

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2000

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, May 22, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. President Peggy Robinson presided.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE

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

Others Present: Bob Christal, Carol Comeau, Carolyn Buckley, Patricia McRae, Pat McDowell, Fred Stofflet, Robyn Rehmann, Norm Holthouse, Russ Ament, Ed Blahous, Bill Mikawa, Lee Wilson, Teresa Johnson, Ellen Montague, Alden Thern, Arge Jeffery, Larry Wiget, Bob Price, Betsy Nickels, Ray Amsden, Brent Rock, Marie Laule, Tom Bibeau, Wilbert Mickens, Patrick Butler, 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

Peggy Robinson announced the scheduled up-coming meetings.

Mr. Christal acknowledged Ed Blahous, Director of Purchasing, for his many years with the District. Mr. Blahous will be retiring at the end of the month and Mr. Christal thanked him for his hard work and dedication to the Anchorage School District.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by unanimous consent noting that Memorandum #334 has been revised.

D. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

ASD Memorandum #284 – Citywide Clean-up Recognition

Every Spring in Anchorage marks the time that thousands of Anchorage School District students, their families and neighbors, gather at local schools to do something that has been put off all Winter. We're not talking about homework! These volunteers work far beyond school boundaries to fill one

after another after another bright orange garbage bags with hundreds of pounds of trash. ASD schools are an integral part of the huge Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Citywide Clean-Up annual extravaganza.

On Saturday May 13 of this year, school-based efforts yielded 6,161 bags of garbage.

One member of each school's clean-up crew received a bicycle and helmet from the Chamber of Commerce and many PTA groups offered additional prizes. Gladys Wood Elementary and Kasuun Elementary were the leading schools and will receive trophies and in-school parties for collecting the greatest number of bags of garbage (over 650 bags from each school)! The real winner though is the community of Anchorage. Students from Girdwood to Peters Creek demonstrated once again this year that neighborhood pride results in a cleaner environment and a more attractive place to live.

The School Board recognized Gladys Wood Principal Gene Janigo, clean-up coordinator Paul Bentley, and the entire school community at Gladys Wood Elementary for gathering 671 bags of garbage during Clean-Up Day. Gladys Wood Elementary collected the greatest number of bags in the District, and wins the award for schools with less than 550 students. This is the 11th consecutive year that Gladys Wood has won this award.

The School Board also recognized Kasuun Elementary Principal Colleen Stevens, clean-up coordinator Janine Redding, and the Kasuun School Community for gathering 651 bags of garbage. Kasuun wins the award for the category of schools with more than 550 students.

ASD Memorandum #323 - June Nelson Memorial Scholarship Recipients

On April 15 eight outstanding Alaska high school students were selected to receive a \$1,000 June Nelson Memorial Scholarship. Four of the recipients are Anchorage School District seniors. They include: Kirsten Merrell from East High School; Erin Flynn from Dimond High School; Matthew Patterson from Bartlett High School; and Anna Burke from Chugiak High School.

The June Nelson Memorial Scholarship, named after a long-time Kotzebue school board member, is an annual tradition of the Association of Alaska School Boards. The scholarships are awarded based on grades, community service, activities, letters of recommendation, and student essays. The scholarship funds are raised annually by over 300 of the Association's members and district superintendents.

The School Board recognized these exemplary students whose community and school involvement, academic accomplishments, drive and vision led to this award.

ASD Memorandum #324 – Pencils Full Of Stars Awards

The idea for a poetry booklet penned by students began in 1970 when Northwood Elementary School first grade teacher Bell Benton set out to collect student poetry to present at the District's Fine Art Festival. Overwhelmed with the number of submissions, Ms. Benton compiled the collection and titled it, "Pencils Full of Stars."

Each year since, with the help of the Poetry Committee, the booklet has been published to allow Anchorage elementary students the opportunity to see their creativity in print. It is believed to be the longest continually published poetry anthology in Alaska. This year is the 31st year of publication.

