

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2009

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, June 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. President, John Steiner, presided.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE, John Steiner Presiding

Board Members Present: John Steiner, Jeff Friedman, Crystal Kennedy, Pat Higgins, Jeannie Mackie, Kathleen Plunkett and Tim Steele

Others Present: Carol Comeau, Rhonda Gardner, Ed Graff, Leslie Vandergaw, Mike Henry, Enid Silverstein, Jerry Sjolander, Jane Berglund, Eric Tollefsen, Heather Sawyer, Janet Stokesbary, George Vakalis, Col. David Shutt, Ray Amsden, Chad Stiteler, Pam Chenier, Johanna Lee, the press, and other interested people.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Steiner noted that there was a revised version of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 28, 2009. He also noted that there was an addendum to the Personnel Report.

The agenda was approved as amended by unanimous consent.

C. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

ASD Memorandum # 367 - Recognition of National PTA Reflections Program Award Winners

Ms. Plunkett read that the national PTA Reflections program each year encourages American students in preschool through grade 12 to create works of art for fun and recognition. "Wow!" was the 2008-09 Reflections' theme and "wow" indeed. From the more than 500,000 entries, two Rogers Park Elementary School students were awarded national honors. From Alaska PTA Region 8, Jack Green won an award of merit for primary film production and Noelle Coniglio won an award of excellence for intermediate literature. Noelle will receive a \$200 cash award and a silver-plated Reflections medallion. Jack will receive a silver-plated Reflections medallion. Their work will be featured in the Reflections program gallery on the national PTA Web site at www.pta.org.

“The national PTA Reflections program is an outstanding way to encourage and foster creativity amongst our youth. Jack and Noelle are both stellar examples of the caliber of student we have at Rogers Park, and I am very proud of them both,” said Brandon Locke, Rogers Park principal.

“As education budgets are being cut and art education along with it, it’s important that children still have a way to express themselves. We’re proud of PTAs across the country that participate in the national PTA Reflections program to provide an arts education to millions of students. We’re even more proud of Jack Green and Noelle Coniglio for the prestigious recognition they have both received,” said Byron V. Garrett, National PTA Chief Executive Officer.

The Anchorage School Board officially recognized Jack Green and Noelle Coniglio for their talent and creativity and congratulated them on receiving national recognition for their work.

ASD Memorandum # 369 - Recognition of the Spring 2009 Denali Award Recipients

Mr. Steele read that, to Alaskans, Denali means "great one," and the Anchorage School District is proud to have employees that display greatness in the areas of achievement, service and dedication. Twice each year, a committee of ASD employees selects a number of co-workers and teams of colleagues that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to its mission of educating all students for success in life.

Two from an outstanding group of nominees have tied to receive the award in the certificated category, including Thomas (Tommy) O’Malley, kindergarten teacher at Scenic Park Elementary School and Joanne Osborne, physical education teacher at Klatt Elementary School.

In her nomination, Principal Karen Pollard said Tommy “advocates for all children and is a mentor to those children who have a hard time fitting in the crowd.” Letters of support for Mr. O’Malley have touched on his kindness, generosity and ability to see each individual as unique. He helps each individual realize his or her strengths and value no matter what perceived abilities or disabilities. From taking the time to mail a child’s best work to a dad serving overseas in the military, to helping reluctant readers by suggesting books based on their interests over the years, to working with a variety of community groups, his efforts will be missed by

colleagues, students and parents upon his retirement this year from the district after 20 years of service.

Ms. Osborne “exemplifies the very best in a physical educator and her contribution to the district is far-reaching and immeasurable,” wrote nominator Sharon Vaissiere, supervisor of the Health and Physical Education Department. Having taught physical education at the elementary and middle school levels for more than eight years, Ms. Osborne is an integral member of the group developing the standards-based assessment and reporting system for elementary physical education; and is a leader in the Education Technology Department, providing cross-curricular training to physical educators. Her dedication, student focus and generosity in mentoring other staff have garnered enthusiastic support from colleagues.

