

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2008

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, June 23, 2008, at 6:40 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: Jeff Friedman, Pat Higgins, Crystal Kennedy, Macon Roberts, Tim Steele, and John Steiner

Board Members Excused: Chris Tuck

Others Present: Carol Comeau, Rhonda Gardner, Leslie Vandergaw, Ed Graff, Enid Silverstein, Jerry Sjolander, Eric Tollefsen, Michele Egan, George Vakalis, Jose DelReal, Col. Sonny Luu, Ray Amsden, Marie Laule, Chad Stiteler, Ron Fuhrer, Johanna Lee, the press, and other interested people.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Friedman indicated that there is a revised agenda with a change to one of the memorandum numbers. Memorandum #338 was changed to Memorandum #345 due to a duplication of numbers. There was also an addendum to the Personnel Report.

The agenda was approved as revised by unanimous consent.

C. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Comeau announced that this will be Ms. Michelle Egan's last board meeting. She noted that the district has appreciated her leadership and her vision. Ms. Comeau noted that Ms. Egan will be going to work for the Alyeska Pipeline. Mr. Steele noted that Ms. Egan has done a tremendous

job and will be greatly missed. Mr. Steiner thanked Ms. Egan and wished her good luck in all of her future endeavors.

Ms. Kennedy noted that there is a Policy Subcommittee meeting scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24 in Conference Room 150.

Ms. Steiner noted that there is an ABC Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25 in Conference Room 150.

E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS

1. Student Advisory Board

Mr. Jose DelReal reported that the Student Advisory Committee has not met since summer vacation. He noted that he has, however, spoken to many students who have indicated that they are very excited about the recycling program.

2. Military Delegate

Lt. Col. Luu indicated that he had nothing to report at this time.

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

The representative from MECAC was unable to attend the meeting.

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Chris Saddler spoke regarding the services offered for children with autism. She testified that the district is not offering the main research-based program for children with autism which is intensive behavioral treatment. She noted that she had testified last year that the district had failed to meet the needs of her child and that her family was providing a home-based intensive behavioral treatment program. She had also indicated that they had filed for a due process hearing. That hearing has taken place and the hearing officer has ruled that the district had failed to provide her child a free appropriate education. She wanted to make sure that the board knew that, instead of accepting that ruling and working to improve the program for her child and possibly many other students with autism, the district administration has decided to appeal. She hoped that the district would choose to be a part of a solution and use its resources to

work cooperatively to provide students with autism the services they need and which federal law says they deserve.

H. 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
 - a. Regular Meeting - January 28, 2008
 - b. Special Meeting - April 28, 2008

2. ASD Memorandum # 337 - School Board Policy Revision: Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Behavior/Prohibited Conduct Section: Drugs and Alcohol (Second Reading)

It is the recommendation of the policy subcommittee that the school board adopt on Second Reading revisions to the Student Rights and Responsibilities document, Student Behavior/Prohibited Acts section on Drug/Alcohol as shown on Attachment B.

3. ASD Memorandum # 343 - School Board Policy Revision: Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Behavior/Prohibited Conduct Section: Cell Phones/Electronic Communication Devices (Second Reading)

It is the recommendation of the policy subcommittee that the school board adopt on Second Reading revisions to the Student Rights and Responsibilities document, Student Behavior/Prohibited Acts section on Cell Phones/Electronic Devices as shown in Attachment B.

4. ASD Memorandum # 323 - No Child Left Behind Federal Program Consolidated Project Application for 2008-2009

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to submit the FY 2008-2009 No Child Left Behind Federal Programs Consolidated Project Application to the State Department of Education and Early Development. This application includes Titles I, II, III, IV, and V in the amount of \$20,779,207.

5. ASD Memorandum # 326 - Budget Adjustments and Transfers for FY 2008-2009

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board appropriate an additional \$290,000 to the Food Service Fund and to reduce the appropriation to the Local/State/Federal Grants Fund by \$290,000. In addition, it is recommended that the School Board authorize an increase of \$.25 per full price paid meal and up to and including an average \$.25 increase for ala carte items. The overall appropriation revision will not exceed the approved upper limit of the budget; therefore, no approval from the Anchorage Assembly is required. The revised budget for FY 2008-2009 will remain at the \$737,518,990 level as approved previously by the Assembly. The District's FY 2008-2009 revised budget by individual fund will be in the following amounts: General Fund, \$580,915,706; Food Service Fund, 16,567,000; Debt Service Fund, 84,326,284; Local/State/Federal Grants Fund, 55,710,000; for a Total of All Funds, \$737,518,990.