The members of this year's Poetry Committee include Gino Cherry, Carol Dahl, Melinda Dale, Lori Davis, Beverley Fonnesbeck, Louise Gallop, Sean Murphy, Keith Perrins and Majel Toyofuku.

Louise Gallop will present certificates to the Gold Nugget winners. They include: Steven Dossat, Joel Huntsman, Hannah Dempsey, Christina Knapp, Maggie Rose McGuire and Jordan Macleod.

In addition to the publication of their poetry, some students are honored with other special awards, such as the Margaret Mielke Memorial Poetry Award to Promising Young Poets. This award is given in honor of the late Margaret Mielke, the first poet laureate of Alaska. Trudy Keller, a Mielke family member, will make these presentations.

This year's Mielke Award winners include: Eddie Landes, Brittany Oden, Jessica LaChapelle, Roxanne Gillam, Miranda Cortez, Sarah Sherburne, Whitney Heck, Cari Jamieson, Steven Dossat and Nicholas Jordan.

Last year another award was added to honor the late Bell Benton who was a creative inspiration to so many students. The Bell Benton Memorial Poetry Award honoring excellence in poetic expression will be presented by Margaret Campisi from the Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International, a society of women educators.

The winners include: Jim Knoll, Charles Miles, Christian Benedetti, Aaron Troutman, Roxanne Gillam, Megan Lepley, Thomas McIntyre, Sarah Potter, Felish Daniels and Sarah Sherburne.

The School Board recognized these young poets whose imagination and creativity inspired these awards.

ASD Memorandum #330 – Eat Smart Alaska Healthy School Award

Getting kids to make wise food choices at meal and snack time is no easy feat since most of them would like to reinvent the four basic food groups to include chips, soda, French fries and Gummi Bears. So, when Fairview Elementary School took second place in the Eat Smart Alaska Healthy School Award, it was a clear indication that four years' worth of nutritional curriculum was working.

This statewide award, presented by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, honors schools that promote healthy eating habits for their students. Winning schools receive a check for \$1,000 for student nutrition education materials and resources.

Fairview school nurse Panna Jarussi has served on the Eat Smart Alaska steering committee and is committed to promoting good health through student nutrition. She has created a comprehensive nutritional curriculum targeting children in grades three through six that incorporates science, math and language arts with a multicultural component. Under her leadership, the students have worked hard to learn and practice sound nutritional principles which promote good health.

The School Board recognized Fairview Elementary School for receiving the Eat Smart Alaska Healthy School Award, and Panna Jarussi for her enthusiastic dedication to student nutrition.

ASD Memorandum #341 – National P. E. Teacher Recognition – Dale Kephart

It's shaping up to be quite a year for physical education teacher Dale Kephart. First she was named the Northwest District High School Physical Educator of the Year. Then, weeks later, she took top honors in this award and was named the nation's best as National Secondary Sports and Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

This award, sponsored by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, recognizes teachers for outstanding performance at the high school level, and their ability to motivate students to participate in a lifetime of physical activity.

Kephart, who has been an instructor at Dimond since 1996, is known for her ability to make learning fun and enjoyable. According to assistant principal Ron Parker, Kephart is the epitome of energy and enthusiasm and a teacher who leads by example and commitment.

The School Board recognized Dale Kephart as recipient of this national honor. This award is a fitting tribute to her instructional excellence, dedication and enthusiasm.

ASD Memorandum #342 – Chugiak High School Choir International Awards

When the Chugiak High School Concert Choir, over 60 strong, headed to Italy for their first European competition, they received a very warm welcome. They walked away with the title of Festival Grand Champion, the highest award given at the International Gateway Florence Music Festival.

The competition was attended by approximately 20 student choirs representing schools from the United States, as well as Holland, Italy, France, and others. During this festival each team performs three selections which are judged against an established set of standards. Choirs receive gold, silver, or bronze medals based on the number of points given by each judge. The grand champion award is given to the school that wins the most gold medals during this prestigious competition. Chugiak earned gold medals in the concert and men's choir categories and a silver medal in the women's choir category.

