

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 1998

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, November 23, 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, Bettye Davis, Rita Holthouse and Debbie Ossiander.

Absent: Kathi Gillespie

Others Present: Bob Christal, Carol Comeau, Janet Stokesbary, Pat McDowell, Gail Opalinski, Arge Jeffery, Robyn Rehmann, Norm Holthouse, Russ Ament, Ed Conyers, Ed Blahous, Larry Wiget, Michelle Egan, Lee Wilson, Marie Laule, Teresa Johnson, Hans Bernard, Bill Turner, 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.

D. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. ASD Memorandum #138 – ATU Children’s Fund Partnership

The Anchorage School District and the ATU Children's Fund have a long-standing positive relationship to provide materials for children with low-incident disabilities. Since 1982, the ATU Children's Fund has donated more than \$140,000 to help children with disabilities in Anchorage. The funds are donated by individual ATU employees through a regular payroll deduction program.

The bulk of these funds are used to purchase instructional materials and equipment that enhance students' participation in their education. Students in special education from pre-school to high school benefit from the materials purchased.

The School Board recognized ATU employees and the ATU Children's Fund for their many years of support to District students certified for special education.

2. Polaris K-12 Presentation: Outdoor Habitat

Denise Greene-Wilkinson, Danny Carpenter, Mark Like, Pam Butcher and Tony Turrini spoke on behalf of the Polaris K-12 Schoolyard Habitat. Along with the help of students, staff, parents, community volunteers, and in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation, a schoolyard habitat is being developed at Polaris K-12. When the habitat is completed, it will be a hands-on, ever-changing outdoor classroom. This project will allow all students at Polaris K-12 to work and learn together.

E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS

1. Student Advisory

Hans Bernard noted that he recently traveled with the Chamber of Commerce to Kodiak and became more familiar with the issues facing rural Alaska. Mr. Bernard also commented that he attended the recent Student Leadership Conference which was held in conjunction with the AASB Conference.

2. Military Delegate

Bill Turner thanked the District for the Parents In Our Schools program and encouraged all parents to participate in this activity. Major Turner indicated that he would like to meet with Administrators to discuss what schools would do in the event that fire arms were brought into schools.

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Becky Faulkner, Kassun Elementary Librarian, encouraged the Board to reinstate library aides because of the heavy workload of librarians.

Julie Dodds of the Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Jim Blasingame of the Anchorage School Business Partnership Board of Directors asked the Board for their support to hold the Partners in Education Symposium in Anchorage in the year 2000. Ms. Dodds stated that hosting this convention in Anchorage would be a wonderful opportunity to highlight the entire community.

The Board unanimously agreed to extend an invitation to the President of Partners in Education to hold their national symposium in Anchorage in the year 2000.

Rich Kronberg, AEA President, commented that the next round of bargaining between the Anchorage School District and the Anchorage Education Association is going to be a critical event in the community and in an effort to produce a win for students and a win for the District's educators, every option should be explored that has the potential to lead to a positive result. Mr. Kronberg invited the Board and the Administration to participate in joint training to learn about interest based bargaining. This joint training would provide a common understanding of this approach to bargaining. After the training, each party would make a determination as to the advisability of this approach to bargaining. Mr. Kronberg noted that an agreement between the Association and the District will be required in order to utilize an interest based approach to bargaining.

Bob Christal noted that the Board and the Administration will further discuss this invitation for joint training in interest based bargaining.

Theresa Obermeyer commented that she comes to Board meetings because she has four children involved in Anchorage schools. Dr. Obermeyer also commented on the additional testing of teachers which begins December 1.

Robert Hayes commented that all entry/exit doors to schools need to be checked during the winter so they are not blocked by snow. Mr. Hayes also suggested that all emergency lights in schools be checked to make sure they are in proper working condition.

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 - October 26, 1998
- b. Regular Meeting - October 26, 1998

2. ASD Memorandum #115 - Revisions To School Board Policy Section 100-Board Of Education (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve revisions to School Board Policy Section 100 on revised Second Reading as shown on Attachment A.

3. ASD Memorandum #123 - Revisions To School Board Policy Section 342.7 - Safety Drills (First Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the revisions to School Board Policy Section 342.7, Safety Drills, as shown on Attachment A, on First Reading.

