

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 1999

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, March 8, 1999 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, Bettye Davis, Rita Holthouse and Debbie Ossiander.

Others Present: Bob Christal, Janet Stokesbary, Gail Opalinski, Arge Jeffery, Norm Holthouse, Ed Conyers, Ed Blahous, Lee Wilson, Larry Wiget, Bill Mikawa, Bob Price, Kathy Christy, Michelle Egan, Marie Laule, Jim Taylor, Bill Turner, 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. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harriet Drummond announced the scheduled up-coming meetings.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by unanimously consent.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson	to add Memorandum #245
seconded by Bettye Davis	as item #3 to the Consent
and unanimously approved	Agenda.

D. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. ASD Memorandum #219 - Alaska's 1999 Prudential Spirit Of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. The awards program, now in its fourth year, is

sponsored by the Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

This year nearly 20,000 high school and middle school students were considered for this national award. The Anchorage School District is pleased to honor West High School freshman Frank Cyra-Korsgaard and Central Middle School of Science eighth-grader Esther Perman on their selection as Alaska's best youth volunteers in this prestigious competition.

E. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Celebrate National Music Month and National Middle School Month

Gail Opalinski noted that March is recognized as National Middle School Month and presented the Board with the poster *Leading From the Middle – Partners in Excellence* and a book entitled Integrating Technology Into Middle School Mathematics. Also, in celebration of National Music Month, the 6th Grade Orchestra as well as the 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra from Mirror Lake Middle School performed a number of selections under the guidance of Phil Burch.

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Beth Webber, Ursa Major PTA president, expressed concern on behalf of the families of Ursa Major Elementary about not being included in the future planning of the best utilization of Ft. Richardson's schools. Ms. Webber noted that a long range plan needs to be put in place for the students at Ursa Major to continue the stable learning environment in that community. Ms. Webber further noted that it has been discouraging to keep the Ft. Richardson students spread out at three different sites instead of two which would be a more educationally sound decision and would also allow the current programs which are in place at Ursa Major to continue. Ms. Webber noted that it was her understanding that the Task Force that met last year would continue this year to address this issue. The main concern is that when school is opened this next year, there will be a significant change in the programs if the student population is cut down to 210 students. Ms. Webber noted that there is plenty of room at Ursa Major to house the students from J. F. Kennedy Elementary.

Cindy Keyes, Ursa Major Elementary teacher, expressed concern about the many changes that occur yearly at Ursa Major and that it is time to develop and implement a long range plan for the Ft. Richardson schools.

Arge Jeffery commented that he met with LTC Snead, Post Commander of Ft. Richardson, on February 23, 1999 and began a discussion on a whole range of possibilities for the schools located on Ft. Richardson. Another meeting has been scheduled for April 14, 1999 to continue this process.

Post Commander LTC Snead commented that discussions have occurred regarding the options surrounding the post schools and noted that he is looking forward to the April 14th meeting. LTC Snead noted that it is important to research all of the alternatives and to discuss what can be done to preserve the current program at Ursa Major.

The Board requested that the Administration bring a recommendation to the Board at the May 10th School Board meeting regarding the plans/recommendations for the on-post schools.

Hans Bernard commented on the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination noting that this exam is one of the best for measuring student performance. Students are required to formulate their own answers in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics which requires students to know their subjects better. Mr. Bernard further noted that the amount of writing required of students is extensive and that students need to continue having writing assessments as often as possible to help them prepare for this exam.

The Board unanimously agreed that the remainder of the *Persons to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items* be moved to the end of the meeting.

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 19, 1998
- b. Regular Meeting - February 1, 1999
- c. Special Meeting - February 4, 1999
- d. Special Meeting - February 8, 1999
- e. Regular Meeting - February 8, 1999
- f. Special Meeting - February 16, 1999 – 4:30 p.m.

g. Special Meeting - February 16, 1999 - 7:00 p.m.

2. ASD Memorandum #220 - A Resolution In Support Of National Middle School Month

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt the attached resolution recognizing March as Middle Level Education Month.