The classified/support winner is Venita Moore, administrative assistant at Eagle Academy Charter School. Ms. Moore has worked for ASD for three years. She has been described by others as “the glue that hold Eagle Academy together,” “the brain of our school,” “the go-to person” and, “an octopus... she is taking care of the front desk, answering the phone, greeting people, taking care of nicks, cuts and bruises... and all with a smile on her face.” Nominator and Principal Mary Meade describes Ms. Moore as “my right-hand man” and values her tremendously for her people and organizational skills. Talented at listening to, and soothing, flustered staff; she’s equally adept at sharing appropriate and necessary information with staff from parents to help students.

The Spring 2009 Denali team award goes to Training and Professional Development. TPD serves the professional development needs of ASD employees via the district’s six-year plan. The department uses the MyLearningPlan tool to advertise, track and document more than 4,000 annual trainings, inservices, credit courses and other professional development events. This spring, ASD’s Summer Academy, the largest professional development activity in the state, included 969 participants, 1,947 credits taken, and more than \$25,000 generated income to the district. Colleen Stevens, TPD director, said in her nomination, “They work to make ASD a world-class educational experience for all.” TPD’s team is made up of Dale Normandin, Pat Odin, Stephen Brown, Cheryl Johnson, Anna Knapp, Sandi Toth, Sonnet Farrell, Candy Groeneveld, Rebecca Brandt and Connie Carisle.

The school board recognized these Denali Award recipients, and all of the nominees, for the example of excellence that they set for the entire Anchorage School District community.

ASD Memorandum # 371 - Recognition of AT&T Alascom for Online Streaming of Graduation Videos

Ms. Kennedy read that high school graduation is usually one of the first major accomplishments of a person's life. To honor this achievement, each of our high schools holds a special ceremony to celebrate the end of public education and the beginning of adulthood for our students. The walk down the aisle, the exchange of handshakes and reception of diplomas are events that an increasing number of family and friends want to witness.

Thanks to AT&T Alascom, everyone has an opportunity to watch friends and family participate in the ceremonial activities, regardless of location or work schedule. As one of ASD's school business partners, AT&T Alascom has donated its technology to bring such memorable moments to our U.S. troops stationed overseas and in the Lower 48, workers on the North Slope, and others who were physically unable to attend their student's ceremony.

AT&T Alascom's Dan Toomey recorded each of our eight comprehensive high school's graduation ceremonies. Each was then available live and on-demand via online streaming video for 60 days following graduation dates. This year, space was also added for charter and alternative schools to post their videos for on-demand viewing.

The Anchorage School Board officially recognized AT&T Alascom, company president Mike Felix and Dan Toomey for this donation that enables our students' loved ones to witness their graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Felix thanked Mr. Dan Toomey and shared how tirelessly Mr. Toomey works on behalf of AT&T to support not only the Anchorage community but also the deployed troops and others working outside of Anchorage. Mr. Felix noted that there have been over 14,000 hits and over 4,000 downloads of this year's graduation ceremonies.

Presentation on Fort Richardson-Elmendorf Air Force Base Realignment

Ms. Comeau introduced Col. David Shutt who provided a short presentation on the Fort Richardson-Elmendorf base realignment. Col. Shutt explained that the purpose of this briefing was to familiarize everyone with the concept of joint basing and how it will affect our community. He noted that these actions are in compliance with the Base

Realignment and Closure Act of 2005. Col. Shutt noted that he, along with his 3rd Wind counterparts at Elmendorf AFB, had been dealing with this for several years. The goal is to mesh together the installation management functions of two facilities. The timeline for completion on the realignment includes an Initial Operating Capability date of January 31, 2010 and Full Operating Capability by October 1, 2010. At that point the Fort Richardson Garrison Command will cease to exist and there will be a joint base structure in charge.

Col. Shutt indicated that the final result of all of these realignment efforts will have a positive impact. At the end of the realignment there will be an Air Force Colonel in the position of Joint Base Commander with an Army Colonel as Deputy Joint Base Commander. The School Liaison support will increase from three full time positions to five full time positions.

The new name for the resulting facility will be Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER). Col. Shutt explained how the lead bases for the realignment efforts between installations of differing military branches had been determined. There will ultimately be twelve joint bases across the nation.

Mr. Steiner noted that one of the reasons for the realignment was the belief that there would be an increase in efficiency. He wondered if there would be any reduction in staffing due to the consolidation. Col. Shutt indicated that there may be a decrease over time but there has been an initial increase in personnel in order to accomplish the realignment.