4. ASD Memorandum #124 - Revisions To School Board Policy Section 213.2 - Superintendent's Duties (First Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve revisions to School Board Policy Section 213.2 - Duties of Superintendent on First Reading as shown on Attachment A.

5. ASD Memorandum #122 - Family Cap On Fees For Middle School And High School Activities

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Administration to implement a Family Cap of \$225 per family for middle school and high school activities beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

6. ASD Memorandum #135 - Acceptance Of Civitas International Exchange Program Continuation Grant

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept the continuation grant award from the Center for Civic Education and funded by the U. S. Department of Education (USDOE) in the amount of \$38,205 to designate Anchorage as a primary site for The Civitas International Civic Education Exchange Program for 1998-1999.

7. ASD Memorandum #136 – Contract Adjustment: Village Charter School Enrollment Increase For FY 1999 - 2000

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve an adjustment to the contract for the Village Charter School for FY 1999-2000 to allow for an enrollment of 120 students in grades K-8 in non-district housing.

8. ASD Memorandum #137 – Budget Transfer For Related Services

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to process a budget transfer for the amount of \$48,000 to support one speech therapist hired through a contract signed with EBS Healthcare Staffing Services.

9. ASD Memorandum #127 – Ursa Minor Elementary School Addition One Percent For Art

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board concurs with the artist selection for work of art for Ursa Minor Elementary School Addition and authorizes the Superintendent to notify the Curator of Public Art at the Municipality of Anchorage.

10. ASD Memorandum #110 – Award Of Contract: Frozen Potato Products

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the award of a contract to Hub Foods for Frozen Potato Products (Attachment B) in the total estimated amount of \$84,050.

11. ASD Memorandum #133 - Award Of Contract: Electrical System Upgrades At Abbott Loop, Bayshore, Campbell And Gladys Wood Elementary Schools And Bartlett High School

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for Electrical System Upgrade Projects at Abbott Loop, Bayshore, Campbell, and Gladys Wood Elementary Schools and Bartlett High School to Electrical Construction and Consulting in the amount of \$81,049.51.

12. ASD Memorandum #134 – Award Of Contract: Electrical System Upgrades At O'Malley, Rabbit Creek, And Turnagain Elementary Schools And East High School

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for Electrical System Upgrade Projects at O'Malley, Rabbit Creek, and Turnagain Elementary Schools and East High School to Jedi Electric Company in the amount of \$102,540.

13. ASD Memorandum #111 – Award Of Design/Build Contract For New Southeast Anchorage Elementary And The Replacement Muldoon Elementary Schools

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board accept the Davis Constructors and Engineers, Inc. proposal to provide the New Southeast Anchorage Elementary and the Replacement Muldoon Elementary Schools; authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and approve one or more contracts with a total amount not-to-exceed \$20,230,000 with Davis Constructors and Engineers, Inc.

It is further recommended that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to transfer \$625,000 from the New Southeast Anchorage Elementary budget to the Replacement Muldoon Elementary budget.

14. ASD Memorandum #139 – New Eagle River High School Site Selection

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School District proceed with formal site selection of a new high school site in the Eagle River area.

15. ASD Memorandum #130 – Personnel Report

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

16. ASD Memorandum #81 – Ratification Of Agreement Between The District And Public Employees Local 71 (Custodians And Building Plant Operators)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and adopt the collective bargaining agreement between the District and Public Employees Local 71, which will establish terms and conditions of employment for custodians and building

plant operators during the period between July 1, 1998 and June 30, 2001.

17. ASD Memorandum #150 – Revision To The 1999 ASD Legislative Priorities

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board revise its 1999 ASD legislative priority, **Full and Early Funding for Public Education**, to reflect the estimated \$26 million needed to fund the second year implementation of the new foundation formula. The revised priority will read:

 Full and Early Funding for Public Education

The Anchorage School Board calls upon the Legislature to:

fully fund the second year of the education funding formula;
and,
support early funding of foundation formula revenues, school-construction debt reimbursement and pupil transportation.

Rationale: The new state education funding formula was approved during the second session of the 20th Legislature with the expectation of full implementation after two years. The Board encourages the Legislature to provide the estimated \$26 million needed to complete the implementation.

