

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 1999

The Anchorage School Board met in Special Session on Monday, February 1, 1998, at 4:30 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, Bettye Davis, Rita Holthouse, and Debbie Ossiander

Others Present: Bob Christal, Carol Comeau, Janet Stokesbary, Mark Pasier, Marie Laule, Pat McDowell, Gail Opalinski, Arge Jeffery, Robyn Rehmann, Fred Stofflet, Ray Fenton, Tom Straugh, Norm Holthouse, Larry Wiget, Ed Conyers, Bob Price, Steve Kalmes, Teresa Johnson, Jill Waters, John Alexander, Bill Mikawa, Stan Syta, Lee Wilson, Julie Ginder, Dolores Solano, Brent Rock, Linda Beyer, Neal Black, Hans Bernard, Mary Tanghe, the press and other interested people.

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

B. CONSENT AGENDA

ASD Memorandum #172 - FY 1999-2000 Proposed Financial Plan (First Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to prepare the Anchorage School District's FY 1999-2000 Proposed Financial Plan as set forth in the projected revenue and expenditure schedule (Attachment C). The total budget recommended is \$396,234,663. This includes individual fund budgets currently projected as follows:

	<u>Proposed FY 1999-2000 Financial Plan</u>	<u>Percentage Increase Over FY 1998-99 Revised Budget</u>
General Fund	\$327,100,000	4.24%
Food Service Fund	10,000,000	6.38%
Debt Service Fund	38,134,663	(10.48)%
Local/State/Federal Projects Fund	<u>21,000,000</u>	2.44%
Total - All Funds	<u>\$396,234,663</u>	2.57%

The amount of local tax contribution to be requested is \$117,194,540.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson to approve Memorandum #172
seconded by Kathi Gillespie (First Reading).

Bob Christal gave a brief overview of the FY 1999-2000 proposed financial plan. Mr. Christal explained the budget revisions as compared to last year's budget and addressed the redirection of resources and the allocation of new resources towards student achievement.

Herb Berkowitz, Secondary Reading Task Force, commented that it was very good to see that reading instruction received such a high priority in the budget but expressed regret that the budget process will be completed before the high school reading recommendation is presented. Mr. Berkowitz noted that the District will need to locate reading professionals and teachers who will make the commitment to teach in this area. It will take time, imagination and a whole new commitment to high school reading to make this endeavor a success.

Bob Christal noted that a Work Session will be scheduled this spring to further discuss the Reading Report from the Secondary Reading Task Force.

Phil Gordon, Creekside Park librarian, urged the Board to carefully consider students' needs when deciding whether or not to expand the full day kindergarten program. Mr. Gordon suggested to consider placing the highest priority for more full day kindergarten programs for students who need it the most such as at-risk students

Dave Hanson, Susitna parent, urged the Board to consider the needs of specific schools and what they want when addressing the expansion of the full day kindergarten program. Mr. Hanson suggested the Board consider an extended day (four hours) in lieu of full day kindergarten at some schools.

Jerry Koenig, Susitna parent, stated that he is in opposition to implementing full day kindergarten at Susitna Elementary and would prefer a more moderate approach such as an extended day program consisting of only four hours.

Robin Phannstiel, Aurora Elementary principal, noted the obvious academic gains students achieve through full day kindergarten and with the support of the Aurora parents, encouraged the Board to consider implementing the full day kindergarten program at Aurora Elementary.

Kevin Lindsay, music instructor, commented that he firmly believes that students would be more successful in the music program if they started in the fifth grade. Mr. Lindsay urged the Board to support a music program to begin

in the 5th grade and to also allocate an additional position to the Music Department.

Rita Holthouse made the following statement: "Before action on the budget is taken, I wish to disclose a potential conflict of interest. My husband, Norman Holthouse, is employed by the Anchorage School District as the Executive Director for Management Information Systems and Technology. Because his salary is included in the budget, I have an expectation of receiving a financial benefit in any vote taken on his salary. I therefore am asking the Board to rule on my participation in the budget process in light of this disclosure."

MOTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander that Rita Holthouse has a
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson conflict of interest due to a
substantial financial interest.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Holthouse

MOTION PASSED.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson to approve Norman
seconded by Bettye Davis Holthouse's salary and benefits
in the amount of \$102,925.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Abstention: Holthouse

MOTION PASSED.