Ms. Comeau thanked Col. Shutt for the presentation. She noted that this will be Col. Shutt's final meeting as he had been reassigned and would be moving out of the area. She shared her sincerest appreciation for his outstanding service to the Anchorage School District. She highlighted Col. Shutt's commitment to all district families, students and staff. Ms. Comeau presented Col. Shutt with a gold pan to commemorate his time in Anchorage.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Steele announced that several members of the board had had the pleasure of attending the Military Appreciation Luncheon earlier in the day. This is Military Appreciation Week and offers a good opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices that our military members and their families make on behalf of the rest of the community.

E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS

1. Student Advisory Board

The Student Advisory Board does not meet during the summer.

2. Military Delegate

Col. Shutt introduced Mr. Don Cole who is one of the new School Liaison Officers. Mr. Cole is from Hawaii and has spent many years as an elementary school teacher.

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

The representative from MECAC was not able to attend the meeting.

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Tommy O'Malley, a recently retired elementary school teacher, thanked the administration and board for the honor of receiving a Denali Award earlier in the meeting. He noted that he has spent his career championing difficult causes. He explained that he has tried to keep issues in front of the board and indicated that he may well have seemed like a thorn in the board's collective back pocket at times. He was particularly grateful for the acknowledgement that even somebody who appears to be a dissident can be acknowledged and even recognized for their efforts. He asked the board to continue to allow for the dissidents. It is hard for institutions to change even when change is needed. He explained that he has been disappointed and very frustrated in his efforts to get changes made over the years but he never felt particularly discouraged. He has always felt welcomed. He hoped that his recognition would encourage other people to stand up and try to make necessary changes within the system.

Mr. Friedman welcomed Mr. O'Malley's remarks and appreciated his comments. He noted that it can be difficult to listen to criticism and take value from that critique. Mr. O'Malley has presented himself in a way that has made that possible.

Mr. Steiner noted that Mr. O'Malley's efforts may still prove beneficial going into the future.

G. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Friedman reported that the Policy Committee met last week. The committee is working on the 300 section which deals with Instruction. The committee had also addressed the need to have a policy that sets out procedures for how to respond when being asked for interpretation of policy.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, June 15.

Mr. Higgins reported that the Audit Committee met to address the Student Activities Audit. There has been consistent improvement in these audits over the last several years. The biggest obstacle is staff turnover. Overall it was a very favorable report.

The committee had also discussed revisions on contracts and the potential policy ramifications. There have been several questions asked about the 700 Section of Board Policy in regards to how contracts are exempted from the competitive bid process. The board and the administration have both struggled with the language of that policy. He believed that any efforts to develop recommendations for changes or clarification to the policy should begin with an audit of the contract section. He noted that that is not reflective of contract administration but rather it reflects the scope of the project. The committee has not taken any action but has been considering it and Mr. Higgins asked for input from other board members. In response to a question Mr. Higgins clarified that the suggestion is that there be an audit of selected contracts and the process that was used.

Mr. Higgins indicated that the Audit Committee would be meeting before the end of the month but a specific time had not yet been scheduled.

Mr. Friedman noted that the function of the Audit Committee is to decide which audits to do and what the scope of those audits will be. He indicated that he would be comfortable with whatever decision the committee makes.

Mr. Steele noted his belief that the issue of contracts will need to involve the Policy Committee as well. Ms. Comeau indicated that the audit should result in recommendations for the Policy Committee to act on.

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. Special Meeting - May 28, 2009 - Revised
2. ASD Memorandum #325 - Budget Adjustments and Budget Transfers FY 2008-2009 Financial Plan

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to make the following budget adjustments for the FY 2008-2009 Financial Plan; to appropriate \$4,100,000 to the Local/State/Federal Grants Fund and \$300,000 to the Food Service Fund and to reduce the appropriation to the General Fund by \$4,000,000 and \$400,000 to the Debt Service Fund. Since the overall budget adjustments will not exceed the approved upper limit of the budget, no approval from the Anchorage Assembly is required. The district's FY 2008-2009 revised budget by individual fund will be in the following amounts: General Fund, \$576,915,706; Food Service Fund, \$16,867,000; Debt Service Fund, \$83,926,284; Local/State/Federal Grants Fund, \$59,810,000 for a Total of \$737,518,990.