A school district's early knowledge of its anticipated revenues for the following school year is absolutely necessary for responsible budgeting decisions. Therefore, the Anchorage School Board supports funding of education formula revenues, school-construction debt reimbursement and student transportation by March 15 of each year in order to meet personnel requirements under the law.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: ASD Memoranda #115, #124, #122, #136, #137, #111 and #139

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson
seconded by Debbie Ossiander

to approve the Minutes of the
Special Meeting of October 26,
1998; the Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of October
26, 1998; Memorandum #123;

Memorandum #135;
 Memorandum #127;
 Memorandum #110;
 Memorandum #133;
 Memorandum #134;
 Memorandum 130 with
 Addendum; Memorandum #81;
 and Memorandum 150.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
 Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
 Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

Bob Christal commented on the successful Ratification of Agreement between the District and Public Employees Local 71 noting that the agreement provides for a freeze on the wage scale for the duration of the contract. An offset to the employee's health insurance co-pay obligations will be provided in the amount of \$300 in the first year, \$400 in the second year, and \$450 in the third year. In addition, a salary bonus of \$115 per year, per employee will be provided in each year of the Agreement.

ASD Memorandum #115 – Revisions To School Board Policy Section 100-
 Board Of Education (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve revisions to School Board Policy Section 100 on revised Second Reading as shown on Attachment A.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #115.
 seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson

Theresa Obermeyer commented that the MECC has been non-functional and inquired as to when it would become an active committee again. Dr. Obermeyer stated that she would be happy to serve on this committee.

Bettye Davis announced that she will be chairing the Minority Education Concerns Committee and that hopefully, in the not too distant future, the MECC will begin to meet on a regular basis again.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to change the second sentence
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson of Policy Section 143.1 to read:
A change in policy requires two
Board readings.

Debbie Ossiander explained that the current language states: A change in policy introduced shall not be adopted until a subsequent regular meeting. This does not follow current practice or intent and does not speak to the important point that policy requires two readings. Ms. Ossiander urged adoption of this amendment.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Gillespie

AMENDMENT PASSED.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

ASD Memorandum #124 – Revisions To School Board Policy Section 213.2 – Superintendent’s Duties (First Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve revisions to School Board Policy Section 213.2 - Duties of Superintendent on First Reading as shown on Attachment A.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson to approve Memorandum #124.
seconded by Dave Werdal

Bob Christal commented that the rewrite of this policy section reflects national standards and expectations for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

Harriet Drummond conveyed a message from Kathi Gillespie that the Policy Subcommittee used the National Superintendents' Standards to prepare these standards and that what is being presented meets or exceeds those standards.

The speaker who signed up to address this memorandum was not present.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #122 – Family Cap On Fees For Middle School And High School Activities

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Administration to implement a Family Cap of \$225 per family for middle school and high school activities beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

ACTION:

Moved by Dave Werdal to approve Memorandum #122.
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson

Bob Christal commented that this recommendation will provide some opportunity for kids to participate in activities where there may be a financial crunch which would otherwise prevent them from participation.

Hans Bernard noted that the Student Advisory Board discussed this issue and they also feel this recommendation will be very helpful in allowing more kids to participate in activities.

Dave Werdal noted that he is supportive of this change and inquired about the punch card system.

Carol Comeau explained that the punch card system was suggested as a way to approach this and that it will be the responsibility of the parents to track the card. Although the schools will have a record of the punch cards, the intent is to not overburden the school staff. Administrative procedures will be developed for the student handbook.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #136 – Contract Adjustment: Village Charter School Enrollment Increase For FY 1999 - 2000

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve an adjustment to the contract for the Village Charter School for FY 1999-2000 to allow for an enrollment of 120 students in grades K-8 in non-district housing.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #136.
seconded by Bettye Davis

Bob Christal commented that preparation for the 99/00 budget is beginning and it is important to work with the charter schools with their enrollment figures. This effort will at least identify the maximum budget amount. There are still many concerns to work through with each of the charter schools as they come forward.

Carol Comeau explained that the Village Charter School requested the Board to consider this contract adjustment for an enrollment increase for the 99/00 school year.

Debbie Ossiander commented that she is not supportive of this recommendation noting that this particular charter school has consistently shown a major difficulty in communicating with the Administration. Ms. Ossiander noted that she continues to receive faxes directly for requests instead of having the requests come through the Administration. With the housing situation still in question, Ms. Ossiander questioned why a 500% increase in enrollment is even being considered.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson explained that the Board approved the charter for this school at 120 students and it was requested to lower that number because of space problems. Ms. Robinson-Wilson did not think the Village Charter School could get 120 students unless their space issue is resolved. However, the budgeting process still needs to begin and it will

be easier to budget for additional students and then scale back rather than having to go in the other direction. Ms. Robinson-Wilson stated that she is willing to support their request but did question the statement in the Recommendation that would allow for an enrollment of 120 students in non-district housing which is telling them they won't even be considered for any potential District housing.

