

## **MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 1998**

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, August 10, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. President Harriet Drummond presided.

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE**

Board Members Present: Harriet Drummond, Peggy Robinson-Wilson, Dave Werdal, Kathi Gillespie and Debbie Ossiander.

Excused Absence: Bettye Davis and Rita Holthouse

Others Present: Bob Christal, Carol Comeau, Janet Stokesbary, Mark Pasier, Bill Mikawa, Pat McDowell, Gail Opalinski, Arge Jeffery, Robyn Rehmann, Jill Waters, Teresa Johnson, Russ Ament, Ed Conyers, Bob Price, Kathy Christy, Lee Wilson, Marie Laule, Larry Wiget, Mary Tanghe, the press and other interested people.

The School Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Harriet Drummond announced the scheduled up-coming meetings.

#### **C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved by unanimous consent noting that an addendum was added to the Personnel Report.

#### **D. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

##### **1. ASD Memorandum #24 - School Business Partnership Student Recognition: Frank Cyra And Josh Wilson**

While taking a School Business Partnership class at Central Middle School, Anchorage School District students Frank Cyra and Josh Wilson developed a plan for a community service project. Their goal was to gather book donations for children at Covenant House Alaska through a 5-K fun run event titled "Run for the Books." Frank and Josh contacted local businesses for sponsorship, and

recruited community volunteers to help stage the event. Thanks to the registered runners, corporate sponsors and other donations, Frank and Josh raised more than \$1,500 worth of books and educational materials for Covenant House Alaska.

The School Board recognized students Frank Cyra and Josh Wilson for their positive community involvement and contribution to Anchorage's children in need.

E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Linda Sharp, Village Charter School, asked the Board to seriously consider assisting the Village Charter School in constructing portable classrooms using funds from their grant. Ms. Sharp also urged the Board to write a letter to the Assembly to encourage them to expedite the upcoming Ordinance regarding coding levels for charter school locations.

Lillian Geer expressed frustration and concern from the Carlton Square Condominium residents about the road construction taking place at the driveway entrance to Turnagain Elementary that impacts the condominium residents. Ms. Geer noted that no one at the condo association was notified that this construction was going to take place.

Ed Conyers explained that Turnagain Elementary was one of the schools that received funding for a traffic upgrade and noted that this road construction will not only enhance the school's entrance but will also widen the entrance to the condominiums as well.

Pam Bickford provided Board members with a copy of a letter of notification of improper procedures associated with the evaluation of students with specific learning disabilities. Ms. Bickford requested a written response within ten days.

Theresa Obermeyer commented on fair elections in the State of Alaska and complaints she has filed against local attorneys.

Susan Anderson, Village Charter School, asked the Board to allow the Village Charter School to increase their student enrollment from 30 to 40 students and for assistance in securing a site for the Village Charter School.

Debbie Ossiander commented that it would be very helpful if the Village Charter School representatives would communicate directly with Carol Comeau for any requests and/or changes to their contract.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval Of Minutes:

- a. Special Meeting – June 22, 1998
- b. Regular Meeting – June 22, 1998
- c. Special Meeting – June 25, 1998
- d. Special Meeting – July 6, 1998 (4:30 p.m.)
- e. Special Meeting – July 6, 1998 (6:30 p.m.)
- f. Special Meeting – July 8, 1998

2. ASD Memorandum #22 – National School Board Code Of Ethics

It is recommended that Anchorage School Board members sign the National School Boards Association Code of Ethics.

3. ASD Memorandum #20 – Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract Extension

It is the School Board's recommendation that the Anchorage School Board and Robert Christal as Superintendent of the Anchorage School District enter into a new contract for the period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2001. The salary for the 1998-99 school year is established at \$115,000.

4. ASD Memorandum #14 – 1998 Charitable Giving Campaign

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the inclusion of United Way of Anchorage and Alaska Community Share and their member agencies as shown in Attachments A and B in the District's 1998 Charitable Giving Campaign.