It is further recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to approve one-time expenditures in the amount of \$3,641,100 with corresponding budget transfers as necessary.

3. ASD Memorandum #364 - Aquarian Charter School: Rental Fee FY 2009-2010

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Administration to establish a rental fee for the use of a facility owned by Anchorage School District by Aquarian Charter School. The recommended rate would be \$.35 per square foot for a monthly rate of \$10,964.45, and an annual rate of \$131,573.40. It is further recommended that the rental period be for three years, with

a CPI adjustment of 35 percent of the base rate each year for years two and three.

4. ASD Memorandum #361 - Acceptance of Funds: Beringia Shared Cultural Heritage Program

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept an award from the National Park Service in the Amount of \$32,128 for the second year of a three-year contract.

5. ASD Memorandum #347 - Award of Contract: North Star Elementary School Energy Conservation Measures

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the North Star Elementary School Energy Conservation Measures to the lowest bidder, M&M Wiring Service, Inc., for the Base Bid amount of \$232,918.

6. ASD Memorandum #348 - Award of Contract: East High School AHU Pre-Heat Coil Replacement

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve, and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the East High School Pre-Heat Coil Replacement Project to the lowest bidder, CRL Services, LLC, for the Base Bid amount of \$222,626, and Assignment A for \$29,328, Alternate #2 for \$13,572, and Assignment B for \$1,378 for a total of award price of \$266,904.

7. ASD Memorandum #343 - School Board Policy Revision: Sections 343.3, 343.31, 343.32, 343.33, 343.34, 343.36, 343.38, 343.39, Student Records (Second Reading)

It is the Policy Committee's recommendation that the Anchorage School Board approve on Second Reading revisions to School Board Policies 343.3, 343.31, 343.32, 343.33, 343.34, 343.36, 343.38, and 343.39 related to student records as shown on Attachment A.

8. ASD Memorandum # 345 - Personnel Report

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

Mr. Steiner requested that ASD Memorandum #364, Aquarian Charter School: Rental Fee FY 2009-2010, and ASD Memorandum #343, School Board Policy Revision: Sections 343.3, 343.31, 343.32, 343.33, 343.34, 343.36, 343.38, 343.39, Student Records (Second Reading), be pulled for discussion.

ACTION:

Moved by: Jeff Friedman
Seconded by: Tim Steele

To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 28, 2009 as Revised and Memoranda #325, #361, #347, #348 and #345 with addendum.

VOTE

Ayes: Jeff Friedman, Pat Higgins, Crystal Kennedy,
Jeannie Mackie, Kathleen Plunkett, Tim Steele,
John Steiner

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

Ms. Comeau introduced Ms. Heather Mildon, the new principal at Chester Valley Elementary School.

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ACTION:

Moved by: Crystal Kennedy
Seconded by: Jeff Friedman

To approve and authorize the Administration to establish a rental fee for the use of a facility owned by Anchorage School

District by Aquarian Charter School. The recommended rate would be \$.35 per square foot for a monthly rate of \$10,964.45, and an annual rate of \$131,573.40. It is further moved that the rental period be for three years, with a CPI adjustment of 35 percent of the base rate each year for years two and three.

Ms. Wendy Romberg, a member of the Aquarian Charter School APC, stated that the school had submitted their 2009-2010 school budget back in October of 2008. That type of forward thinking and true planning for the future is indicative of a solid and mature program. The Aquarian APC has responded quickly to the district's rent proposal. They have determined what would be affordable and discussed ways to increase revenue. She noted that the school believed that they would be able to afford the proposed rental fee by living off of their savings for one year. She asked the board and administration to support Aquarian and acknowledge all of the time, effort and money that has been put into the facility by the school community. They hoped that the decision would be to charge a modest amount over the next year and allow the school to develop a long term plan and consider alternatives to support the educational program at Aquarian.

Ms. Adele Alderman, chairman of the Aquarian APC, asked the board to support the administration's recommendation for rental fees for the Aquarian Charter School facility. She reviewed the process that the Aquarian community had followed to address this issue and some of the plans they are already making for the future. The community has begun looking at becoming an alternative program as opposed to being a charter school. That discussion will continue moving forward. Ms. Alderman indicated that Aquarian believes that they can support the rental cost recommended in the memorandum for one year. They intend to use that time wisely to plan for the future beyond that time period.