Harriet Drummond explained that the School Board has line item authority over this budget. Because of this it is her belief and that of the Board, that even if there is a conflict of interest that exists in one section of the budget, that doesn't necessarily translate over to the rest of the budget. The Board has determined that Rita Holthouse has a conflict in one particular area of the budget. However, this does not preclude her from fully participating in discussion and approval of

the rest of the budget and as such, the chair rules that Rita Holthouse can fully participate in all other items in this budget.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to increase the revenue by \$1,206,230 and increase expenses by \$844,020 (making a net increase in revenues of \$362,210) for expansion of the existing full day kindergarten program. (1) Priority would begin with schools with the highest percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunches, and continue down the list. (2) Expansion would occur in schools where there is community support and space is available. (3) Schools could offer both full and half day programs, if desired, and keep bus service. Extended day could be considered. (4) If there is greater demand than space available, priority for the full day program will go to students scoring lowest on the Kindergarten Assessment. (5) The Administration shall determine the schools.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson explained that discussions have taken place regarding the full day kindergarten issue and the importance of how it ties into what the District is trying to do in the area of increasing student achievement as well as providing choices and options for parents and students.

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

That under #2, above, that the words for the next three years be added.

Debbie Ossiander commented that it would be irresponsible to put a program in a school for one year if there is a space problem; however, there could be room in two or three years.

Rita Holthouse inquired how much the down swing will be in elementary enrollment in the next few years.

Norm Holthouse responded that over the next few years there will be approximately 1,000 fewer elementary students.

Bob Christal explained that in the long term there will be some extra space over the next five to six years. However, the District will continue to have space problems in the elementary schools for the next few years.

Carol Comeau commented that since the Charter School Space Study was done, a considerable number of teachers have been added, and that even though the schools were very happy to get the teachers, they were scrambling for space to put them. This compounds the concern for space for classrooms or the addition of more full day kindergartens.

Arge Jeffery noted that a physical look at each individual facility would need to be done to see if an addition of a full day kindergarten program would damage the current school program.

Rita Holthouse commented that the amendment was carefully crafted to give the Administration discretion where space is available and noted that she was having some difficulty in the comments about lack of space when there is the flexibility in the amendment to place the program where there is space available. Dr. Holthouse further commented that she would like to see this program in all elementary schools and would be pleased with this expansion as a beginning with the hope the District could add this program to additional schools in the next few years.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson commented that she supports the amendment to the amendment to confine it to the next three years since space in the District is very elusive. The Administration needs to work with the schools and the communities to look at how the decision is made as to space availability and urged support of this amendment.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT PASSED.

Kathi Gillespie commented that she is not against the full day kindergarten program but did express concern about how it is implemented. Ms. Gillespie noted an extended day program could offer a more fully developed kindergarten program and would rather look at this type of program in the future.

Rita Holthouse understands the interest in the extended day program and if it could be considered, the communities could have some flexibility in choosing between full day and extended day kindergarten. Dr. Holthouse noted that this is a very flexible motion which gives the Administration maneuvering room.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT AS AMENDED:

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

Nays: Gillespie

AMENDMENT AS AMENDED PASSED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse

that a full day kindergarten program (with the same flexibility as the previous kindergarten amendment) be implemented at Girdwood Elementary School. This action would cost the District an additional \$31,350 but would bring additional revenue of \$56,373 from State Foundation funding and \$15,001 from State Transportation Funding. The total revenue gain for the District will be \$40,024.

Debbie Ossiander stated as a Point of Order that it is outside of the Board's purview to direct an academic program.

Rita Holthouse withdrew the amendment noting her concern for the parents and students in the Girdwood area.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Rita Holthouse

that the instrumental and/or choral music program be extended down to 5th grade.

Debbie Ossiander asked for the Board's indulgence to not add a dollar figure until after a discussion has taken place.

Kathi Gillespie commented that she would rather discuss the cuts first.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to table this amendment.
and unanimously approved

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander that the following positions be
seconded by Dave Werdal eliminated from the budget:
(1) Director of Recruitment/
Staffing; (2) Benefits Manager;
(3) Web Master; (4) Risk
Management/Safety Officer; and
(5) Chief Information Officer.

Debbie Ossiander explained that these positions create too many new changes all at once and it's important to move slowly with the integration of the new business system. There appears to be some duplication of services in some of the positions. Ms. Ossiander also noted that the community is still under the perception that administrative costs are too high and that the money could be better spent in the classrooms.