The School Board recognized music teacher Ron Lange and the members of the Chugiak High School Concert Choir for their world-class performance at the Florence International Festival. These talented students couldn't have ended their school year on a better note!

E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS

Student Advisory

Hans Bernard commented that the Student Advisory Committee has reviewed the reading course recommendations as well as the science curriculum recommendations. Mr. Bernard stated that their questions were answered and the Student Advisory Committee supports the Administration's recommendation.

Military Delegate

Patrick Butler met with Julie Ginder and the Base principals to discuss the renovations to Base housing. LTC Butler suggested that the discussions regarding boundaries on Elmendorf be postponed for now.

M.E.C.C.

Wilbert Mickens thanked the School Board for a very successful school year.

Debbie Ossiander noted that Joy Green-Armstrong asked the Policy Subcommittee to change some of the language on the Citizen's Complaint form and Ms. Ossiander explained that at this point, the form will remain as it is at the present time.

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Cindy Calzada commented that her four-and-a-half year old daughter is ready for school and is being held back from attending school because of her age (her daughter will miss the window of being five years old before September 14). Ms. Calzada inquired if there was any way that her daughter could attend school this coming fall.

Carol Comeau explained that in the past when this type of situation came up, the District requested records from the child's preschool and would also have the child referred to the Gifted Program for testing. There have been exceptions to the State law and Ms. Comeau suggested that Ms. Calzada contact Patricia McRae for further information in this area.

Rita Holthouse referred this issue to Ms. Ossiander for discussion by the Policy Subcommittee.

Robert Hayes commented on a variety of issues.

Tricia Lillibridge presented the District with the Alaska Injury Prevention Center Annual Team Safe Driving Rodeo Competition award. This award is a traveling trophy and this year it will travel to East High School. Ms. Lillibridge thanked everyone who has supported this campaign and strongly encourage everyone and their friends to buckle-up.

Dale Kephart thanked the Board for their recognition and noted that a lifetime of personal fitness classes helped her obtain her award. Ms. Kephart also thanked the Board for being on the leading edge of lifetime fitness noting that a healthy body creates a healthy mind. Ms. Kephart urged the Board to keep going in this positive direction.

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 - April 10, 2000
- b. Regular Meeting - April 10, 2000
- c. Special Meeting - April 21, 2000
- d. Special Meeting - April 24, 2000
- e. Regular Meeting - April 24, 2000

2. ASD Memorandum #328 - Ratification Of Agreement Between The District And Anchorage Education Association For 2000-2003

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and adopt the tentative agreement between the District and the Anchorage Education for a Collective Bargaining Agreement to cover the period between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2003.

3. ASD Memorandum #343 - Budget Transfer: Family Partnership Charter School

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve a Budget Transfer up to \$77,000 for extra help - certificated, and added duty - certificated accounts for the Family Partnership Charter School to allow them to meet their payroll obligations for teaching, assessment activities, and other contracted services.

4. ASD Memorandum #297 - Klatt/Ocean View Boundary Study (Revised) (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading the following attendance boundary for the 2000-2001 school year for Klatt and Ocean View Elementary Schools (Attachment H).

5. ASD Memorandum #340 - Acceptance Of Discretionary Grant: High Intensity Summer Reading Program Grant

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development in the amount of \$150,972 for a High Intensity Summer Reading Program.

6. ASD Memorandum #329 – Acceptance Of Grant Award: Youth In Detention Addendum

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept additional Youth in Detention grant funding from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development in the amount of \$121,780. This additional funding for McLaughlin School's Youth In Detention Grant was awarded for the 1999-2000 school year.

7. ASD Memorandum #321 – Prior Approval Of Discretionary Grant: Effective Alternative Strategies

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to reduce middle school student suspensions and expulsions and ensure the educational progress of suspended and expelled students.

8. ASD Memorandum #322 – Prior Approval Of Discretionary Grant: Elementary School Counseling

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to provide counseling services that focus on prevention and early intervention for elementary services.