Ms. Comeau reported that key staff from the district met with the Aquarian APC. There had been a very good, honest, candid discussion. One of the items that been raised was the idea of looking at alternative versus charter school programs. Ms. Comeau noted that everyone had been very pleased with the facility report. As a result of that report it was felt that the district can invest in that facility and keep it viable for a good ten years. She commented that Aquarian is a very successful program

that does a wonderful job both in student academic success and in encouraging parental involvement. It was important that the Aquarian community understand that this action is not being brought forward to damage their program in any way. It is simply to address the issue of equity between charter schools. The board has been wrestling with this issue of equity for some time.

Mr. Vakalis reported that the initial proposal that had been shared with the board at a meeting in May was simply a starting point. The rental fee amount has since been reevaluated in light of discussions between Aquarian and the administration. Mr. Vakalis briefly reviewed how the administration had progressed from the original suggestion to the rental fee amount on the current recommendation.

Mr. Steele recalled that the facility report included recommended improvements over the next ten year period. He questioned how those recommendations are being handled. Mr. Vakalis reported that the district had already committed to completing repairs to the bathrooms using general fund monies out of the maintenance budget. The bathroom repairs will be completed this summer. The more substantial expense was with the fire sprinkler system upgrade which the board had approved contingent on the results of the facility report. The remainder of the recommendations on the facility report will fall under normal maintenance or capital program funds.

During discussion it was clarified that a recommendation regarding the Aquarian Charter School Fire Sprinkler and Alarm Project would be brought forward to the board for approval. There will be a memorandum at the next board meeting for approval to expend previously set aside funds for that project as well as a memorandum to award the contract.

Mr. Steiner voiced his ongoing concern that this recommendation provides Aquarian with a continued advantage over other charter schools by establishing rental fees that are substantially less than any of the others. He shared his thoughts on how to establish more equivalence over time.

Mr. Vakalis voiced his understanding of the concept that Mr. Steiner had reviewed but believed that the relationships his theory was based on did not account for the fact that every charter school will see increases in their own rent during the same time frame. This particular proposal is one that Aquarian indicated that they believe they can accommodate. It is close to an estimate that they had been given as budgetary guidance as they developed their budget for the upcoming year. Mr. Vakalis noted that this

recommendation is for a three year period only and that there could be a different arrangement altogether in year four.

Mr. Steiner noted that his assumption was that the allocation of services would remain exactly what they have been. Any increase in services provided to Aquarian would actually result in increasing the subsidy the school already receives.

Mr. Friedman recalled that the idea of the analysis was to try to come up with a reasonable rental rate using a number of factors including comparison to what other schools were paying but not using that as the sole factor. He noted that the reason that the building is rentable is due, at least in part, to the efforts of the Aquarian community over the years and that that should be reflected in a lower rate. He did not believe that it was appropriate to try to tie the rental rate at Aquarian, arbitrarily, to the rate at any other particular charter school. Mr. Friedman noted that he had been concerned with the higher rate that had been suggested at an earlier meeting, believing that it was simply too big a step to take in just one year. He would rather that the rent start at a level that the school feels it can afford and address the issue again in three years to determine whether there is still an inequity. He indicated that he would not support a recommendation to try to ease Aquarian up to the higher level at a faster rate as was described by Mr. Steiner.

Mr. Higgins noted that board had been interested in establishing a rate that would be worked out between the district and Aquarian that would not hurt the school but would get them on the right path. He believed that this recommendation met that goal.

Mr. Steele recalled that this issue had been discussed for years. He applauded the board and administration for moving the process forward and being prepared to take action on this proposal. He supported the recommendation and believed that the suggested fee progression was reasonable. The fee structure will have to be reviewed again at the end of the contract period.

