

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2005

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, November 28, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. President, Jeff Friedman, presided.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE, Jeff Friedman Presiding

Board Members Present: Tim Steele, Mary Marks, Jake Metcalfe, Jeff Friedman, Crystal Kennedy, Macon Roberts, and John Steiner

Others Present: Jan Christensen, Enid Hunter, Mike Henry, Patricia McRae, Jerry Sjolander, Leslie Vandergaw, Janet Stokesbary, George Vakalis, Rhonda Gardner, Ray Amsden, Pam Chenier, Stan Syta, Jim Utter, Michelle Egan, Larry Wiget, LTC David Jones, William Johnson, Johanna Lee, the press, and other interested people.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Friedman noted that there was a revision to the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 10, 2005 and also a revision to the Facility Change Order Report.

Mr. Steiner noted that Item #4, ASD Memorandum #74, Award of Contract: Basketball Officiating, was removed from the agenda.

The agenda was unanimously approved with the noted revisions.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kennedy announced that she had the opportunity to attend the "Lets Talk" presentation with the eighth grade students at Romig Middle School. This program addresses healthy relationships and abstinence education. She also reported that she will be attending a Wellness Committee meeting tomorrow.

D. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

ASD Memorandum #112 - Recognition of Alaska History Teacher of the Year

Ms. Marks read the recognition of Ms. Linda Hulen, a teacher at Bowman Elementary, who was recently named Alaska's 2005 History Teacher of the Year. The recipient of this award is selected based on several criteria including a deep commitment to teaching American history, close attention to documents, historic sites and other primary materials of history, and evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom. Ms. Hulen is now in the running for National History Teacher of the Year which will be selected this fall. The School Board recognized Linda Hulen for her professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm that lead to this award.

ASD Memorandum #129 - Recognition International Stress Management Award

Ms. Kennedy read the recognition of Ms. Kristine Masneri, a counselor at Romig Middle School, who was recently rewarded for her work at the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation conference, hosted by the Alaska Police Chaplains Ministries (APCM). Ms. Masneri was recognized for her commitment and assistance to the APCM in critical incident debriefings, most recently a large scale debriefing involving an entire community affected by a traumatic event. The Board recognized Ms. Kristine Masneri for providing excellent work in her field.

E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS

1. Student Advisory Board

Mr. Feriani was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, it was announced that the next meeting of the Student Advisory Board is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the King Career Center.

2. Military Delegate

LTC Jones reported that he had asked the US Army Alaska for updated figures for anticipated enrollment of military dependents for January to help with the District's budgeting process. He hopes to have those figures this week and will forward that information as soon as it is available. LTC Jones reported that he will be at the State Board of Education meeting in December.

Ms. Comeau reported that she will be attending a Town Hall meeting at Fort Richardson tomorrow evening, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

3. M.E.C.A.C.

Mr. Johnson reported that the MECAC will have their next meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in Room 320 of the ASD Administration Building. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD NON-AGENDA ITEMS

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda is attached. **All attachments referred to in memoranda Recommendations are on file in the Superintendent's office.**

1. Approval of Minutes

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| a. Special Meeting | October 10, 2005 | 4:30 p.m. |
| b. Regular Meeting | October 10, 2005 | 6:30 p.m. |

2. ASD Memorandum # 126 - Testing and No Child Left Behind Costs

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to process budget transfers of up to \$98,578 from unexpended accounts into various accounts to pay for unanticipated testing and No Child Left Behind costs.

3. ASD Memorandum # 104 - Award of Contract: SN05-826 Frozen Potato Products

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract to Country Foods to furnish Frozen Potato Products in the estimated amount of \$113,302.

4. ASD Memorandum # 74 - Award of Contract Basketball Officiating  
PULLED

5. ASD Memorandum # 124 - Approval of Re-Allocation of Funds for Warehouse Roof Structural Repairs

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the re-allocation of Capital Projects Fund interest earnings in the amount of \$200,000 for structural repairs to the Warehouse roof system.

6. ASD Memorandum # 125 - Approval of Change Order: Eagle River High School

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to approve change order in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 to Davis Contractors and Engineers, Inc., contract for the Eagle River High School project. These change orders address the modifications for emergency preparedness and repair of erosion to the bluff.

7. ASD Memorandum # 116 - Personnel Report

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the attached Personnel Report.