5. ASD Memorandum #23 – Authorized Representative – Title VIII Of The Elementary And Secondary Education Act Of 1965 (Formerly Title I Of Public Law 81-874)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board appoint Carol Comeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction, as authorized representative for the filing of applications under Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (formerly Title I of Public Law 81-874).

6. ASD Memorandum #15 – Adoption Of Content And Performance Standards For Nurses

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt the attached content and performance standards for school nurses. They will form the basis for performance evaluations beginning this school year.

7. ASD Memorandum #26 – Prior Approval Of Discretionary Grant: America Reads Tutor Training Subcontract

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for a contract from the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory for a subcontract to train community volunteers to tutor children in grades K through three in reading.

8. ASD Memorandum #21 – Acceptance Of Grant Award: RARE-T HIV/AIDS Prevention

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation grant award in the amount of \$40,000 from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, for an existing HIV/AIDS prevention project.

9. ASD Memorandum #28 – Award Of Contract: Student Transportation Contaminated Soil Removal And Installation Of Owner Furnished Fueling System (Revised)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the removal of fuel contaminated soil and installation of a new bus fueling system at Student Transportation to Construction Unlimited Inc. in the amount of \$227,020.

10. ASD Memorandum #25 – Award Of Contract: Furnish & Deliver 12 New 84 Passenger & 1 New 23 Passenger Buses

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve contracts to the low bidders, Quality Equipment Sales & Service, for 12 New 84 Passenger School Buses in the amount of \$946,440, Bid "A," and to Alaska Truck Center for one New 23 Passenger School Bus in the amount of \$42,972, Bid "B," for a total award of \$989,412.

11. ASD Memorandum #16 - Approval Of Schematic Design And Educational Specifications For Baxter Elementary Renovation And Addition

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design development and construction plans for the Baxter Elementary Renovation and Addition project.

12. ASD Memorandum #17 - Approval Of Schematic Design And Educational Specifications For Ocean View Elementary Renovation And Addition

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design development and construction plans for the Ocean View Elementary Renovation and Addition project.

13. ASD Memorandum #18 - Approval Of Schematic Design And Educational Specifications For Creekside Park Elementary Renovation And Addition

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design development and construction plans for the Creekside Park Elementary Renovation and Addition project.

14. ASD Memorandum #19 - Personnel Report

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

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: The Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 6, 1998 (6:30 p.m.), Memoranda #22, #20, #15, #16, #17 and #18.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson  
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 22, 1998; the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 1998; the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 25, 1998; the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 6, 1998 (4:30 p.m.); the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 8, 1998; Memorandum #14; Memorandum #23; Memorandum #26; Memorandum #21; Memorandum #28, memorandum #25; and Memorandum #19 with Addendum.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,  
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,  
Gillespie

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Holthouse

MOTION PASSED.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 6, 1998 (6:30 p.m.).

ACTION:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie  
seconded Peggy Robinson-Wilson

to add to the end of the statement of the motion on Page 4 pertaining to ON STAGE to read: that the Anchorage School District provide a personal service contract in the amount of \$30,000 for ON STAGE programs at east Anchorage schools for one year.

Kathi Gillespie commented that since this timeframe was part of the discussion of this allocation that it would be appropriate to add this to the motion.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,  
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,  
Gillespie

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Holthouse

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #22 – National School Board Code Of Ethics

It is recommended that Anchorage School Board members sign the National School Boards Association Code of Ethics.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #22.  
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson

Theresa Obermeyer commented on the limited time frame for public comment during the *Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items* portion of the Agenda.

The School Board read the Code of Ethics adopted by the Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,  
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,  
Gillespie

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Holthouse

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #20 – Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract Extension

It is the School Board's recommendation that the Anchorage School Board and Robert Christal as Superintendent of the Anchorage School District enter into a new contract for the period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2001. The salary for the 1998-99 school year is established at \$115,000.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #20.  
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Theresa Obermeyer commented on the tenure of the Superintendent.