Ms. Mackie noted that Ms. Alderman had reported that Aquarian could handle this rental fee for one year. She felt that Aquarian was a shining example of a successful school and that it was in the district's best interest to keep it successful. The school has been allowed to build their program around a budget that does not include paying rent. Ms. Mackie wondered whether delaying the institution of the rental fee would make a difference at the school. Ms. Alderman explained that the APC will spend the next

few months looking at the impact that having continuous rent would have on their program and how they would have to adjust for that within their budget. She did not believe that delaying the initiation of the rental fee would really be of benefit as they would still have to move forward to make plans for the future. Ms. Alderman explained that Aquarian would be able to use rollover funds to pay the rent for the 2009-2010 school year without taking any money out of the program budget. The decision on how to adjust the program will have to be made as the 2010-2011 program budget is developed. Ms. Stokesbary explained how the process of allowing Aquarian Charter School to use rollover funds was determined. She noted that normally rollover funds were to be used for equipment and supplies but an exception can be made in this case and for one year only.

Mr. Steiner passed the gavel to Mr. Steele in order to make a motion to amend.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by: John Steiner

Seconded by: Crystal Kennedy

To amend the last sentence of the original motion by changing the word "three" to the word "two;" deleting the words "each year;" changing the word "years" to the word "year;" and deleting the words "and three."

The amended sentence would read "It is further recommended that the rental period be for two years, with a CPI adjustment of 35 percent of the base rate for year two."

Mr. Steiner indicated that he remained concerned about the level of subsidy that the original recommendation continues to support. If the contract period is for three years there will be another big jump at the end of that period that will again make it difficult to get to a level of fairness and equivalency. He was concerned about locking in the lower rate with such a small adjustment over time. If other charter school rental fees continue to increase as well then the recommended plan will allow the rental rates to get further out of sync again. He did not believe that the original motion brought the matter even close to equivalency. He agreed that the school needs to know what they will be planning for in the upcoming year so he was not opposed to leaving the second year in the

action but felt that the issue should be reassessed at that point. He believed that if the action was going to provide considerable subsidy it should be for a more limited period.

Mr. Higgins explained that he liked the three year time period as it allowed the school an opportunity to plan for the future. All of the other charter schools have leases which provide them the ability to plan their programs around a set increase in rental fees. This issue is more than simply budgeting for the next year; it involves program development and planning.

Mr. Steiner noted that he was not looking in the future to bring the rental rate for Aquarian up to the average of the other charter schools. However he did not want the rate to remain substantially below the least of the others. He noted that the discussion has centered on fairness to Aquarian. He felt that Aquarian has had an unfair advantage for many, many years. The investment that the school itself has put into the facility is valid but Mr. Steiner believed that that makes up for their lack of rent to date. It should not give them future credit for any discount. His concern was that this recommendation was fundamentally unfair to the other charter schools. The charter schools are often compared to one another. Aquarian does great things but is doing so with substantially more money than any other school has because of the subsidy they have on their facility. His desire was to limit the extent that the subsidy continues.

Ms. Alderman voiced her preference for the three year time frame. She noted that other charter schools were able to build their programs knowing the limitations to their budget. She hoped that the board would make their decision based on what Aquarian has determined to be a manageable amount for the three-year time period in order to allow them the maximum amount of time to re-evaluate and plan for their future.

Ms. Kennedy noted that the whole idea of fairness is at the crux of this issue. She did not think that there was any great benefit to extending this lease to three years. These are the same constraints that the district as a whole has to face on a regular basis. The district has to find the way to do the best that it can with the money that is available.

Mr. Steele noted that the recommendation reflected a negotiated agreement. He raised concern about making adjustments to it on the fly. It may not be perfect but it is movement in the right direction.

VOTE on AMENDMENT

Ayes: John Steiner, Crystal Kennedy
Nays: Jeff Friedman, Pat Higgins, Jeannie Mackie,
Kathleen Plunkett, Tim Steele

MOTION FAILED

Mr. Steele returned the gavel to Mr. Steiner.

VOTE on MAIN MOTION

Ayes: Jeff Friedman, Pat Higgins, Crystal Kennedy,
Jeannie Mackie, Kathleen Plunkett, Tim Steele,
John Steiner

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

ASD Memorandum #343 – School Board Policy Revision: Sections 343.3, 343.31, 343.34, 343.33, 343.34, 343.36, 343.38, 343.39, Student Records (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading revisions to School Board Policies 343.3, 343.31, 343.32, 343.33, 343.34, 343.36, 343.38, and 343.39 related to student records as shown on Attachment A.

ACTION:

Moved by: Jeff Friedman
Seconded by: Tim Steele

To approve on Second Reading revisions to School Board Policies 343.3, 343.31, 343.32, 343.33, 343.34, 343.36, 343.38, and 343.39 related to student records as shown on Attachment A.