Bob Christal noted that phrase is there because there has been a good deal of misunderstanding about available space in the District. The District currently does not have the ability to house 120 students in a District facility. There are many folks who are interested in the old Northern Lights ABC School. However, there is no guarantee that 120 students could even fit in that school and it is important to be very explicit up front with this particular group.

Dave Werdal commented that he shares the concerns of Ms. Ossiander and the Administration; however, this recommendation is coming from the Administration for this enrollment increase.

Carol Comeau commented that when the Administration received the request from the Village Charter School to increase their student enrollment, it was important to bring this to the Board to make this decision. The contract is between the Board and the Charter School.

Dave Werdal asked if the Village Charter School representatives were aware that this item was on tonight's agenda.

Carol Comeau replied that they were aware that this item was going to be discussed this evening.

ACTION:

Moved by Dave Werdal to table this Recommendation.

There was no second to this motion.

Carol Comeau stated that Mr. Hansen of the Academic Committee of the Village Charter School was informed of the intent of this memorandum and that the Administration has been very clear with this group on all of the issues.

Rita Holthouse noted that the Board is not being asked to approve this charter school for an additional year; this recommendation is for planning and budgeting purposes.

VOTE:

Ayes: Werdal, Robinson-Wilson,
Drummond, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: Ossiander

Absent: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #137 – Budget Transfer For Related Services

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to process a budget transfer for the amount of \$48,000 to support one speech therapist hired through a contract signed with EBS Healthcare Staffing Services.

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse to approve Memorandum #137.
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson

Rita Holthouse stated that she is very much aware of the need to contract for speech therapists because the District has not been able to hire a sufficient number of them. Dr. Holthouse inquired if there is a disparity in what is being paid to the District's speech therapists and what the District is agreeing to pay for a speech therapist through EBS Healthcare Staffing Services.

Robyn Rehmann explained that the hourly rate would be comparable to other speech therapists in the District who have a masters degree when you include their benefits when looking at the total package. The \$50 per hour is the total compensation.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #111 – Award Of Design/Build Contract For New Southeast Anchorage Elementary And The Replacement Muldoon Elementary Schools

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board accept the Davis Constructors and Engineers, Inc. proposal to provide the New

Southeast Anchorage Elementary and the Replacement Muldoon Elementary Schools; authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and approve one or more contracts with a total amount not-to-exceed \$20,230,000 with Davis Constructors and Engineers, Inc.

It is further recommended that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to transfer \$625,000 from the New Southeast Anchorage Elementary budget to the Replacement Muldoon Elementary budget.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson to approve Memorandum #111.
seconded by Bettye Davis

Bob Christal commented that the District staff has put in a good deal of effort to clearly understand the issues at Muldoon Elementary School and that after several meetings, the Muldoon PTA did in fact eventually support this recommendation. The District has committed to work closely with the Muldoon PTA and the architect to provide input on various issues throughout the construction. This effort will be coordinated through the project manager and the office of Elementary Education.

Danie Bring of the Muldoon community asked that the design of the interior of the building be modified to suit the needs of the community and to be kept informed of the progress of the construction.

Christie Chapman stated that on November 10, 1998 the Muldoon PTA met and voted to go with the prototypical design. Ms. Chapman would also like to be kept informed on all decisions regarding the new school and would like to be able to add input. Ms. Chapman further requested that larger windows for the classrooms be considered, traffic lights for the crosswalk be installed, and to upgrade to full spectrum lighting in the classrooms.

Karen Bitzer spoke on behalf of the Anchorage Council of PTA's Executive Board for the Muldoon replacement school. Ms. Bitzer noted that the Anchorage Council of PTAs Executive Board supports the continued use of the prototypical design model for public school construction in the Anchorage School District and read a list of statements to support this rationale. Ms. Bitzer stated that this list will go before the entire PTA general membership as a resolution and that it will be discussed at the Alaska State Convention where it will be suggested that Alaska go statewide on prototypical schools.