Michael McVee, AEA, urged the Board to examine the District's health insurance contribution rate and to become competitive in health benefit contributions.

Rich Kronberg, AEA, commented that many teachers have had no compensation increase the past few years and will now in fact take a cut due to increased insurance premiums. Mr. Kronberg urged the Board to discuss this issue with representatives from AEA.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,  
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,  
Gillespie

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Holthouse

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #15 – Adoption Of Content And Performance Standards For Nurses

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt the attached content and performance standards for school nurses. They will form the basis for performance evaluations beginning this school year.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #15.  
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson

Theresa Obermeyer thanked the school nurses for the tender loving care they give to students every day.

Janice Bates, Health Services Supervisor, explained the various aspects of the revised *Performance Standards for School Nurses*. These standards will form the basis for performance evaluations beginning this school year.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,

Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,  
Gillespie

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Holthouse

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #16 – Approval Of Schematic Design And Educational Specifications For Baxter Elementary Renovation And Addition

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design development and construction plans for the Baxter Elementary Renovation and Addition project.

ACTION:

Moved by Dave Werdal to approve Memorandum #16.  
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson

Kathy Christy and Marilyn Barbeau of the Facilities Department explained the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications for the Baxter Elementary Renovation and Addition, noting that the attached Educational Specifications, from Page 98, are specific to Baxter Elementary.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to note on Page 21 of the  
seconded by Kathi Gillespie Summary Area Allocation  
Outline in the Space  
Description, that the Student  
Timeout space is an optional  
space allocation.

Debbie Ossiander commented that labeling the Student Timeout space as optional space would allow other schools the option to designate this space for something other than Student Timeout. Ms. Ossiander expressed concern that the Educational Specifications have been changed and that it is a misstatement to imply that this is the same document approved by the Board in August of 1997.

Kathy Christy explained that there is an asterisk at the bottom of the page noting that this space allocation is flexible, to be finalized by the Building Committee of the school.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Gillespie

Nays: Werdal, Robinson-Wilson  
Drummond

Absent: Davis, Holthouse

AMENDMENT FAILED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson  
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to add for Baxter School to the Recommendation of the memorandum to read: It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications for Baxter School and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design development and construction plans for the Baxter Elementary Renovation and Addition project.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson explained that this would make clear that these specifications are specifically for Baxter Elementary.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,  
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,  
Gillespie

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Holthouse

AMENDMENT PASSED.

Debbie Ossiander suggested that the Standard Elementary Educational Specifications be addressed at a Work Session this fall to see if there are specific areas of concern that need to be discussed.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,  
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,  
Gillespie

Nays: None

Absent: Davis, Holthouse

MAIN MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

Due to the timeframe of Mr. Christal's flight to Seattle, Carol Comeau, Assistant Superintendent, filled in for the Superintendent for the remainder of the meeting.

ASD Memorandum #17 - Approval Of Schematic Design And Educational Specifications For Ocean View Elementary Renovation And Addition

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design development and construction plans for the Ocean View Elementary Renovation and Addition project.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson to approve Memorandum #17.  
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Carol Bushnell, Ocean View parent, expressed concern about the type of openings between classrooms.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson explained that at least three sets of internal doors were approved by the Board to be added to the "added alternatives" October 27, 1997. A decision has not yet been made as to exactly where these doors will be placed (these doors will not be folding doors).

Lou Kustin, Ocean View principal, commented that the committee worked up to the last day of school on these specifications and that the final recommendations have not yet been shared with the committee. Parents will be notified at the back-to-school picnic as to when a meeting will take place to discuss these recommendations.

Kathy Christy and Marilyn Barbeau of the Facilities Department explained the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications for the Ocean View Elementary Renovation and Addition, noting that these recommendations are specific to Ocean View Elementary.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson suggested that the words for Ocean View Elementary be added to the Recommendation of the memorandum.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,  
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,  
Gillespie

Nays: None  
 Absent: Davis, Holthouse  
 MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #18 – Approval Of Schematic Design And Educational Specifications For Creekside Park Elementary Renovation And Addition

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design development and construction plans for the Creekside Park Elementary Renovation and Addition project.

