archery skills and safety for local summer camps for youth from throughout Bristol Bay. I have also enjoyed instructing at Christian Youth in Action camps for kids from Southwest Alaska and leading a girls youth group for several years.

3. What do you feel is the number one challenge facing our schools today?

I feel the number one challenge facing our schools today is empowering students to graduate and adequately equipping them to move forward from high school to a positive, productive next stage in life, whether it be college, vocational training, or employment.

4. Are you familiar with LPSD’s performance based model?

I am very familiar with LPSD’s performance based model as I taught within the model for two years and have developed curriculum and numerous lesson plans to meet standards within the model, including a year-long unit to meet LPSD’s Employability – Wellness and Safety Plan Standards to assist Health and P.E. aids.

5. Will you be committed to representing the interests of the entire district and not allow

personal or home site interests affect your judgment? When might this be a difficult task?

If selected as a school board member, it would be imperative for me to set the needs and interests of the entire district above personal or home site interests. While I do not believe there is a one-size-fits-all approach to education, I am intent on implementing change that will benefit our entire district.

Keeping my commitment to representing all the interests of the students and communities in this district may prove difficult when local interests require specific attention. As all sites require individual attention, I would try to balance the needs of each school.

6. What qualities do you bring to this seven-member board that would make us a more effective team?

With time in the classroom as a teacher in our district, I feel I would bring some real life educating experience to the board. A high level of education, two Bachelors' degrees in education disciplines, a Master's degree in education, and subsequent training and credentials will also be an asset in decision making. As a business owner and commercial fisherman in Bristol Bay, I also have real life experiences that I feel would give me a great perspective on the needs and values of many of our communities. This combination of education, teaching experience, and working within our district gives me a full-spectrum viewpoint as well as the experience and understanding of the need to work together for our community's benefit.

7. Do you feel your schedule and commitments will allow you to fully participate in the duties of the office? Will you be available to attend the New Board Member conference in Anchorage Nov. 6-9, 2014?

My schedule and commitments will allow me to fully participate in the duties of this office. I work part-time for our family business and part-time at the school, allowing for a flexible schedule.

I will be available to attend the New Board Member conference.

8. Will you be interested in running for this position when this appointment ends?

I would be interested in running for this position when the appointment ends. I strongly feel this position is important in affecting the well-being and future of our schools and students, and therefore, our communities, businesses, and region. I want to be a part of leading us to greater health as a region.

9. Do you have any other questions, concerns or educational views that you would like to share at this time?

How long does this appointment last?

I am uncertain about Common Core State Standards' ability to really benefit our students.

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By October 29th

Name of Candidate _____ Greg Anelon_____

1. Why are you pursuing this vacant School Board seat?

LPSD is at the cross roads of beginning implementing the core principles and the student population enrollment has been going down. I feel that my working history can be an asset to LPSD in being proactive in keeping our people in our communities. Having been on the City Council for the City of Newhalen, and being the Administrator has given me the experience that most communities are going through to try and keep our people in the communities. Also, I have been an Educator and I feel that this experience can be an asset to the Board when the core principles are being implemented across the school district.

2. What has been your personal involvement with education in your community and in the region?

I am a stance supporter for our school and our youths having the opportunity to be the Manager of the City of Newhalen's bingo activity, I have the privilege of providing needed monies to the Newhalen School for additional student activities such as trips to AFN, sports trips to other communities, a new score board for the gym just to name a few. I also volunteer my time and energy towards fund raising for the school and when possible the District's activities. I monitor the school's activities through my child who is attending school and see if they need any assistance. I have offered the City of Newhalen's employees to be Substitutes at the school when there is no Substitutes available in the community. Having been an Educator I often ask the Principal when and where the school needs assistance whether it's funding or personal time.

3. What do you feel is the number one challenge facing our schools today?

Our number one challenge is to keep our families from leaving the District to find cheaper living or to find employment. Once our families start to leave its hard for them to come back especially when they have kids at are enrolled in our District. Without families in the communities, the school will be empty thus our schools and communities fade away.

4. Are you familiar with LPSD's performance based model?

Yes I am familiar with performance based model under LPSD. The performance-based approach to education enables students to use their knowledge and apply skills in the real world. Performance-based education lets the student go through a process of learning while engaged in a task as well as providing an end product.

5. Will you be committed to representing the interests of the entire district and not allow personal or home site interests affect your judgment? When might this be a difficult task?

Having been on numerous board, I learned that you have fiduciary duty to the organization you are representing holistically. But you can bring issues to the Board that your school is facing and see if other schools are facing the same issue or not. I do not think that I will have a problem in representing the LPSD Board by allowing my personal or home site interests affect my decisions. My wife is a teacher at Newhalen School and I would have to abstain from her interaction with the Board.