It is further recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to make the budget transfers in the amount of \$4,459,000 in the General Fund as set forth in this memorandum.

6. ASD Memorandum # 321 - Award of Contract: Security Hardware Upgrades - Bartlett High School

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Security Hardware Upgrades - Bartlett High School Project, to the low and only bidder, Gramkow Construction, Inc. for the Bid amount of \$149,905.

7. ASD Memorandum #331 - Award of Contract: Sand Lake Elementary School Renewal General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) Preconstruction Services

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of Davis Constructors & Engineers, Inc., as the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) for the Sand Lake Elementary School Renewal project and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into a contract with Davis Constructors & Engineers, Inc. for preconstruction services in an amount not-to-exceed \$120,135.

8. ASD Memorandum # 329 - Award of Contract: Fresh Pizza

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract to

Papa John's Pizza to furnish fresh pizza in the estimated aggregate amount of \$308,062 with two additional one-year options to renew.

9. ASD Memorandum # 334 - Award of Contract: Lexmark Toner Cartridges

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract to CompuCom Systems, Inc. for furnishing Lexmark Toner Cartridges on an as needed basis for a one-year period with two additional one-year options to renew in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. The award amount is based on a discount of 16.5% off the Lexmark National Educational Pricing (NEP) Price List.

10. ASD Memorandum # 335 - Award of Contract: West High School Gym Lighting Upgrade

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for West High School Gym Lighting Upgrade to Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$174,822.

11. ASD Memorandum # 345 - Award of Contract: Collect and Remove Solid Waste from School District Sites

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for collecting and removing trash from ASD sites to Alaska Pacific Environmental Services Anchorage, LLC (APESA) dba Alaska Waste, in the amount of \$393,690. Additionally, tipping fees based on weight will be reimbursed to the contractor, without mark up, for solid waste from compactors and roll-off containers for which the contractor is assessed a tipping fee. Dumpsters are not assessed a separate tipping fee, as they are not hauled individually to the landfill.

12. ASD Memorandum # 339 - Approval of Sand Lake Elementary School Renewal: Concept Design and Supplemental Educational Specifications

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Concept Design and Supplemental Educational Specifications for Sand Lake Elementary School Renewal project and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with design, pending Municipal Assembly approval of the concept design.

13. ASD Memorandum # 340 - Approval of Chester Valley Elementary School Renewal: Schematic Design and Supplemental Educational Specifications

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Supplemental Educational Specifications for Chester Valley Elementary School Renewal project and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with design, pending Municipal Assembly approval of the schematic design.

14. ASD Memorandum # 322 - Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for Chester Valley Elementary School Renewal

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to approve an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with McCool Carlson Green in the amount of \$1,097,024 for the Chester Valley Elementary School Renewal project's design and construction administration services.

15. ASD Memorandum # 320 - Personnel Report

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

Mr. Steele noted that there were persons to be heard on ASD Memorandum #326, Budget Adjustment and Transfers for FY 2008-2009, and asked that it be pulled for discussion.

Mr. Steiner requested that ASD Memorandum #337, School Board Policy Revision: Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Behavior/Prohibited Conduct Section: Drugs and Alcohol (Second Reading), be pulled for discussion.

Ms. Kennedy requested that ASD Memorandum #343, School Board Policy Revision: Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Behavior/Prohibited Conduct Section: Cell Phones/Electronic Communication Devices (Second Reading), be pulled for discussion.

Mr. Steele requested that ASD Memorandum #339, Approval of Sand Lake Elementary School Renewal: Concept Design and Supplemental Educational Specifications, be pulled for discussion.

Mr. Steiner requested that ASD Memorandum #345, Award of Contract: Collect and Remove Solid Waste from School District Sites, be pulled for discussion.

ACTION:

Moved by: Macon Roberts
Seconded by: Tim Steele

To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2008 and the Special Meeting of June 9, 2008, and Memoranda #323, #321, #331, #329, #334, #335, #340, #332, and #320 with addenda.

VOTE:

Ayes: Friedman, Higgins,
Kennedy, Roberts,
Steele, Steiner

Nays: None

Excused: Tuck

MOTION PASSED

ASD Memorandum # 337 - School Board Policy Revision: Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Behavior/Prohibited Conduct Section: Drugs and Alcohol (Second Reading)

It is the recommendation of the policy subcommittee that the school board adopt on Second Reading revisions to the Student Rights and Responsibilities document, Student Behavior/Prohibited Acts section on Drug/Alcohol as shown on Attachment B.

