

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2006

The Anchorage School Board met in a special Regular Session on Thursday, April 20, 2006, at 5:00 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: John Steiner, Macon Roberts, Crystal Kennedy, Jeff Friedman, Jake Metcalfe, and Tim Steele. Mary Marks joined by phone.

Others Present: Carol Comeau, Jan Christensen, Leslie Vandergaw, Mike Henry, Patricia McRae, Leslie Vandergaw, Enid Silverstein, Jerry Sjolander, Jeff Wood, Eric Tollefsen, Janet Stokesbary, George Vakalis, Johanna Lee, the press, and other interested people.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Steele announced that he and Mr. Roberts had attended the recent National School Board Association Conference in Chicago. Mr. Steele and Dr. Wiget, ASD Director of Government Relations, presented at a forum on government relations at the conference. Mr. Steele had the opportunity to attend a session on Electronic Board Packages. He will be bringing information on that topic to the Board for discussion at a future meeting. He also reported that Mr. Norm Wooten, Kodiak, Alaska was elected President-Elect of NSBA.

C. OATH OF OFFICE OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

The Honorable Judge Sigurd Murphy administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected School Board members Jeff Friedman, Crystal Kennedy, and Macon Roberts.

D. ADJOURNMENT OF 2005-2006 - SINE DIE

With nothing further before the Board, Mr. Friedman adjourned the Anchorage School Board 2005-2006 - Sine Die.

E. ORGANIZATION OF 2005-2006 SCHOOL BOARD

Superintendent Carol Comeau presided as temporary chair until a new president was elected.

a. Nominations for President:

Moved by: Tim Steele To nominate Jeff Friedman for President.

Mr. Friedman was declared President by unanimous consent. Ms. Comeau returned the gavel to President Friedman.

b. Nominations for Vice President:

Moved by: Jake Metcalfe To nominate Macon Roberts for Vice President.

Moved by: Crystal Kennedy To nominate John Steiner for Vice President.

The Board voted by secret ballot. Superintendent, Carol Comeau counted the ballots.

Macon Roberts was declared Vice President.

c. Nominations for Clerk:

Moved by: Tim Steele To nominate Mary Marks for Clerk.

Mary Marks was declared Clerk by unanimous consent.

d. Nominations for Treasurer:

Moved by: Macon Roberts To nominate John Steiner for Treasurer.

John Steiner was declared Treasurer by unanimous consent.

F. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Steele congratulated the new officers of the 2006-2007 School Board.

Mr. Jeff Friedman announced that he will be putting together the committee assignments for 2006-2007. He noted that the Assembly had asked that they be able to meet with members of the School Board on a regular basis to discuss shared services and other issues of interest to both bodies. He indicated that, with no objection from the Board, he would appoint three members to an Ad Hoc Committee to serve in that capacity. Mr. Friedman requested that members let him know their committee preferences as soon as possible. Ms. Kennedy recommended that continuity be maintained in some of the committee assignments. This is especially important in the Site Selection committee where knowing the history of ongoing issues is beneficial to representing the District well.

Mr. Roberts extended the Board's appreciation to Ms. Christensen for her many years of valuable service. They wished her well in her new ventures and adventures.

Ms. Kennedy announced that four members of the Board will be attending the upcoming AASB Legislative Fly-In.

Ms. Comeau indicated that the list of graduation dates and times will be faxed to members tomorrow. She asked the members to return the list with their preferences as soon as possible.

The next Board meeting is May 1, 2006. There are only four items on the agenda for that meeting including discussion of the Clark Middle School Education Specifications, the Second Reading of the Middle School Boundaries, and the First Reading of the two Elementary School Boundaries.

Mr. Friedman reminded the Board of the May 15, 2006 Work Session on Wellness. He encouraged members to thoroughly review the information when it becomes available. The formal presentation at the meeting will be brief in order to allow more time for questions.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of April 20, 2006, was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:18 p.m.

Jeff Friedman, President

John Steiner, Clerk

Robin Siegfried, Recording Secretary

Date Minutes Approved