ACTION:

Moved by: John Steiner  
seconded by: Macon Roberts

To approve the revised minutes of the Special Meeting of October 10, 2005 Revised, the minutes of the Regular Meeting October 10, 2005 and ASD Memoranda ASD #126, #104, #124, #125, and #116.

VOTE:

Ayes: Marks, Kennedy, Steele,  
Friedman, Steiner,  
Metcalf

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. ASD Memorandum # 117 - Project Status Report

This is a report of activities and project status changes in Major Capital Projects during the period of November 1, 2005 through November 16, 2005.

2. ASD Memorandum # 122 - Facility Change Order Report and Completed Projects for the Month of October, 2005

The monthly Facility Change Order Report for the month of October is attached. There are no exceptions to report this month. There are no completed projects to report this month.

3. ASD Memorandum # 119 - First Quarter End-of-Month Membership Summary - October 31, 2005

The end-of-month membership report for October 29, 2005 is attached (Attachment A). The total active enrollment at the end of October was 49,539. This enrollment represents a decrease of 50 students when compared to the September 30, 2005 total of 49,589.

Mr. Steiner had a question on how the maps are banded and shaded. He noted that the Board had previously discussed banding the maps in a manner which would reflect how enrollment percentages impact educational programs. In response to a request from Ms. Comeau, Mr. Steiner clarified that he would like the maps to clearly and easily identify when and where schools which exceed 100% capacity are negatively impacted by enrollment. Ms. Comeau noted that the District starts giving serious consideration for boundary changes or building plans for a severely overcrowded school when a school population tops 120% of target. She explained that the impact made by school enrollment is really dependent on the actual programs in the school.

Mr. Steele pointed out that the problem areas appear to be easily identified, noting the Elementary Schools in the bow. He does not see the value in trying to make any changes if those efforts are going to be difficult or time consuming. Mr. Metcalfe pointed out that each map has a legend and he agrees that the maps are each easily understandable.

Ms. Kennedy indicated that the issue is that the legend doesn't tell the whole story. She explained, for instance, that one school at 98% capacity might be in a worse situation than another school at 109% by virtue of the style of the facility and the programs that are going on there. Her question is how to identify which schools need attention, either requiring additional space or boundary changes.

Ms. Marks suggested that Board members ask the principals at their assigned schools what impact their student population has on

programs. Ms. Comeau reiterated that the Administration is mindful of these issues and will continue to look at enrollment capacities and their impact on programs.

4. ASD Memorandum # 128 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: October 31, 2005

The attached report consists of two parts: the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Recap. The Treasurer's Report and the Financial Recap are presented on a monthly basis. The Treasurer's Report and Financial Recap are year-to-date information as of October 31, 2005.

5. ASD Memorandum # 127 - Operating Budget Transfers - October Monthly Report FY 2005-2006

The attached report of budget transfers for the time period of October 2005 that were processed in the Integrated Financial Accounting System (IFAS) includes the following:

Attachment A: Report of Budget Transfers Over \$5,000—

The schedule of monthly budget transfers processed for the month of October 2005 and related information are available in the Budget Department office for review by the School Board and members of the public.

I. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Steele reported there is a teleconference for AASB Board of Directors scheduled for early in December which will deal with the issue of one-to-one computers. Mr. Friedman indicated that the Board will look forward to Mr. Steele's report regarding this matter.

Ms. Kennedy brought up the issue of highly qualified teachers working in career technology classes. She explained that we have professionals teaching those types of classes even though they do not really meet the criteria for "highly qualified". She wondered whether this is something we should try to address through the State Board of Education. Ms. Gardner noted that we have already given public comment on this particular issue. She further reported that, on a federal level, Secretary Spellings has recently stated a willingness to grant some

flexibility in this area, publicly acknowledging that 100% compliance would be extremely difficult. Ms. Gardner noted that this is an area that we can make a great case that we have a successful program, essential to grant that core credit, where highly qualified status is an issue. She did indicate, however, that we will continue to work with those teachers to help them achieve that qualification status.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL/FINANCE/NEGOTIATIONS  
LITIGATION

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of November 28, 2005, was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:55 p.m.

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Jeff Friedman, President

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John Steiner, Clerk

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Johanna Lee, Recording Secretary

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Date Minutes Approved