ACTION:

Moved by: John Steiner
Seconded by: Crystal Kennedy

To adopt on Second Reading revisions to the Student Rights and Responsibilities document, Student Behavior/Prohibited Acts section on Drug/Alcohol as shown on Attachment B.

Mr. Friedman noted that there was a technical correction in paragraph 3(a) which shows that "prescription" had been inadvertently crossed out. The word "prescription" should, in fact, remain in that paragraph.

Mr. Higgins noted that the policy places students at risk of expulsion for incidents involving over-the-counter drugs. He did not believe that it was appropriate to equate over-the-counter drugs with illegal drugs or alcohol. He supported the idea that over-the-counter drugs should not be permitted but could not envision an instance where he would support

expelling a student for sharing something that could be purchased at a grocery store.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by: Pat Higgins
Seconded by: Crystal Kennedy

To change paragraph 3(b) to read:
"Students are not permitted to share over-the-counter medications with other students. Students who share over-the-counter medication will be subject to disciplinary actions.

Mr. Steele understood the concern voiced by Mr. Higgins but indicated that he could envision instances where participating in prohibited behavior involving over-the-counter drugs could result in an expulsion. The wording proposed by Mr. Higgins does not prohibit that level of action so Mr. Steele felt that he could support the amendment.

Mr. Friedman indicated that he had serious concern with Mr. Higgins' language as he could easily envision students claiming that they did not share the medication, they gave or sold the medication. He believed that the term "share" is a very difficult word. He noted that the current language uses the phrase "may result in a recommendation" which gives broad discretion to use judgment when determining consequences.

Mr. Higgins believed that there are other avenues in place to discipline students who deliberately place other students in jeopardy. He felt it was important to set a clear parameter and reasonable consequences for the offense. Mr. Friedman indicated that his concern is that the amendment takes out any language that precludes selling. Mr. Higgins noted that he would not be opposed to modifying the language of the amendment to include other methods of exchanging over-the-counter medications.

Mr. Steiner asked if the policy indicates a particular action is subject to discipline but does not specify that the discipline can go all the way to expulsion whether the option of expulsion is available. Mr. Friedman explained that his understanding is that expulsion is an option unless the policy restricts the disciplinary action.

Ms. Kennedy asked for clarification as to whether the language "subject to discipline" in the amendment includes the option for expulsion. Ms. Comeau explained that the intent of the language in the policy which states "may also result" is to give administration the discretion to

determine the severity of the disciplinary action based on the circumstances of the offense.

Mr. Roberts noted that the whole idea is to try to dissuade any exchange of drugs regardless of how benign it seems to be.

Ms. Gardner read the preamble to the rights and responsibilities document that overrides all offenses. That document says that a student that engages in any prohibited conduct or fails to abide by any requirement of the statement of rights and responsibilities shall be subject to appropriate corrective action which can range from a verbal warning to expulsion. So that range is available to every offense in the document. Ms. Comeau referenced the Table of Violations and Consequences, commonly known as the dot chart. That chart shows the common range of consequences but the preamble provides a clear statement of expectation. Mr. Friedman voiced his long-standing concern that the preamble, which is board policy, conflicts with the dot chart, which is not. Ms. Gardner noted that there are currently conversations going on regarding the possibility of removing the dot chart from the handbooks.

Ms. Kennedy continued to feel that the amendment did not really change the policy as presented. Both the original language and the amended language allow for disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. She asked Mr. Higgins if it was his intention that the amended language would exclude the possibility of expulsion. Mr. Higgins explained that the only form of disciplinary action sited in the original language is expulsion. That leaves the expectation that any infraction involving over-the-counter medication would result in expulsion. Mr. Higgins did not intend to eliminate the possibility of expulsion based on circumstances but believed that circumstances that would raise the action to the level of expulsion could be handled under a different category.

Mr. Friedman provided some context to the discussion by explaining that this issue does not stand alone but is part of the overall drug and alcohol policy. That policy stipulates a mandatory ten-day suspension for most first offenses and mandatory expulsion for most second offenses with some exceptions. With this policy as presented the board wanted to make sure that over-the-counter drugs were an exception and not subject to the mandatory consequences. The use of the word "may" in the originally proposed language provides an exception to the mandatory expulsion.

Mr. Steiner noted that part of the amendment is covered in the last sentence of Section (a) of this whole policy which covers the prohibition of

certain behaviors. He believed that the amendment would be problematic as it combines prohibited behavior and sanctions in the same statement. He suggested that using the language "up to and including suspension and expulsion" would reflect the fact that the entire range of discipline is available. He noted that the preamble also includes a list of criteria and factors which are to be considered in determining the level of sanction that ought to be applied.

AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT:

Moved by: Jeff Friedman	To substitute the language in
Seconded by: Tim Steele	paragraph 3(b) to say "Sale,
	attempted sale, or distribution of
	over-the-counter drugs may also
	result in disciplinary action."

Mr. Steiner clarified that this language does not preclude expulsion. Mr. Higgins continued to see the sale, attempted sale, or distribution of over-the-counter drugs as something that should be handled in conjunction with other policies that could result in expulsion. He did not see any circumstances where one offense or even repeated offenses would rise to the level of expulsion on its own merit without falling under other policy provisions.

Mr. Higgins noted that he did not want to send the message that over-the-counter drugs should be equated with illegal drugs or the illegal use of prescription drugs.

VOTE on AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Friedman, Higgins,
Kennedy, Roberts,
Steele, Steiner

Nays: None

Excused: Tuck

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Friedman called for the vote on the Amendment as Amended.

VOTE on the AMENDMENT as AMENDED:

Ayes: Friedman, Higgins,
Kennedy, Roberts,
Steele, Steiner

Nays: None

Excused: Tuck

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Friedman indicated that Attachment B as amended is now the proposed revision to the drug and alcohol policy on second reading. Mr. Steiner offered a multi-step amendment to reorganize the drug and alcohol policy and to add some ideas that the board has discussed but are not in the language.

AMENDMENT to the AMENDED MOTION:

Moved by: John Steiner
Seconded by: Crystal Kennedy

To: 1) Replace subsection 15(a) completely as follows: "Actual or attempted possession, use, sale, trading, sharing or distribution of alcohol, an illegal drug, inhalant or prescription drug not used as prescribed, drug paraphernalia, or a substance designed or intended to look like an illegal or prescription drug by a student while under district jurisdiction is prohibited. A student who off school grounds does or attempts to possess, use, sell, trade, share or distribute a substance or paraphernalia prohibited under the previous sentence, and then arrives or returns to school or a school sponsored activity, is considered to have committed the violation while under district jurisdiction and is subject to suspension and/or expulsion. Actual or attempted sale, trading, sharing, distribution or misuse of over-the-counter medications or supplements while under district jurisdiction is also prohibited."
2) Number the paragraph that reads "Cumulative Nature of Violations:..." as subsection 15(b).
3) Number "Sanctions (1)...(2)" as subsection 15(c) to read as follows: "Violations of this section relating to alcohol, an illegal drug, inhalant or prescription drug not used as prescribed, drug paraphernalia, or a substance designed or intended to or

look like alcohol or an illegal or prescription drug carry the following sanctions: (1) First offense...: [continuing through (2)]”

4) Revise 3(a) to “(3)” to read as follows: The first and any subsequent offense for actual or attempted sale, trading sharing or distribution will result in a recommendation to the School Board for expulsion from the Anchorage School District.”

5) Delete proposed paragraph 3(b), and replace it with a new subsection 15(d) to read as follows: “Violations of this section relating to over-the-counter medications or supplements are subject to disciplinary action.”

6) Renumber existing paragraphs a(4) and a(5) as subsections 15(e) and 15(f)

7) Renumber existing 15.b as subsection 15(g).

Mr. Steiner briefly reviewed each of the proposed changes in this multi-step amendment. He indicated that the idea for these changes started in a concern voiced at the first reading of this policy revision regarding the concept of sharing. In the meantime Mr. Steiner also realized that notion of trading was not covered in the policy. One of the goals with the changes Mr. Steiner proposed was to clarify that even a single incident of trading or sharing is a form of distribution. He also felt that the concept of using prescription drugs not as prescribed is treated more akin to illegal drugs not as over-the-counter medications. In order to clarify that distinction he felt that it needed to be clearly stated in the first paragraph.

Ms. Comeau provided an explanation of school district jurisdiction. If the action or offense takes place at a school-related or school-sponsored activity it is within the district’s jurisdiction and within our disciplinary procedures apply. In addition, if the action takes place off campus but it has a direct impact on the school the district can assert jurisdiction based on the impact.

Mr. Steiner noted that the situation that comes up most frequently is when a student consumes something, either in the morning or during a lunch break, off campus and then comes to campus in an impaired state. He

wanted to clarify that if the student is somehow possessing or distributing a substance off campus but not consuming the substance themselves and therefore were not impaired the prohibited action would still fall under district jurisdiction.

Mr. Steele voiced his concern with the language related to using prescription drugs "not used as prescribed." He believed that the substantial nature of the changes proposed by Mr. Steiner warrants sending the revisions back to the Policy Subcommittee and that Mr. Steiner should attend the meeting to participate in the discussion regarding these changes.