3. ASD Memorandum #245 - Resolution In Support Of Investing Tobacco Settlement Money On Effective Tobacco Prevention And Cessation Programs

It is recommended that the School Board approve a resolution in support of investing tobacco settlement money on effective tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

4. ASD Memorandum #199 - Revisions To School Board Policy Section 200 - School Administration (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve revisions to School Board Policy Section 200, School Administration, on Second Reading as shown on Attachment A.

5. ASD Memorandum #211 - Renewal Of Contract: Zero Banking Services

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with the First National Bank of Anchorage for a one-year period, May 1, 1999 through April 30, 2000 and that the Non-Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit be authorized at \$985,000 for Zero Balance Banking Services.

6. ASD Memorandum #235 - Acceptance Of Grant Award: Safe And Drug Free Schools Highway Safety Prevention Projects Booklet

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant for the development of a highway safety projects booklet from the Alaska Highway Safety Planning Agency in the amount of \$9,126.

7. ASD Memorandum #222 – Personnel Report

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

8. ASD Memorandum #203 – Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan Analysis And Recommendations: July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Anchorage School District *Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan Analysis and Recommendations: July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000*.

9. ASD Memorandum #238 – Adjustment To 1999-2000 Financial Plan

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to make the necessary budget revisions to balance the FY 1999-2000 Proposed Financial Plan by reducing the expenditures in the General Fund by \$394,745. With this reduction, the FY 1999-2000 Proposed Financial Plan will be \$397,116,330, which is exemplified below:

	Proposed FY 1999-2000 <u>Financial Plan</u>	Revised FY 1999-2000 <u>Financial Plan</u>	Requested <u>Revisions</u>
General Fund	\$328,376,412	\$327,981,667	(\$394,745)
Food Service Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
Debt Service Fund	38,134,663	38,134,663	0
Local/State/Federal Projects Fund	<u>21,000,000</u>	<u>21,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total-All Funds	\$397,511,075	\$397,116,330	(\$394,745)

It is further recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to prepare and submit an “S” version of Assembly Ordinance Number 99-46 (AO NO. 99-46) to approve the operating budget of the District for FY 1999-2000; and Assembly Memorandum Number 187-99 (AM NO. 187-99) presenting the District’s FY 1999-2000 budget to the Assembly reflecting the above approved revisions prior to the Public Hearing on March 16, 1999.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: ASD Memoranda #220, #245, #199, #211, #222, #203, and #238.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 19, 1998; the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 1, 1999; the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 4, 1999; the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 8, 1999; the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 1999; the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 16, 1999 (4:30 p.m.); the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 16, 1999 (7:00 p.m.); and Memorandum #235.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #220 – A Resolution In Support Of National Middle School Month

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt the attached resolution recognizing March as Middle Level Education Month.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson to approve Memorandum #220.
seconded by Debbie Ossiander

Gail Opalinski commented on the list of activities the middle schools plan to accomplish during National Middle School Month.

The Board read the resolution.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #245 – Resolution In Support Of Investing Tobacco Settlement Money On Effective Tobacco Prevention And Cessation Programs

It is recommended that the School Board approve a resolution in support of investing tobacco settlement money on effective tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

ACTION:

Moved by Bettye Davis to approve Memorandum #245.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Debbie Ossiander commented that this resolution appears to potentially support a piece of legislation and that although Ms. Ossiander supports the intent of the resolution, she noted that it has not been the Board's practice to support particular pieces of legislation.

Larry Wiget explained that the intent is to not necessarily support the legislation but to support the intent.

Bettye Davis explained that the Board did go on record to support the tax bill to increase the cigarette tax and that this specific legislation has been supported in the past.

Kathi Gillespie suggested that the reference to a specific bill could be deleted from the resolution and to note that at least 50 percent of the money go toward cessation programs.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie to delete the ninth "Whereas"
seconded by Debbie Ossiander from the resolution and to
change the "Now, Therefore" to
read: NOW, THEREFORE, be it
resolved that the Anchorage
School Board supports the
intent to invest at least 50
percent of the tobacco

settlement money on effective tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson commented that the resolution that was previously passed by the School Board was part of the Board's legislative agenda before there ever was a specific bill addressing this issue.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MAIN MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

The Board read the amended resolution.