6. What qualities do you bring to this seven-member board that would make us a more effective team?

I know and understand budgets, profit and loss statement, balance sheets, and I have been on numerous Board locally, and regionally which helps me in being a voice at the meetings and understanding the need to have structure in the meeting and ascertain that each meeting is run the same. I have lived in the village and raised my children here and I have a high understanding of the complex and dynamic of the village

infrastructure. I am also the City Administrator for the City of Newhalen and this gives me an insight on the funding issues facing each community and the need to find employment for the residents. I also lobbied effectively for the City of Newhalen and gotten many projects from the State and I can provide this experience to the Board. I am an Educator and feel that this experience can only assist me with the Board since our mission is to educate our young people.

7. Do you feel your schedule and commitments will allow you to fully participate in the duties of the office? Will you be available to attend the New Board Member conference in Anchorage Nov. 6-9, 2014?

Yes, I will fully participate in the duties of the office. However, I have prior commitments which would not have me attend the New Board Member conference in Anchorage. My commitment has me from November 5 to the 7th so I would miss the 6th and 7th.

8. Will you be interested in running for this position when this appointment ends?

Yes, I plan on running after this appointment ends.

9. Do you have any other questions, concerns or educational views that you would like to share at this time?

Not at this time. Thank you for your time to consider me as a Board member to fill the vacant seat for the Lake and Peninsula School District Board.

LPSD School Board Candidate Interview Questions

Please prepare your written responses and submit to:

Amber Kresl, akresl@lpsd.com

By October 29th

Name of Candidate _____ Joel Natwick _____

1. Why are you pursuing this vacant School Board seat?

- I have a great amount of respect for Alaska Natives and have spent a fair amount of time in recent years discussing educational ideas, methods and goals with a number of people. Lisa and I talked many times about issues facing our schools and region.....I always enjoyed those discussions and felt I had something to offer as we bounced ideas around. Maybe I have a passion for the people because we moved to bush Alaska in 1985 and have lived in St. Marys, Unalakleet, Bethel and Port Alsworth. I have a desire to inspire kids to want to learn.....to help them have a sense of hope for their future.

2. What has been your personal involvement with education in your community and in the region?

- I have worked with kids in a number of ways in Port Alsworth in the past including coaching wrestling, fixing breakfast for some teenage boys many times and having them over for Bible study, and having an open home where young people have felt welcome and safe to just come and hang out. More recently, I have poured resources from my business, Tanalian Aviation, Inc. into helping young people catch a vision and love for aviation. This has been accomplished by bringing our r22 helicopter out to this region on 3 different occasions, doing presentations in Port Alsworth, Nondolton and Newhalen. Each presentation touched on the basics of aerodynamics as related to helicopter flight and included rides in the helicopter for students that showed the most interest. The goal is to inspire kids to want to learn,

help them see they can achieve the goal of becoming a pilot if they want to and in so doing give them hope for their future.

3. What do you feel is the number one challenge facing our schools today?

-The number one challenge in our schools today is the sense of hopelessness many children and families feel about the future. The school board can't fix this problem on its own, but it can work on ways to inspire kids to want to learn. I really believe in the workshops that have been offered at AA meets and would like to continue and possibly deepen that approach with our kids. The school board as well as the LPSD staff should be commended for this

4. Are you familiar with LPSD's performance based model?

- Yes. I've heard it called "Standards Based" education and feel that I have a pretty good grasp on it. Basically it is a system where we make sure children truly are learning concepts, theories and systems before we move them on to the next level.

5. Will you be committed to representing the interests of the entire district and not allow personal or home site interests affect your judgment? When might this be a difficult task?

-Yes. Right now I don't think it will be a difficult task. The only area that may be sticky for me is if our local and native culture is threatened by external pressures due to federal funding. More than likely, most or all of the school board would be on board with that thinking. I also know the difference between letting my position be known and fighting over it.

6. What qualities do you bring to this seven-member board that would make us a more effective team?

-I am honest, objective, in touch with local views as well as local needs, passionate about our kid's future and fun to hang with.....usually ☺. I am also a father of 5, all of whom are or have been involved in the LPSD system.

7. Do you feel your schedule and commitments will allow you to fully participate in the duties of the office? Will you be available to attend the New Board Member conference in Anchorage Nov. 6-9, 2014?

-Absolutely and yes. I am supposed to go to Portland that weekend but will gladly rearrange should I have the privilege of serving on the LPSD school board.

8. Will you be interested in running for this position when this appointment ends?

- Yes

9. Do you have any other questions, concerns or educational views that you would like to share at this time?

-It needs to be stated that my children and I are living in Palmer for this school year due to personal reasons. Our hearts are most definitely still in Port Alsworth, and we plan on returning for the 2015/2016 school year and beyond.