

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No 10 a

MEETING OF July 14, 2021

Reviewed By

Item Title

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve an administrative contract with Derek Meister as the Director of Special Education

Superintendent
 Personnel
 Finance

SUBMITTED BY: Melissa Brooks-Johnson, Interim Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Board is being asked to approve an administrative contract with Derek Meister as the director of special education.

ISSUE:

This will commit KGBSD to approximately **\$143,132.00** (pending verification of service and education).

BACKGROUND:

The previous director of special education, Terri Crofcheck, retired at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

On June 1, 2021, an interview committee* unanimously choose Derek Meister for the position of Special Education Director of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District. Based on his interview, experience, and work with multiple programs, Mr. Meister will be a great addition to the district office team. He currently resides in Ketchikan and will be a great fit for our students, families, and teachers.

** The committee was comprised of Melissa Johnson (District), Jordan Tabb (School Board), Gara Williams (KEA/SPED Teacher), Michael Cron (Principal), Melissa O'Bryan (Parent), Shellie Harris (SPED Teacher), and Amber Williams-Baldwin (KIC/Parent).*

Mr. Meister has been with KGBSD since 2012 as a School Counselor and School Psychologist. He has a double major in Psychology and Philosophy from the University of Minnesota. Mr. Meister also holds a master's degree in Educational Psychology and an educational specialist degree in School Psychology. He is currently enrolled in the Special Education Director Certificate program through Arkansas State University. His demeanor is one that is friendly, and he understands the community of Ketchikan. He is currently certified in Alaska for School Psychology and is in the process of obtaining a Special Education Director Administrative certification in Alaska.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of an administrative contract of Derek Meister.

FISCAL NOTE:

SALARY **\$111,629.00**
INSURANCE **\$15,864**
and
BENEFITS **\$15,639**

AMOUNT BUDGETED

\$143,132.00

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve an administrative contract with Derek Meister for the 2021-22 school year as Special Education Director in the amount of **\$143,132.00.**"