Mr. Friedman noted that many of these issues were discussed at length by the Policy Subcommittee that adopted this language and the numbering system in the first place. He found issue with several items and agreed with Mr. Steele that it would be better to work through them at the Policy Subcommittee. He further felt that some of the items needed to be discussed with the principals before putting them into policy.

Ms. Comeau noted that the administration would prefer that these changes go back to the subcommittee because they are so detailed. She did believe that the changes were workable in that they are mostly renumbering. This is such a serious policy and it really needs to be done at the Policy Subcommittee level. She noted that the big issue at this time is that whatever passes this evening will need to go to print with the student handbooks tomorrow. Mr. Friedman noted that his general concern is that this action would be redoing language that was subject to many hours of debate with principals present to help pick language that they understand and were able to implement. He is not saying that the proposed language is not better. He just felt that the principals need to be involved in working through the changes.

Mr. Steiner believed that the new language was an improvement and felt that it would be better to approve the amendment and then return the new language to the Policy Subcommittee for further review as necessary.

Mr. Steele noted that, since the wording that is approved this evening will go into the student handbooks, it would be more appropriate to vote down the amendment and approve the original recommendation as modified by the earlier amendment.

Mr. Higgins voiced his appreciation for the work that Mr. Steiner has put into this amendment. He indicated that it was a lot to digest at this time and that the amendment opened the door to several other issues that he

felt would have to be addressed before being comfortable with the changes.

Ms. Kennedy voiced her appreciation for the proposed changes and indicated that she felt that the changes cleaned up the policy and allowed it to flow more smoothly. She could not, however, find anything substantively in the amendment that was not already in the recommendation.

Mr. Friedman called the vote on the amendment which will both renumber and substitute substantial language in Attachment B for the Rights and Responsibilities Statement.

VOTE on AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Kennedy, Roberts,
Steiner

Nays: Higgins, Friedman,
Steele

Excused: Tuck

MOTION FAILED

The board returned to the Main Motion as Amended.

VOTE on the MAIN MOTION as AMENDED:

Ayes: Friedman, Higgins,
Kennedy, Roberts,
Steele, Steiner

Nays: None

Excused: Tuck

MOTION PASSED

ASD Memorandum # 343 - School Board Policy Revision: Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student Behavior/Prohibited Conduct Section: Cell Phones/Electronic Communication Devices (Second Reading)

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ACTION:

Moved by: Crystal Kennedy
Seconded by: John Steiner

To adopt on Second Reading revisions to the Student Rights and Responsibilities document, Student Behavior/Prohibited Acts section on Cell Phones/Electronic Devices as shown in Attachment B.

Ms. Kennedy indicated that she would like to make some changes to this recommendation in order to make the policy read more smoothly. She reminded the board that the main focus of these revisions is to eliminate the use of cell phones in the elementary schools and middle schools during lunch and at any other time during the school day.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by: Crystal Kennedy
Seconded by: John Steiner

To substitute the following language for the second paragraph and the two sentences following that paragraph:

High School students (grades 9-12) are permitted to use cellular phones and other ECDs before and after school and during the student's lunch period. Elementary and Middle school students (grades K-8) are permitted to use cellular phones and other ECDs only before and after school.

Cellular telephones and other ECDs must remain off and put away at all other times during the school day. Exceptions may be made in special circumstances with prior approval from the principal or designee. A student may not use a cellular telephone or other ECD at any time if disruptive of other students' instructional time.

During school and school-sponsored events, students will comply with administrative or staff member directives relating to the use of cellular phones and other ECDs.

Ms. Kennedy noted that the language really says the same thing as the recommendation. She has simply rearranged the sentences in order to be a bit more succinct. Ms. Comeau believed that this language is easier to follow and will be easier for the principals to explain to the students and parents.

VOTE on the AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Friedman, Higgins,
Kennedy, Roberts,
Steele, Steiner

Nays: None

Excused: Tuck

MOTION PASSED

VOTE on MAIN MOTION as AMENDED:

Ayes: Friedman, Higgins,
Kennedy, Roberts,
Steele, Steiner

Nays: None

Excused: Tuck

MOTION PASSED

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It is further recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to make the budget transfers in the amount of \$4,459,000 in the General Fund as set forth in this memorandum.