ACTION:

Moved by Dave Werdal to approve Memorandum #18.  
 seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Dave Werdal noted that Baxter Elementary is referred to in the first paragraph of Pertinent Facts and it should state Creekside Park Elementary, not Baxter Elementary.

Kathy Christy and Marilyn Barbeau of the Facilities Department explained the Schematic Design and Educational Specifications for the Creekside Park Elementary Renovation and Addition, noting that the recommendations are specific to Creekside Park Elementary.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson suggested that the words for Creekside Park Elementary be added to the Recommendation of the memorandum.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,  
 Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,  
 Gillespie

Nays: None  
 Absent: Davis, Holthouse  
 MOTION PASSED.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. ASD Memorandum #9 – Operating Budget Transfers – Fourth Quarter FY 1997-98

The Report of Budget Transfers for the quarter ended June 30, 1998 is attached.

Janet Stokesbary and Carol Comeau explained the Fourth Quarter Operating Budget Transfers for FY 1997/98.

2. ASD Memorandum #10 – Out-Of-District Travel – Fourth Quarter Report FY 1997-98

The attached Travel Report summarizes the travel taken by District employees and School Board members during the fourth quarter of FY 1997-98 for both in-state and out-of-state travel. This report complies with the travel procedures established with the revision to School Board Policy Sections 156, Board Member Travel, and 526, Staff Travel.

3. ASD Memorandum #11 – Status Report: Submission of Discretionary Grants, Fourth Quarter

The purpose of this report is to inform the School Board on a quarterly basis of new grants that have been submitted for funding.

4. ASD Memorandum #13 – Fourth Quarter And End Of 1997-98 School Year Suspension/Weapons/Expulsions Report

Information regarding suspensions and expulsions for various offenses, including weapons, is collected from the elementary, middle, and high schools each quarter. This information is shown in the narrative information and as Attachments A-L. In addition, year-end summaries by school and category for each level for the 1997-98 school year are included in these attachments.

The 1997-98 school year should again be characterized as a year where the schools, the Administration, and the School Board continued to aggressively pursue the School Board's adopted goal of "Establishing a supportive learning environment by providing safe and caring schools which are barrier free, by promoting health and wellness, and by collaborating with other community agencies where appropriate." This goal has been supported by the employees at each school as well as by the students and their parents and the business and general community. The attached discipline/suspension reports from the elementary, middle, and high schools show the statistics for the recently completed school

year and the fourth quarter and the schools' efforts to address this important goal.

Carol Comeau noted that on Page 7, High School Expulsions should read: High School Incidents.

Debbie Ossiander expressed frustration with the report and requested a comparison of incidents to past years instead of just previous quarters; i.e., how many students were actually expelled along with past history. Also, information on gun related and drug and alcohol incidents at the present time, in comparison to the past five years, would be helpful along with the percentage of any increase/decrease (a graph depicting this information would also be helpful as well as a long range, five year picture).

I. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Fuhrer, AEA, encouraged the Board to meet with the AEA Executive Board to discuss ways the District could sustain some of the rising health premiums.

Igor Goldshteyn explained to the Board that since his grade point average dropped considerably, due to being ill for a lengthy period of time during the last semester, that he does not qualify to participate in sports at the present time. Mr. Goldshteyn asked the Board that since it was his illness that prevented him from attending school, that perhaps the Board could make an exception that would allow him to participate in sports this fall.

Pat McDowell explained that staff has looked for a means to grant a waiver and have been unsuccessful. However, Ms. McDowell suggested that Mr. Goldshteyn meet with both her and Carol Comeau after the Board Meeting to further discuss this issue.

J. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (PERSONNEL/FINANCE/NEGOTIATIONS/LITIGATION)

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of August 10, 1998 was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:20 p.m.

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Harriet Drummond, President

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Dave Werdal, Clerk

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Date Minutes Approved