Debbie Ossiander suggested that since the person who signed up to address Memoranda #199, #211, and #222 is not present, that the Board take action on these three items.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to approve Memorandum #199;
Memorandum #211; and
Memorandum #222.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #203 – Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan Analysis
And Recommendations: July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Anchorage School District *Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan Analysis and Recommendations: July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2005.*__

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson to approve Memorandum #203.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Norm Holthouse, Executive Director of Technology/MIS and Shanna Wasserman, Manager of Demographic Services gave a detailed presentation of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Debbie Ossiander indicated an interest in reviewing the numbers from the state demographer that support the projected decline in the number of students. Ms. Ossiander also requested the six-year out accuracy rate percentage.

Debbie Ossiander commented that it would make more sense to deal with the Six-Year CIP prior to putting a bond package together noting the importance of having the most current information possible for bond package preparation.

Debbie Ossiander requested an explanation about the projected decline of 128 students at Alpenglow.

Norm Holthouse responded that he would put that information together. Dr. Holthouse also noted that Table 31 on page 188 should be reflected as boundaryless schools.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie that the Administration review
seconded by Rita Holthouse and make recommendations to
the Board on the process for
prioritization of capital projects
within the CIP.

Kathi Gillespie noted that she would like the District to have a better handle on how these projects are prioritized and it is her hope that the Administration could take a look at the process in use now and come up with recommendations on how to improve the prioritization process.

Rita Holthouse stated that she supports this amendment and inquired as to who sets the priority for the projects.

Bob Christal explained that for the most part, the Facilities Department developed the original list with input from the Administration. If the criteria for prioritization of the projects is to be modified, it is important that the instructional departments be included in the process.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED.

Dave Werdal inquired if doing the CIP earlier in the year would give the document more credence.

Bob Christal responded that he believes the document is being used exactly how it has been meant to be used. Also, there is talk about changing the election process from spring to fall which would have a great impact in the area of the District's construction plans. The CIP is based on the September enrollment and staff devotes a huge amount of time and work from September to February compiling all the information that is included in the CIP. An earlier time frame would create a huge burden on staff. Mr. Christal also pointed out that some of the information in the CIP is not available until January 1.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson
seconded by Debbie Ossiander

(Page 246 of CIP) that under
Bartlett, "D" Space Utilization
Study Involving Creekside and
Ptarmigan, be changed to
"Overcrowding Study of
Ptarmigan School."

Peggy Robinson-Wilson explained that when the decision was made to put an addition on Creekside Park, the community did not know about the Ptarmigan space utilization. The remodel money for Ptarmigan didn't address the overcrowding problem. Something needs to be done with the overcrowding situation at Ptarmigan and focus should be widened to address the overcrowding study of Ptarmigan Elementary. Ms. Robinson-Wilson suggested that other possibilities other than just a boundary change to Ptarmigan should be looked at such as an addition to Ptarmigan or perhaps boundary changes to other schools.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Gillespie

AMENDMENT PASSED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson
seconded by Dave Werdal

(Page 246 of CIP) that under
Bartlett, "I" be changed to read:
Base Schools Space Utilization
Study for the School Year 1999-
2000. Post Schools Space
Utilization Study is to be
completed this spring.

Debbie Ossiander inquired if the post schools study can be completed
this spring.

Bob Christal responded that there will be a review or a recommendation
on the Ft. Richardson schools at the May 10, 1999 Board meeting.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Ossiander

AMENDMENT PASSED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson
seconded by Dave Werdal

that the Space Utilization Task
of Airport Heights, Mt. View,
Tyson, Williwaw, and Wonder
Park schools reconvene and
meet this spring to review and
possibly revise their
recommendations. Their
current recommendations will
be forwarded to the
Administration. The School
Board will hold public hearings
this spring as required by
boundary change policy.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson explained that when the Board voted down the boundary recommendation last spring, she thought that the Administration would bring this issue back at a later time. Ms. Robinson-Wilson inquired if anything has changed and noted that she would like to see the committee get back together to review this issue.