ACTION:

Moved by: Tim Steele
Seconded by: Macon Roberts

To appropriate an additional \$290,000 to the Food Service Fund and to reduce the appropriation to the Local/State/Federal Grants Fund by \$290,000. In addition, it is also moved to authorize an increase of \$.25 per full price paid meal and up to and including an average \$.25 increase for ala carte items. The overall appropriation revision will not exceed the approved upper limit of the budget; therefore, no approval from the Anchorage Assembly is required. The revised budget for FY 2008-2009 will remain at the \$737,518,990 level as approved previously by the Assembly. The District's FY 2008-2009 revised budget by individual fund will be in the following amounts: General Fund, \$580,915,706; Food Service Fund, \$16,567,000; Debt Service Fund, \$84,326,284; Local/State/ Federal Grants Fund, \$55,710,000; for a Total of All Funds, \$737,518,990.

It is further moved to authorize the Superintendent to make the budget transfers in the amount of \$4,459,000 in the General Fund as set forth in this memorandum.

Ms. Catherine Curtis and Mr. William Hurr were present to speak in support for the proposed middle level social worker. Mr. Hurr indicated that he was speaking on behalf of the School Engagement Work Group. The group is an outgrowth of the anti-gang and youth violence policy team of which Ms. Comeau is a member. That policy team focuses on prevention, intervention and law enforcement. The School Engagement Work Group is in the area of intervention specifically and is composed of

a number of different agencies and entities. The group offered support for middle level social worker as a positive step in addressing absenteeism and truancy.

Ms. Comeau noted that Mr. Jerry Koetje has been actively working with this group as well. She noted that the reason the administration is recommending one middle level social work position as a pilot is an effort to study what is going on at Romig and see what strategies they are using. It is hoped that data would be available by the time next year's budget is brought forward in January and February on the impact that this pilot position is having on attendance, truancy and student achievement.

Mr. Steele noted that he is happy that the district is getting into this field and indicated that he hoped that the district would be able to look into some grant funding for these efforts. He asked Mr. Hurr and Ms. Curtis whether their group was able to look at the High School Graduation Coach Mentor Program. Ms. Curtis reported that the group has not formally addressed that program but she has read about it and felt that it seemed to be a very relevant and promising program.

Mr. Steiner appreciated the concept of having a social worker at the middle level and wondered whether having just one position at one school was enough of a start. He thought it might be more appropriate and provide greater value to the district to have two social worker positions rather than having one at Romig and an assistant principal at Begich Middle School. Ms. Comeau indicated that the administration believes that it is essential to have an additional assistant principal at Begich Middle School because of the large and increasing population there. That position is a safety issue. She noted that that position will transfer to Clark Middle School when it reopens.

Mr. Steiner asked for clarification regarding changing the school board secretary position to a full time position and whether the position could be filled by two part time employees. He was concerned that the change would result in changing the personnel in the position currently. Ms. Comeau explained that the administration strongly supports the consistency that one employee working full time will bring to that position. She noted that the current secretary had indicated her willingness to fill the position full time.

Mr. Steiner asked for clarification on changes to the Food Service Fund. It was his understanding that the twenty-five cent increase would be generating the \$290,000. Dr. Rock verified that the \$290,000 increase

would be generated by the twenty-five cent increase per full price paid meal.

Mr. Steele noted that there are two items that are related to the 1:1 Computer project. The first is the 1:1 High Access Project and the second is the 1:1 Laptop Initiative. He understood that the Laptop Initiative funding will support an additional team at Wendler but wondered what the High Access Project entailed. Ms. Gardner explained that the High Access Project will be in many schools. At the high school level it will be tied to a team approach that will be taken with ninth and tenth grade English. Staff members who have signed up to be part of the project will have the high access devices on carts to use between their English and social studies classes. Students will use the devices to access the MyAccess Writing Program and the T3000 Reading Program. This will pull those students out of the computer labs allowing the resources in the labs to be available for more advanced work. There will be some of these teams at each of the high schools. Ms. Gardner indicated that the administration would also like to identify one elementary school where a high access device project could be started. Ms. Comeau noted that this is a verbal commitment from the Consortium for Digital Learning to provide the matching funds for the High Access Project.

Mr. Steiner asked about the increased fuel costs. He wondered how this expenditure related to the advance purchase of energy resources and if that was limited to utilities and did not cover fuel. Mr. Vakalis indicated that they had looked at all kinds of options for the advanced funding for energy purchases including advanced fuel purchases as well as other types of petroleum products. They have also looked at utilities. If all of the numbers come out the way that Mr. Vakalis anticipated the recommendation to the superintendent will probably not be for the petroleum products.

VOTE:

Ayes: Friedman, Higgins,
Kennedy, Roberts,
Steele, Steiner

Nays: None

Excused: Tuck

MOTION PASSED

The Board went into recess at 8:20 p.m. and was called back into session at 8:35 p.m.

