



Board of Education Special Meeting-Nikolaevsk Charter School Initial Application November 17, 2025

Meeting Minutes-APPROVED (12-01-2025)

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
148 N. Binkley St., Soldotna, AK 99669

1. Opening Activities

A. Call to Order

Vice President Daugharty called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem/Alaska Flag Song

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. District Mission Statement

Ms. Cizek read the district mission statement.

D. Roll Call

8 Board Members Present:

Board Member Cizek

Board Member Daugharty

Board Member Douthit

Board Member MacRae

Board Member Truesdell

Board Member Vadla(attended virtually)

Board Member VanBuskirk

Board Member Waddell (attended virtually)

1 Board Member Absent:

President Taurainen

A quorum was established.

Others present:

Student Representative: Miss Shania Weathers

Superintendent Holland

Assistant Superintendent Dendurent

Planning and Operations Director Lyon

Human Resources Director Crabtree

Finance Director Voivedich

E. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Move to approve the November 17, 2025 Special Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by Patti Truesdell, second by Kelley Cizek.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Kelley Cizek, Tim Daugharty, Sarah Douthit, Dianne MacRae, Patti Truesdell, Penny Vadla, Mica VanBuskirk, Ash-Lee Waddell

Not Present at Vote: Jason Taurainen

2. Discussion: Nikolaevsk Charter School Initial Application

A. Nikolaevsk Charter School Initial Application

Vice President Daugharty called for Board discussion on the Nikolaevsk Charter School Initial Application, and asked the Board if they had any questions for the applicants.

Vice President Daugharty read the Administration's recommendation featured on the agenda today, and called on applicants to

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see if they'd like to address any points in Administration's recommendation.

APC members that provided comments:

Blake Sawyer, Nikolaevsk Charter School, APC President

Natalie Thomas, Nikolaevsk Charter School, APC Vice President

Vice President Daugherty called on Administration to speak to the recommendation.

Administration that provided information regarding Administration's recommendation:

Superintendent Holland

Vice President Daugherty called for any other comments from the APC, the Board or Administration.

APC Members that commented:

Mariah Kerrone

Director Voivedich posed a budgetary question to the applicants.

Natalie Thomas, APC Vice President provided comment.

Vice President Daugherty called for any further comments.

Seeing and hearing no further comments Vice President Daugherty closed discussion and comments.

3. Action Item

A. Nikolaevsk Charter School Initial application

Vice President Daugherty called for public comment on the Nikolaevsk Charter School Initial application.

There were none offered.

Seeing and hearing no requests to comment Vice President Daugherty closed public comment.

Motion: Move to approve the Nikolaevsk Charter School Initial application.

Motion by Kelley Cizek, second by Patti Truesdell.

Vice President Daugherty called for Board comments on the motion.

Board Members that offered comments:

Member Truesdell

Member Cizek

Vice President Daugherty called on District Administration to provide information to Member Cizek's questions in regards to the Administration's recommendation.

Superintendent Holland provided information on Administration's recommendation.

Assistant Superintendent provided further background information regarding the application process.

Vice President Daugherty called for further Board comment on the motion:

Member Vadla spoke in opposition of approval.

Member Vanbuskirk spoke in support of approval.

Member Douthit spoke in opposition of approval.

Member MacRae spoke in support of approval.

Member Waddell spoke in opposition of approval.

Vice President Daugherty spoke in opposition of approval.

Vice President Daugherty read language from KPBSD BP 9323 Meeting Conduct.

Seeing and hearing no other Board requests to comment Vice President Daugherty called for a roll call vote.

Motion: Move to approve the Nikolaevsk Charter School Initial application.

Motion by Kelley Cizek, second by Patti Truesdell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Kelley Cizek, Dianne MacRae, Patti Truesdell, Mica VanBuskirk, Ash-Lee Waddell

No: Tim Daugherty, Sarah Douthit, Penny Vadla

Not Present at Vote: Jason Tauriainen

4. Adjourn

A. Adjourn Meeting

Seeing that business was complete Vice President Daugherty adjourned the Special meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jason Tauriainen, President

Ms. Sarah Douthit, Clerk

Submitted by Ms. Nikkol Sipes
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education