

## MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

### SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 1, 1999

The Anchorage School Board met in Special Session on Thursday, July 1, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. Vice President Dave Werdal presided.

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

Board Members Present: Dave Werdal, Rita Holthouse, Bettye Davis, Harriet Drummond, Kathi Gillespie and Debbie Ossiander.

Excused Absence: Peggy Robinson

Others Present: Bob Christal, Carol Comeau, Janet Stokesbary, Gail Opalinski, Pat McDowell, Norm Holthouse, Ed Conyers, Kathy Christy, Ed Blahous, Michele Egan, Tom Bibeau, Mary Tanghe, the press and other interested people.

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

#### B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Werdal announced the scheduled up-coming meetings.

#### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by unanimous consent noting that Memorandum #2 (Award Of Contract: Service High School Track Resurfacing) has been removed from the Agenda.

#### D. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

#### E. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. ASD Memorandum #1 — Award Of Contract: Girdwood Elementary School Roof Repair

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for Girdwood School Roof Repair and Restoration to the lowest responsive bidder, Gamble Construction Company, in the amount of \$589,000.

It is further recommended that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to process a budget transfer in the amount of \$840,210 from unexpended accounts at year-end in the General Fund for the project budget of Phase I of the roof replacement.

2. ASD Memorandum #2 — Award Of Contract: Service High School Track Resurfacing

(Due to lack of bidders, this memorandum was removed from the agenda.)

3. ASD Memorandum #3 — Professional Services Selection: Wendler Middle School Renovation

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of Bezek Durst Seiser, Inc. as designer for Wendler Middle School Renovation, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into a contract with Bezek Durst Seiser, Inc., for consultant services as addressed in the Request for Proposals dated May 14, 1999.

4. ASD Memorandum #4 — Professional Services Selection: Central Middle School Of Science

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of RSA Engineering, Inc. as designer for Central Middle School of Science Renovation, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into a contract with RSA Engineering, Inc. for consultant services as addressed in the Request for Proposals dated May 14, 1999.

5. ASD Memorandum #5 — Award Of Contract: Computer Services

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with Apple Computer, Inc. for Computer Services, not-to-exceed the Anchorage School District's budgeted amount in fiscal year 1999-2000 and each succeeding fiscal year thereafter for a total of five (5) years. The budgeted amount for fiscal year 1999-2000 is \$800,000. It is further recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Microsoft Office 97 or 98 software on a one-time basis as needed from Microage for a price of \$42.00 a copy.

6. ASD Memorandum 20 — Budget Transfer: Special Schools — Vocational Support Specialist For Crossroads Program

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve a Budget Transfer up to \$50,000 for salary and benefits for the Special Schools Program to allow them to establish a full-time permanent position of a Vocational Support Specialist for FY 1998-99.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: ASD Memoranda #1 and #5.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Bettye Davis

to approve Memorandum #3;  
Memorandum #4; and  
Memorandum #20

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Robinson

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #1 — Award Of Contract: Girdwood Elementary School  
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ACTION:

Moved by Harriet Drummond  
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to approve Memorandum #1

Bob Christal explained that this award of contract will address the roof repairs needed due to the collapse of a portion of Girdwood Elementary's roof in March of 1999 which was caused by an extremely heavy snow load.

Rita Holthouse inquired as to what portion of the \$840,210 will be reimbursed by the insurance company.

Tom Bibeau explained that the District is currently negotiating with the insurance company and the Board will be kept informed as these negotiations continue.

Dave Werdal asked if the \$840,210 is from the general fund account.

Janet Stokesbary explained that insurance money is treated as revenue in the general fund and will go on the expenditure side of the general fund.

Bob Christal further explained that there is not a predetermined revenue source for the additional building upgrades which will need to be funded separately in the future. Mr. Christal noted that the Girdwood community is very anxious to have all the work completed to their school.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Robinson

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #5 — Award Of Contract: Computer Services

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ACTION:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie  
seconded by Bettye Davis

to approve Memorandum #5

Norm Holthouse explained that the District is moving into a computer services type of contract which includes the leasing of computers in order to take advantage of rapidly changing technology in a shorter time span. Eventually each individual school will have a budget to handle their needs on-site.

Kathi Gillespie asked why the specific software is Microsoft Office 97 or 98 and not 2000.

Norm Holthouse explained that at the time this was put together, version 2000 was not available. The District will certainly acquire the latest version of Microsoft Office. Instead of specifying a particular year, simply noting the latest version of Microsoft Office would suffice.

Kathi Gillespie asked if it is necessary to specify that each copy of Microsoft Office is \$42.00.

Norm Holthouse responded that \$42.00 is the educational price which will also be the price of the latest version of Microsoft Office.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie  
seconded by Bettye Davis

that the last sentence of the *Recommendation* be changed to read: It is further recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Microsoft Office.

Kathi Gillespie asked if it is necessary to specify exactly where the software will be purchased.

Norm Holthouse responded that it is not necessary to specify where the software will be purchased because the District will acquire the best possible price.

Ed Blahous explained that as an educational institution, the District will receive the \$42.00 price from Microsoft and that it will not create a problem to remove the word Microage from the *Recommendation*.

Harriet Drummond offered a friendly amendment.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Moved by Harriet Drummond  
seconded by Bettye Davis

that the last sentence of the and *Recommendation* be changed to accepted by the maker of the read: It is further recommended motion that the Board approve the purchase of the currently available version of Microsoft Office software.

Debbie Ossiander commented that this wording may not be under the guidelines of School Board Policy since this would be authorizing more than \$100,000 for a purchase with no parameters.

Norm Holthouse explained that originally the software listed was Microsoft Office. It is important to remember that Microsoft will not sell a license to a vendor; only to educational institutions. The intent is to get the best possible price.

Ed Blahous explained that the District wanted to make a distinction between an educational institution cost and a commercial system cost. Mr. Blahous further explained that the District is not certain if the Microsoft software will indeed cost \$105,000. The actual cost of the software will be determined by the number of computers that will need Microsoft Office.

Debbie Ossiander commented that this amendment would give the Administration authority to purchase over \$100,000 yearly on software and inquired if the Administration will come back to the Board if the price exceeds \$105,000.

Ed Blahous responded that the \$105,000 estimate is the highest expectation to pay for software. The Board is being asked to approve up to that amount for software at this time. Mr. Blahous assured the Board that this is not violating School Board Policy.

VOTE ON FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Robinson

AMENDMENT PASSED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

Absent: Robinson

MOTION PASSED.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

G. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Kathi Gillespie noted that she read an article on the study of windows in classrooms and how that relates to better student achievement and inquired if information on this subject could be researched and given to the Facility Department for use in future design and construction.

Bob Christal responded that staff will try to find more information on this subject.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION — (PERSONNEL/FINANCE/NEGOTIATIONS/LITIGATION)

J. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of July 1, 1999 was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:10 a.m.

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Dave Werdal, Vice President

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Rita Holthouse, Clerk

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Date Minutes Approved