ASD Memorandum # 345 - Award of Contract: Collect and Remove Solid Waste from School District Sites

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ACTION:

Moved by: John Steiner
Seconded by: Macon Roberts

To approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for collecting and removing trash from ASD sites to Alaska Pacific Environmental Services Anchorage, LLC (APESA) dba Alaska Waste, in the amount of \$393,690. Additionally, tipping fees based on weight will be reimbursed to the contractor, without mark up, for solid waste from compactors and roll-off containers for which the contractor is assessed a tipping fee. Dumpsters are not assessed a separate tipping fee, as they are not hauled individually to the landfill.

Mr. Steiner explained that he had asked a question earlier in the day regarding how the contract was bid. He had wanted to make sure that it was not bid in a manner that, once adjusted for the recycling, would invalidate the concept upon which it was bid. He has ascertained that the contract was bid on per pickup so it should not be a problem. He indicated that he was satisfied and that his questions had been answered.

VOTE:

Ayes: Friedman, Higgins, Kennedy,
Roberts, Steele, Steiner

Nays: None

Excused: Tuck

MOTION PASSED

ASD Memorandum # 339 - Approval of Sand Lake Elementary School Renewal: Concept Design and Supplemental Educational Specifications

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Concept Design and Supplemental Educational Specifications for Sand Lake Elementary School Renewal project and to authorize the Superintendent to proceed with design, pending Municipal Assembly approval of the concept design.

ACTION:

Moved by: Tim Steele
Seconded by: Crystal Kennedy

To approve the Concept Design and Supplemental Educational Specifications for Sand Lake Elementary School Renewal project and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with design, pending Municipal Assembly approval of the concept design.

Mr. Steele indicated that he continued to have concern regarding the traffic flow at the school although he appreciated the extra parking that is gained along the new entry. He asked whether two lanes of traffic could get through even with parking along the curb. Mr. Amsden explained that the curbside is intended to be cueing space during the day not parking spaces. There is also intended to be a through lane adjacent to that cueing space and then there is a fire lane which will be stripped and designated as such. Mr. Steele also raised concern regarding bus access. Mr. Pat Krochina, of Krochina Architects, explained the planned traffic pattern for the buses. He noted that there is ongoing discussion with public works regarding the traffic pattern on to and off of the site. Mr. Amsden explained that there is still some refinement that needs to happen. He noted that the board will see the schematic design for this project once more before final approval. Mr. Kalmes indicated that this site does have some significant challenges because of the size and because of the volume of traffic. He noted that there is a traffic light going in at Jewel Lake and Strawberry and that it should significantly improve the flow of traffic out of the lot.

Mr. Steiner indicated his understanding that fire lanes are always closest to the building and that no parking was ever allowed between the fire lane and the structure that was being protected. Mr. Krochina reviewed the requirements for fire department access.

Mr. Steiner voiced concern regarding the bus drop off interaction with the new receiving area and the potential for conflict in that area. Mr. Krochina explained that the plan is to make the best use of all of the areas on the site and that there are a multitude of things that the area in question will be used for throughout the day. Mr. Kalmes noted that there are several district facilities that use the same area for bus traffic and receiving. Mr. Krochina noted that there are currently only two busses that service Sand Lake Elementary.

Ms. Kennedy asked whether it was too soon to discuss site access during the actual construction process. Mr. Amsden indicated that those questions have not yet been addressed. He noted that the board had approved the GC/CM contractor for the Sand Lake project on the Consent Agenda this evening. They will be integral in addressing questions such as sequencing the work, bringing it to pass safely and with minimal impact to students. Ms. Comeau reminded the board that Mr. Krochina is very familiar with dealing with these issues as he had designed Fairview Elementary and had to address the same concerns on that project.

Ms. Kennedy clarified that the school is scheduled for completion by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. The construction will take one school year and a couple of summers to complete.

Mr. Steele brought up a question regarding a runoff issue to the southwest. Mr. Krochina explained the challenges of that site due to the composition of the land there which does not drain well. There is no storm drain on the site but there is a storm drain located to the northwest on the secondary street. He indicated that there are ongoing discussions with the municipality as they look at possibility of making improvements by the lake. All options are being looked at but no final decisions have been made. Even if the district is not able to link the site to the storm drain, Mr. Krochina felt that there is enough area on the site for the dissipation and retention of the water.

Mr. Steele noted that he liked the concept of having thirty-two classrooms and having two stories. Mr. Krochina indicated that the biggest challenge will be the budget.