Kathi Gillespie commented that she is not supportive of cutting any of these positions. These positions were proposed by the Administration because of the need to improve the infrastructure of the District and some of these positions were recommended by the community to enhance, support and enrich the current program and to make the District a better place for business.

ACTION:

Moved by Dave Werdal to Divide the Question.
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson

VOTE:

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

Nays: Ossiander, Davis

MOTION PASSED.

1. To eliminate the position of Director of Recruitment:

Dave Werdal requested a review of the position.

Russ Ament explained that this position would develop recruitment strategies to achieve the required staffing levels as well as schedule and attend job fairs with the appropriate staff. This position would also work with Labor Relations and Benefits to deal with salary and benefit related issues.

Janet Stokesbary stated that the salary and benefits for this position would be \$89,739.

Bob Christal noted that the District will continue to have the challenge of recruitment and will continue to see development issues in staffing.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Holthouse

Nays: Werdal, Robinson-Wilson,
Drummond, Gillespie, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

2. To eliminate the position of Benefits Manager:

Janet Stokesbary stated that the salary and benefits for this position would be \$70,474.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal, Holthouse

Nays: Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Gillespie, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

3. To eliminate the position of Web Master:

Janet Stokesbary stated that the salary and benefits for this position would be \$49,456.

Kathi Gillespie inquired about the likelihood of adequate support for a Districtwide web site using students.

Rita Holthouse commented that this position should be addressed and moved where it ought to be and not impact the instructional program.

Larry Wiget explained that the purpose of the mentorship program is to provide and enhance new skills for students.

Norm Holthouse noted that if students were used to maintain the District's web site, there would always be a need for retraining as the same student would not always be available.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson inquired if this could be a half-time position and then have that person work with a student in a mentorship capacity.

Larry Wiget expressed concern that even with assistance from other areas, not all the District's web site information is getting on the web site in a timely fashion. A half-time position would be very dependent on the person hired for the position.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson that the Web Master position be changed to a half-time position.

Amendment died for lack of second.

Kathi Gillespie noted that a national average salary for this type of position is between \$55,000 and \$70,000.

Harriet Drummond commented that the District's web site has been visited very heavily since July 1. It is important to have a Web Master to oversee the web site instead of having each department do their own site.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Holthouse

Nays: Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Gillespie, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

4. To eliminate the position of Risk Management/Safety Officer:

Bob Christal explained that this recommendation was developed by the budget review group last year. They felt additional work was to be done in this area and thought that if some training was generated to some employees, the District could realize a savings in the Worker's Compensation area which would offset the cost associated with this position.

Janet Stokesbary noted that the salary and benefits for this position would be \$76,481 and that an additional expectation would be to have this individual perform on-site audits in an effort to reduce injuries.

Debbie Ossiander noted that she chose to delete this particular position because there is a group of employees representing all bargaining groups who have discussed Worker's Compensation issues which is a more direct way to work with all bargaining groups instead of having one person address these issues.

Kathi Gillespie inquired if all the bargaining groups have someone on staff to do training sessions.

Lee Wilson responded that some units do some safety training; however, there are numerous requests in classified units to increase the amount of training to enhance the safety programs.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal, Holthouse

Nays: Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Gillespie, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

5. To eliminate the position of Chief Information Officer:

Peggy Robinson-Wilson asked for more clarification on this position.

Bob Christal explained that Norm Holthouse currently holds the position of Executive Director, Technology/MIS. The recommendation for the new position came from the StrateGen Report and the budget review process. The strongest part of the StrateGen Report addressed the issue of coordinating efforts throughout the entire system, not just the areas that report to Dr. Holthouse. There are islands of technology throughout the District. It is important that some effort is expended to coordinate technology throughout the District and to include the business area of the District in this coordination as well.

Janet Stokesbary stated that the salary and benefits for this position would be \$103,616.

Debbie Ossiander noted that she included this position to be eliminated because she believes there is some potential for duplication of responsibilities.

Kathi Gillespie commented that the easiest way to look where one is going is to look where one has been. The District decided to take a leap of faith and look to the future as to where the District wants to go with the new business system. It is now time to move forward and to build an infrastructure to enhance what is going on in the District. Ms. Gillespie stated that she supports this position and urged the Board to support this as well, and further commented that it is critical

that the District moves forward in a way to provide administrative support to enhance the programs that are being put in place.