Bob Christal explained that the Board tabled the motion last spring as to whether or not to further address this issue which left it up to the Administration to decide if the boundary committee would reconvene. The Administration decided not to proceed with any changes. Williwaw Elementary modified its zone exception process which significantly eliminated its overcrowding situation, as did Wonder Park Elementary. The overcrowding issue is adjusting itself and staff is tracking it to see if any adjustments need to be addressed.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson noted that with this information she will not be supporting this amendment since the overcrowding situation has been rectified and since staff continues to keep track of this issue.

VOTE:

Ayes: None

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

AMENDMENT FAILED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson
seconded by Dave Werdal

that the Six-Year CIP be
presented to the School Board
for approval in November to
allow it to form the basis for
school construction bond
proposals.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson explained that she appreciates the fact that staff may not have all the data needed in the fall, but in putting together a bond proposal in December, it would go smoother if the Board could talk about the projects in the up-coming six years before having the bond discussion. It would make more sense to have the discussion on planning for six years when discussing bond proposals and the CIP could then be used as a planning document for bond proposals. Ms. Robinson-Wilson suggested that perhaps the CIP document needs to be broken in half, dealing with more of the recommendations in the fall and have the broader picture of trends in March.

Kathi Gillespie expressed concern about breaking out the prioritization of projects from the hard data. Ms. Gillespie also noted that it's important to realize that the elections may be moved from spring to fall and if that should happen, the current timeline for the CIP document is right in line. Changing the CIP process when a change of election dates is on the ballot this year doesn't make a lot of sense.

Rita Holthouse inquired as to how long it takes to prepare the CIP document.

Norm Holthouse explained that it takes approximately three months to put the document together noting that much of the needed data is not available until the end of September. More resources will need to be made available if the Board desires to receive this report in November.

VOTE:

Ayes: Werdal, Robinson-Wilson

Nays: Ossiander, Drummond,
Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis.

AMENDMENT FAILED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander	to move Chugiak Senior High
seconded by Peggy Robinson-Wilson	Phase I to Year 2000-2001 and
	Phase II and Phase III to Year
	2000-2001.

Debbie Ossiander explained that it's important to keep Phases I, II and III tied together and originally thought the renovation project would be one project. Ms. Ossiander urged support to keep these three phases together.

Bob Christal commented that Phase I is on the Assembly approved ballot and asked the maker of the motion if she is suggesting moving it backwards than what is on the bond and if Phase I should not be started until there is money for Phase II and Phase III.

Debbie Ossiander explained that it may very well be that the District doesn't have flexibility on this but the message is the negative impact on the school by just doing Phase I. Phase I may be all that can be done if the voters approve the bond, but if all three phases were combined in this

document, it would provide a recognition that the other phases are linked to and dependent upon Phase I.

Dave Werdal noted that agreeing to this amendment would not show support for the Assembly approved bond.

Bob Christal explained that it's important to do the phases in steps and expressed concern in shifting the first year off the schedule that was proposed in the bond package.

Kathi Gillespie noted that there are a lot of people in south Anchorage who feel very strongly that the first three phases of their projects should be moved up also and expressed concern that if Chugiak is moved up, then it would follow that the Service project be moved up as well. Ms. Gillespie expressed further concern about the Board talking negatively about the bond package and that it is now extremely important to go out and sell the bond proposal to the entire community.

Hans Bernard suggested that Phase II and Phase III be addressed in Year 2001-2002.

Debbie Ossiander suggested that if it is acceptable to the Second, to drop Phase I from the amendment and urged support in moving Phase II and Phase III up one year.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson stated she will support this amendment noting that there is nothing for the Chugiak area for Year 2000-01.

Harriet Drummond commented that there was a fair amount of criticism from the Assembly that the bond package, year-by-year, didn't match with the CIP document. Ms. Drummond suggested that the CIP be left as it is with some minor tweaking and to discuss reprioritization at a later time. Ms. Drummond noted that she will not support the amendment that is on the floor.