Mr. Steiner asked a question regarding data cabling and having data ports as opposed to utilizing wireless technology. Mr. Amsden noted that he had spoken with the IT department who indicated that there is no dedicated bandwidth or connectivity for wireless. Connectivity for wireless is still somewhat inconsistent and less than reliable in situations

where there is dense construction like concrete walls and steel. Ms. Gardner explained that both the hardwired data ports and the wireless access are needed.

Mr. Steiner brought up the concept of radiant in-floor heat. Mr. Amsden noted that radiant in-floor heating is attractive when comfort is the primary issue such as with kindergarten classes who spend a great deal of time on the floor. The district's experience with in-floor heat over the years has been far from stellar. He did believe that the technology has advanced and that consideration can be given to the new technology. He committed to explore that issue but reminded the board that the budget has to be taken into consideration.

Mr. Steiner asked about a reference to a Camp Fire program kitchenette. Ms. Comeau noted that there is usually an alcove that contains a small kitchenette in the multi-purpose room that can be used by a number of organizations as well as school staff when the main kitchen can not be used.

Mr. Steiner indicated that there was a notation that there was no provision made in this specification for a counselor because there is currently no counseling position at this school. He voiced his concern regarding designing for a long-term facility based on the fact that a particular position is not currently funded. Ms. Comeau noted that the goal is to eventually have an elementary counselor in every school so this is an issue that will need to be discussed. Mr. Amsden noted that they do have the ability to accommodate an office for a counselor should one be assigned to this facility.

Mr. Steiner wondered whether the current expectation is that the project can be completed as drawn for the amount that is in the budget or if there is a concern about being able to achieve that. Mr. Amsden noted that there is still serious work to do to get to the end product. It has been identified that the project is about \$500,000 above the budget at this point which is based on a 26 classroom solution while acknowledging the desire to get to 32 classrooms. Mr. Amsden believed that there would be some very creative solutions and answers that will come from the GC/CM contractor that will help close that gap. He noted that the desire is to get as much as possible out of the available funding.

Mr. Steiner asked for clarification as to how short the current budget is for construction of the conceptual design that is being presented for approval. Ms. Comeau noted that we must work within the budget that we have.

All efforts will be made to get as many classrooms as possible within that budget. She did not know whether we could actually get to 32 classrooms but felt that it was important to know where they would go if the funding for them could be found. Mr. Amsden indicated that the project would be approximately \$2 million dollars over budget based on the 32 classroom solution as presented.

VOTE:

Ayes: Friedman, Higgins,
Kennedy, Roberts,
Steele, Steiner

Nays: None

Excused: Tuck

MOTION PASSED

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. ASD Memorandum #283 - Project Status Report

This is a report of activities and project status changes in Major Capital Projects during the period of May 22, 2008 through June 6, 2008.

2. ASD Memorandum # 325 - Facility Contract Modification Report and Complete Projects for the Month of May 2008

The monthly Facility Contract Modification Report for the month of May 2008 is attached. There are no contract modifications to report this month.

3. ASD Memorandum #324 - End-of-Year Membership Summary for 2007-2008

The total active enrollment at the end of the 2007-08 school year was 47,606. This enrollment represents a decrease of 851 students when compared to the September 28, 2007 total of 48,457. The membership totals are compared in Table 1. For the same time period for the 2006-07 school year, membership declined by 1,285.

4. ASD Memorandum #327 - Operating Budget Transfers - May Monthly Report FY 2007-2008

The attached report of budget transfers for the time period of May 2008 that were processed in the Integrated Financial Accounting System (IFAS) includes the following:

Attachment A: Report of Budget Transfers Over \$5,000—
Report for individual transfers of more than \$5,000,
which includes summarized justifications.

The schedule of monthly budget transfers processed for the month of May 2008 and related information are available in the Budget Department office for review by the School Board and members of the public.

5. ASD Memorandum #328 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap May 31, 2008

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 May 31, 2008.

J. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Dan Loring spoke on the issues of Special Education, the need for a comprehensive written plan to increase the graduation rate and decrease the district dropout rate, and accountability in the Partners Program. He voiced his appreciation that there are procedures in place for parents who feel that they were treated unfairly or in opposition to rules, regulations or statutes.

K. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Friedman reminded board members that there would be a Board Retreat from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 in Conference Room 007 at the ASD Education Center.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL/FINANCE/NEGOTIATIONS
LITIGATION

M. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of June 23, 2008, was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:20 p.m.

Jeff Friedman, President

Crystal Kennedy, Clerk

Johanna Lee, Recording Secretary

Date Minutes Approved