

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF May 7, 2007

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, May 7, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. President, Tim Steele, presided.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE, Tim Steele Presiding

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

Others Present: Carol Comeau, Rhonda Gardner, Leslie Vandergaw, Mike Henry, Patricia McRae, Enid Silverstein, Jeff Wood, Johanna Lee, the press, and other interested people.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Comeau distributed copies of the graduation schedule and parking passes for the graduation ceremonies to the Board. She asked Board members to check the schedule carefully and let her know as soon as possible if they are not going to be able to attend ceremonies for which they are scheduled. She also encouraged everyone to arrive at the ceremonies early enough to get their gowns and any last minute instructions.

Mr. Steele distributed a list of school attendance areas and current committee assignments to the Board. He requested that Board members review these lists and forward their assignment choices for next year to him as soon as possible. He indicated that he will take those requests into consideration as he makes the 2007-2008 Board Assignments.

Mr. Steele announced that he and Mr. Friedman had attended the UAA graduation over this past weekend to see Ms. Comeau receive her honorary doctorate. He congratulated Ms. Comeau on behalf of all of the Board members on this exciting and well-deserved distinction. Ms. Comeau thanked everyone and explained what an honor it was for her. She noted that the best part was the fact that two of her three children surprised her by traveling to Alaska to attend the ceremony.

Ms. Kennedy announced that the King Career Center is holding their annual Greenhouse Sale this week and encouraged everyone in the market for spring and summer flowers to take advantage of this opportunity to fill their gardens while supporting the horticulture program.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

ASD Memorandum #284 - Resolution Designating May 9, 2007 as National School Nurses Day

The Administration recommends the School Board adopt the attached resolution designating Wednesday, May 9, 2007 as National School Nurse Day.

The Board read the following resolution into the record:

WHEREAS, school nursing has been contributing to the lives of students, their families and the community for many years in the Anchorage School District; and

WHEREAS, the physical, mental and emotional well-being of children directly impacts student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School District's 94 school nurses, 17 health treatment nurses, and 47 substitute nurses provide health assessment, testing and services to more than 48,000 students; and

WHEREAS, school nurses continually promote healthy lifestyles and provide health and safety education for students and staff; and

WHEREAS, National School Nurses Day highlights the role and scope of activities school nurses provide to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of students is of primary importance to the Anchorage School District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board designates May 9, 2007, as National School Nurses Day and urges all citizens of Anchorage to show their appreciation of our school nurses for their contribution to the health and well-being of the District's students.

ASD Memorandum #298 - Resolution Designating May 8, 2007 as National Teachers Day

The Administration recommends the School Board adopt the attached resolution designating Tuesday, May 8, 2007 as National Teacher Day.

The Board read the following resolution into the record:

WHEREAS, Anchorage School District teachers have made the municipality's public schools great places to learn; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School District's 3,500 teachers work to open the minds of more than 48,000 students to ideas, knowledge and dreams; and contribute every day to the district's mission to educate all students for success in life; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board designates May 8, 2007, as National Teacher Day and urges all citizens of Anchorage to show their appreciation of our teachers for their contribution to lifelong learning in the Anchorage School District.

Mr. Steiner encouraged the community to use this as a reminder to show their appreciation for teachers, not just tomorrow but everyday.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of May 7, 2007, was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:12 p.m. and the Board proceeded into a Work Session on Libraries of the 21st Century.

Tim Steele, President

Crystal Kennedy, Clerk

Johanna Lee, Recording Secretary

Date Minutes Approved