Harriet Drummond commented that it is extremely important to appropriately support the technology infrastructure of the District especially in light of considering where the District has been and where the District is going.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Holthouse,

Nays: Werdal, Robinson-Wilson,
Drummond, Gillespie, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

Recessed at 6:55 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Bettye Davis

that the Elementary
Instrumental Music Program
be expanded to 5th grade for
\$430,000.

Debbie Ossiander commented that it's important to take the academic benefits of music very seriously and this is a way kids could benefit academically and socially, and that it would also bring the joys of a lifelong pursuit to kids for a very minimal relative cost.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson requested an administrative reaction to this amendment and how it would affect the rest of the 5th grade program. Ms. Robinson-Wilson noted that this would be a major program change and would have preferred a discussion on this prior to it coming to the table.

Bob Christal stated that this has not come up for administrative review and that it would impact some classroom programs.

Carol Comeau noted that she met with Mike Martinson and Fred Stofflet about a year ago to review the instructional music program and the need for additional administrative support in this area. There has not been an opportunity to discuss this with the elementary principals. Ms. Comeau commented that it would be preferable to discuss this with principals and then look at implementing something a year from now.

Fred Stofflet commented that a considerable amount of time was spent discussing the music reduction which occurred a few years ago and it basically

came down to instrumental people on one side and instructional people on the other side. It is very important for more discussion and coordination in this area to see what would work best.

Arge Jeffery noted that the issue of instrumental music has had strong support from principals but there has been mixed feelings on the impact this would have on some programs. The instructional program was becoming so fragmented that instrumental music was being discussed as being desirable to become an after school program. This proposal will regenerate those same issues today and there will be a space impact.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson inquired as to where the \$430,000 would come from to support this amendment.

Debbie Ossiander commented that the best answer is that it absolutely does need to have some discussion with the music committee, Mike Martinson and the building principals. Ms. Ossiander noted that she would rather have that group of individuals make those decisions in how best to expend the money. It is important to have some discretion in how the funds are to be allocated.

Kathi Gillespie noted that the quality review committee members thought that the Board needed some financial expertise in certain areas and now it is being suggested that money be put into a program that has not come up through an administrative review and without knowing the actual cost. Ms. Gillespie further commented that more time is needed in the reading and math areas and expressed concern about what the implications will be if the up-coming benchmarks are low. It's important to have this come up through the Administration and to look at how much the cost will actually be.

Dave Werdal agreed that it would have been more appropriate for this to come up through the Administration but this is the first year in a long time that the Board has the discretion to do something in this area.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson commented that the program that is being proposed is not the same program that was eliminated several years ago (moving back to include the 5th grade is not moving back to the same program). Ms. Robinson-Wilson urged defeat of this amendment until there has been sufficient time to discuss the expansion of this program.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Drummond, Holthouse

Nays: Robinson-Wilson, Gillespie,
Davis

AMENDMENT PASSED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson

that the new positions of
Assistant Superintendent for
Support Services and Executive
Secretary for that person be
eliminated from the proposed
budget, for a reduction of
\$175,515.

Rita Holthouse explained that she initially was supportive of this recommendation when it was recommended by the Quality Education Review Committee that the Superintendent should not be directly supervising the positions in the Support Division. Dr. Holthouse noted that she was hoping that if the direct supervision of these programs were removed from the Superintendent, he would be able to be in the schools more and to be more accessible to employees. In reviewing the suggested revision to the organizational chart, this position would remove only two areas from the Superintendent's direct supervision and therefore, she is not as enthusiastic about this recommendation. Dr. Holthouse stated that she would support this if most of the positions currently under the Superintendent's supervision would be allocated to this position.

Janet Stokesbary stated that the \$175,344 includes: An Assistant Superintendent (\$114,684); an Executive Secretary (\$57,160); and Supplies (\$3,500).

Bob Christal explained that the Quality Education Review Committee encouraged the District to coordinate its business functions in a more proactive manner and this would be a way to address that issue. A great deal of supervisory responsibilities of this position will depend on the expertise, the skill and the ability of the selected individual. This will be a multiple effort to get someone into the system who has business expertise and can be a good match with Carol Comeau's area, Janet Stokesbary's area, and the Superintendent's area. Mr. Christal noted that it would be unrealistic to expect someone to come into the District and take on the responsibilities of ten areas. Mr. Christal further noted that it his desire that this position will allow him to be in the schools more and to also be more accessible to employees.