Kathi Gillespie called the question.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal
Nays: Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis
AMENDMENT FAILED.

The Board requested that the Administration align the first year of the project schedule in the CIP with the bond proposal.

Rita Holthouse requested a memorandum from the Administration that outlines a plan on how the District can come up with better figures for the 2001 and 2002 projects (whether through audits or analyses). The memorandum could at least state when there will be an audit or an analysis to come up with better figures for the projects for those two years.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Bettye Davis

that CIP recommendations and project schedules (current Table 38) be on Board agenda prior to bond discussion.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,
Davis
Nays: Gillespie, Holthouse
AMENDMENT PASSED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Harriet Drummond
seconded by Bettye Davis

to add in "Districtwide" on Table 38, a study in the year 1999-00 for "Charter School Housing."

Harriet Drummond explained that there may be an opportunity to house charter schools in the District and this would be a sincere gesture to the charter school community that the District is thinking about them. Charter Schools are District schools just as any other school and it is only fair to have them listed in the CIP.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Ossiander

AMENDMENT PASSED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

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

Nays: Ossiander

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #238 – Adjustment To 1999-2000 Financial Plan

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to make the necessary budget revisions to balance the FY 1999-2000 Proposed Financial Plan by reducing the expenditures in the General Fund by \$394,745. With this reduction, the FY 1999-2000 Proposed Financial Plan will be \$397,116,330, which is exemplified below:

	<u>Proposed</u> FY 1999-2000 <u>Financial Plan</u>	<u>Revised</u> FY 1999-2000 <u>Financial Plan</u>	<u>Requested</u> <u>Revisions</u>
General Fund	\$328,376,412	\$327,981,667	(\$394,745)
Food Service Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	0
Debt Service Fund	38,134,663	38,134,663	0
Local/State/Federal Projects Fund	<u>21,000,000</u>	<u>21,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total-All Funds	\$397,511,075	\$397,116,330	(\$394,745)

It is further recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to prepare and submit an "S" version of Assembly Ordinance Number 99-46 (AO NO. 99-46) to approve the operating budget of the District for FY 1999-2000; and Assembly Memorandum Number 187-99 (AM NO. 187-99) presenting the District's FY 1999-2000 budget to the Assembly reflecting the above approved revisions prior to the Public Hearing on March 16, 1999.

ACTION:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson to approve Memorandum #238.
seconded by Bettye Davis

Rita Holthouse requested that since there will not be another Board meeting before the Assembly acts on the District's budget, that any cuts be made in non-classroom and non-school areas.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson-Wilson that if the recommendation
seconded by Rita Holthouse of the Ft. Richardson Task Force to the Administration is to close or "moth ball" one of the post schools and the School Board agrees, that the reduced expense will be used to balance the FY 1999-2000 Financial Plan.

Peggy Robinson-Wilson explained that this is based on this year's budget where there is at least \$265,000 that could be eliminated if J. F. Kennedy Elementary were closed and this may be the preferred way in solving this gap rather than cutting programs, maintenance, or whatever to make this difference.

Kathi Gillespie noted that she does support the request to not take any reductions out of the classroom, but it's important to allow the Administration to decide where these reductions will occur. Ms. Gillespie noted that to back into this as suggested is not fair to the people in all the schools involved and further noted that these reductions will need to take place before a decision is made on the Ft. Richardson schools.

VOTE:

Ayes: Robinson-Wilson, Drummond,

Nays: Ossiander, Werdal, Gillespie,

Holthouse, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse that the recommendation
seconded by Kathi Gillespie stipulates that the reductions come from non-classroom areas.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Werdal

AMENDMENT PASSED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMSJ. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Rita Holthouse requested that information be brought to the School Board at the March 22, 1999 Board meeting addressing the insufficient number of microcomputer specialists that was discussed in October. (Dr. Holthouse explained that it was her understanding that there would be microcomputer specialists hired for this current school year.)

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

The Regular Meeting of March 8, 1999 was adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:10 a.m. on March 9, 1999.

Harriet Drummond, President

Dave Werdal, Clerk

Date Minutes Approved