Debbie Ossiander thanked and acknowledged Assemblymembers Cheryl Clementson and Melinda Taylor for their support and for their continued push for the needs in Muldoon and particularly for the Muldoon Elementary School.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #139 – New Eagle River High School Site Selection

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School District proceed with formal site selection of a new high school site in the Eagle River area.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson to approve Memorandum #139.
seconded by Dave Werdal

Bob Christal explained that there currently is a site available for a New Eagle River High School, it is necessary to get ownership of that site, and that this is the beginning of that process.

Hans Bernard, Student Representative, stated that the Student Advisory Board supports this recommendation and that since it takes a long time for new schools to be built, the sooner this process can be started, the sooner it can be completed. Mr. Bernard urged the Board to support this recommendation.

Dave Werdal inquired if this site has been discussed with the community.

Bob Christal replied that the Chugiak/Eagle River community has been made aware of this for quite a while.

Harriet Drummond conveyed a message from Kathi Gillespie asking if there was any information about the water, sewer and road needs to this site.

Ed Conyers stated that a developer has brought in water so there is water to the site. The sewer line (approximately 300 – 400 feet) is the only thing that will need to be brought to the site.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ASD Memorandum #131 – End-Of-Month Membership Summary For October 1998

The end-of-month membership report for October 30, 1998 is attached. The total active enrollment at the end of October was 49,458, an increase of 1,025 students over the October 31, 1997 total of 48,433. Table 1 compares the membership on October 30, 1998 with the totals from October 30, 1997.

Rita Holthouse inquired about the wait lists for schools that are under capacity.

Bob Christal noted that written responses are being prepared to address the wait list issue at under capacity schools.

ASD Memorandum #128 – Facility Project Report And Change Order Report For The Month Of October 1998

The monthly Facility Project Report Update and Change Order Report for the month of October 1998 is attached. There are no exceptions to report this month.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson noted that in reference to prototypical schools (Attachment A), it is important to remember that when a problem occurs at one of the schools, that same problem may eventually need to be addressed at the rest of them.

ASD Memorandum #132 – Operating Budget Transfers-October Monthly Report FY 1998-99

The attached report of budget transfers for the month of October 1998 that were processed in the new 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.

Attachment B: Schedule of monthly budget transfers processed for the month of October 1998. Abbreviations in titles represent how data is stored in IFAS; continuity in the abbreviations within IFAS will be achieved at a later date.

ASD Memorandum #129 - Bayshore Elementary School Boiler Replacement - Award Of Emergency Contract

In accordance with School Board Policy Section 725.14, Emergency Contracts, this memorandum reports action taken by the Administration to expedite the Construction Contract award for installation of two new boilers and associated equipment at Bayshore Elementary School. A Construction Contract to complete this work was awarded to Mechanical Construction and Consulting in the amount of \$263,920.

In late July during routine preventive maintenance to re-certify the boiler operating permits at Bayshore Elementary School, Maintenance Department technicians discovered that one boiler had deteriorated to the point it was no longer serviceable and the second was not likely to last through the upcoming heating season. Two boilers are required to provide sufficient heat to the building during the winter.

ASD Memorandum #148 - Potential Use Of Old Northern Lights Elementary School Year 1999 - 2000

For the 1998-1999 school year the Old Northern Lights Elementary School has been used to house Taku Elementary School students during the renovation of Taku. This has been a very successful experience; the school is functioning well in the temporary location, and the busing of students has not been a problem. The construction at Taku was so extensive that the project could not be completed prior to the fall of 1999 without the closure of the school for one year.

For school year 1999-2000, Old Northern Lights will be available for another use. At the current time, the Administration is considering several ideas for the use of this former elementary school. The Village

Charter School and the Aquarian Charter School have expressed interest in use of this school as a permanent location; in addition, this school could also be used to house one or more elementary schools for part of a school year as they undergo major renovation projects.

The District has four major school renovations scheduled for bid in the spring of 1999. Two of the projects, Baxter and Ocean View, are renovation of open concept schools similar in scope to the Taku project. There would be potential construction cost savings, and less disruption to the educational program, if students at these two schools could be relocated during construction.

I. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Bob Christal noted that the Anchorage School District should be very proud that two former students will be participating in the Great Alaska Shootout over the Thanksgiving weekend.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of November 23, 1998 was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:15 p.m.

Harriet Drummond, President

Dave Werdal, Clerk

Date Minutes Approved