Kathi Gillespie commented that the Board has recognized and supported the workload in every area and it's also important to pay attention to the people who are Exempt and to be careful that we don't burn these people out either. The average tenure of a Superintendent is two to three years. This community is very fortunate to have a Superintendent who intends to stay for a while and it's

not right to take advantage of that by continuing to have him do ten jobs all at the same time. From an infrastructure standpoint, it's important to get a business person in the recommended position.

Dave Werdal stated that it's important to keep in mind that the Superintendent will be bringing someone in with a business background. Mr. Werdal further stated that he is comfortable with the Superintendent's management of this position.

Debbie Ossiander commented that she would be more comfortable with supporting this position if the Superintendent could give his assurance that this position would enable him to get out in the schools more.

Bob Christal stated that is the intent behind this recommendation. It's a matter of getting the position staffed this summer and to get it off and running.

VOTE:

Ayes: Holthouse

Nays: Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Gillespie, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson	to eliminate the giving of the
seconded by Bettye Davis	CAT5 test to 11th graders,
	decreasing expenditures by
	\$6,608.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson commented that at the 11th grade level, with all the tests the students take, if they don't pass the tests, she really doesn't see where the benefits are in continuing to give the CAT at the 11th grade level. There needs to be some discretion in the levels the tests are given. Ms. Robinson-Wilson suggested to only give the tests that are necessary.

Hans Bernard agreed with Ms. Robinson-Wilson noting that it does give students who are applying for college application one more test that is nationally recognized.

Kathi Gillespie commented that this test is probably used as much as a District analysis on how the District is performing. Ms. Gillespie stated that she will be voting against eliminating this test noting that this is a small amount of money and provides useful information. Ms. Gillespie further noted that there

will be a review and analysis of all the testing being done in the District in the near future and would like to look at that analysis first.

Fred Stofflet commented that this is a basic skills test and there are other exams students are taking that are more critical to them such as college entry types of exams.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Drummond, Gillespie

AMENDMENT PASSED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Dave Werdal

that the Writing Assessment be
removed from the budget for
\$77,515.

Debbie Ossiander expressed concern about how labor intensive the writing assessment is and that it takes a lot of added duty and substitute days to score. Language arts teachers do a lot of the writing assessment already.

Kathi Gillespie inquired as to how many days this took teachers out of the classroom.

Fred Stofflet responded that it took 130 teachers two days each.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander

that the Parking Fee be
reinstated and the funds used
to reduce fees for the Secondary
Competitive Sports Program.

Amendment died for lack of second.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse
seconded by Bettye Davis

that \$7,000 be placed in a Senior High School emergency fund to be used to provide cafeteria meals to students on an emergency basis.

Rita Holthouse commented that both elementary and middle schools participate in the government free and reduced lunch program. In the mid-1980's the District removed that option from the high school students and went to a different type of meal. Last year 1,735 applications were approved for middle school students. If half of those students were 8th graders whose family income was low enough that they qualified for help, it's important to assume that the family income of those students didn't increase yet they no longer have the safety net of the free and reduced lunch program. Dr. Holthouse stated that she would like to see this be used as a stop gap measure for this year and then to see if there could be some grant assistance in future years.

Debbie Ossiander commented that she is supportive of the intent of this amendment and would like to know if any portion of this could come out of the Food Service Fund rather than the General Fund.

Janet Stokesbary noted that she will find out if this allocation could come out of the Food Service Fund.

Hans Bernard noted that this would be very beneficial to students whose families cannot afford lunch services and commented that hunger does not equate to good study habits.

Bob Christal stated that the Administration will look into whether or not this can be funded through the Food Service Fund.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse
seconded by Bettye Davis

That \$2,000 be added to
Account 3030 in Curriculum
and Instructional Services to
provide access to the AKCIS
and GIS systems to Polaris,
Steller, SAVE I, and Benny
Benson.

Rita Holthouse explained that the secondary alternative schools do not have access to these systems and students in these schools have just as much need and right to access these systems as the students in the regular middle schools and high schools.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED.

Hans Bernard commented that the changes to the budget are beneficial to students and that the District is going in the right direction in allocating money for technology which is something the District needs to fund on an on-going basis. Mr. Bernard further commented that he was pleased to see the elimination of the parking fee.

MOTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to cut off debate and vote on
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson the main motion.
and unanimously approved

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

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

Nays: None

MAIN MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

C. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION - (PERSONNEL/FINANCE/NEGOTIATIONS/LITIGATION)

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of February 1, 1999, was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:50 p.m.

Harriet Drummond, President

Dave Werdal, Clerk

Date Minutes Approved