Mr. Steiner turned the gavel over to Mr. Steele. He noted that he would be making a series of individual amendments.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by: John Steiner
Seconded by: Jeff Friedman

To add the phrase "including any unit of the Anchorage Police Department assigned to the district" in parenthesis following the statement in 343.3.d.2.

The line item 343.3.d.2 would then read: "Records of the Anchorage School District's law enforcement unit (including any unit of the Anchorage Police Department assigned to the district)."

Mr. Steiner noted that he had discussed each of the changes that he would be proposing with Ms. Gardner. The concern with this particular item was that he believed that the reference to school district's law enforcement unit was meant to be the School Resource Officers but that they are not really a unit of the school district; they are a unit of the policy department. He believed that his amendment made sure that they are included in the intent of this phrase.

Ms. Comeau indicated her belief that this is a good addition to the policy. Care will be taken to not include anything in the student record that the police department had provided to the district that was confidential but this policy would help protect that information if that type of document were inadvertently placed in the record.

VOTE on AMENDMENT

Ayes: Jeff Friedman, Pat Higgins, Crystal Kennedy,
Jeannie Mackie, Kathleen Plunkett, Tim Steele,
John Steiner

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

AMENDMENT:

Moved by: John Steiner

Seconded by: Jeff Friedman

To add the sentence "Schools attended and teachers to whose classes the student was assigned" as item 343.33.a.1.H and item 343.33.b.11.

Ms. Gardner noted that the original information was taken from the model records retention list that the board had adopted by reference in its records management policy. She believed that this would be in courses taken and noted that it was not in existing policy language. She did not know what effect this addition would have as it relates to retention schedules, etc. Ms. Comeau added that the Policy Committee had worked closely with the records retention model that is passed through the state and which the board has incorporated into their policy. She was

concerned that this addition could easily be overlooked as it would be different than what every other district in the state uses. She questioned the value of this addition.

Mr. Steiner noted that it was quite possible that the intent was that "courses taken" would include the identification of the teacher and that "attendance" would include the school of attendance. It just does not state anywhere that those pieces of information are maintained. His concern is that both of these items are important and it would be a real problem if they are not included in the record.

Ms. Comeau voiced her concern that the people who worked on this policy have not had a chance to review these changes. She requested that this item be postponed to the next meeting of the board.

Mr. Gardner supported the request to postpone with the exception of Section 343.34, Accessibility of Records. She explained that that section affects how the annual FERPA notice is written and what goes into the student handbooks. She requested that the board take action on at least that particular part of the recommendation.

Mr. Steiner requested board consent to withdraw the amendment on the table. With no objection from the board, the amendment regarding item 343.33.a.1.H and item 343.33.b.11 was withdrawn.

Mr. Steiner asked to divide the question and take action on Section 343.34, Accessibility of Records, and postpone action on the remaining sections in the memorandum.

The question was divided with unanimous consent of the board.

MOTION

Moved by: John Steiner	To adopt School Board Policy
Seconded by: Jeff Friedman	Section 343.34, Accessibility of
	Records, on Second Reading.

VOTE

Ayes: Jeff Friedman, Pat Higgins, Crystal Kennedy,
Jeannie Mackie, Kathleen Plunkett, Tim Steele,
John Steiner

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

MOTION

Moved by: John Steiner
Seconded by: Jeff Friedman

To postpone the remaining items on the recommendation and send the issue back to the Policy Committee for further review prior to Second Reading at the next meeting of the board on June 22, 2009.

VOTE to POSTPONE

Ayes: Jeff Friedman, Pat Higgins, Crystal Kennedy,
Jeannie Mackie, Kathleen Plunkett, Tim Steele,
John Steiner

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Steele returned the gavel to Mr. Steiner.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. ASD Memorandum #346 - Project Status Report

This is a report of activities and project status changes in Major Capital Projects during the period of May 1, 2009 through May 22, 2009.

J. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

K. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Steiner announced that there will be a Board Retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL/FINANCE/NEGOTIATIONS
LITIGATION

M. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of June 8, 2009 was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:38 p.m.

John Steiner, President

Jeannie Mackie, Clerk

Johanna Lee, Recording Secretary

Date Minutes Approve