9. ASD Memorandum #316 – Grant Application For Indian Education Program FY 2000-2005

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to submit the Indian Education Formula Grant application for a five year period with the first year funding in the amount of \$966,625 for the 2000-2001 school year.

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It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board renew the contract with Fischer Properties for the lease of the building located at 4600 DeBarr Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska (42,230 square feet) in the amount of \$47,187.26 per month, plus the adjustments for percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the second extended term, July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2010. The annual amount for FY 2000-01 is \$566,247.

11. ASD Memorandum #224 – Award OF Contracts: Furnish And Deliver Five (5) New, 72 Passenger, Type D Buses; Five (5) New, 84 Passenger, Type D Buses; And Three (3) New, 29 Passenger, With Lift, Type C Buses

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the award of contracts to the low responsive, responsible bidders as follows: Alaska Truck Center for five (5) New, 72 Passenger, Type D School Buses, Bid A, in the amount of \$374,985 and five (5) New, 84 Passenger, Type D School Buses, Bid B, in the amount of \$390,750; and to Quality Equipment Sales & Service, for three (3) New, 29 Passenger, with lift, Type C School Buses, Bid C, in the amount of \$235,527; for a total award of \$1,001,262.

12. ASD Memorandum #334 – Award Of Contract: Russian Jack Elementary School Demolition (Revised)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Russian Jack Elementary School Demolition to the low bidder, Chenega Management LLC, in the amount of \$592,000.

13. ASD Memorandum #278 – High School Frameworks – Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences, Conceptual Chemistry, Conceptual Physics

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the attached High School Science Frameworks – Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences, Conceptual Chemistry, and Conceptual Physics. These will be added to the Science Frameworks Document that has already been approved by the School Board.

14. ASD Memorandum #279 – High School Frameworks – Biological Sciences, Earth Sciences, Conceptual Chemistry, Conceptual Physics

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approves and authorizes the Superintendent to purchase the following texts for the courses specified:

Biology I

- Biology: The Dynamics of Life, Biggs, Kapicka, and Lundgren, Glencoe, 2000
- Modern Biology, Towle, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1999

ESL Biology I

- Biology: An Everyday Experience, Kaskel, Hummer, Jr., and Daniel, Glencoe, 1999

Geology I

- Essentials of Geology 7th Edition, Lutgens, Tarbuck, Prentice Hall, 2000

Chemistry I

- Modern Chemistry, Davis et al., Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1999

Physics

- Holt Physics, Serway and Faughn, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1999

Biological Sciences

- Biology, McFarland and Parke, American Guidance Service, 2000

Earth Sciences

- Earth Science, Marshall and Roskopf, American Guidance Service, 2000

Conceptual Chemistry

- Chemistry: Concepts and Applications, Phillips, Strozak, and Wistrom, Glencoe, 2000

Conceptual Physics

•Conceptual Physics, Hewitt, Holt, Scott Foresman Addison Wesley, 1999

15. ASD Memorandum #271 – Approval Of High School Reading Classes (Revised)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the four reading courses, "Reading Foundations I," "Reading Foundations II," "Career and Strategic Reading," and Power Reading/Writing for College;" described in Attachment A as accepted courses for the Anchorage School District.

16. ASD Memorandum #327 – ESL Middle School Math

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the adoption of ESL Middle School Math as a valid course for ESL middle school students.

17. ASD Memorandum #276 – Approval Of Conceptual Master Plan And Supplement To Districtwide High School Educational Specifications For Service High School

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Conceptual Master Plan and Supplement to the Districtwide High School Educational Specifications for Service High School.

18. ASD Memorandum #314 – Award Of Contract: Chugiak High School Renewal Phase I – Site Improvements

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Chugiak High School Renewal Phase I – Site Improvements work to Construction Unlimited, Inc. in the amount of \$251,250.

19. ASD Memorandum #315 – Award Of Contract: Chugiak High School Renewal Phase I – Family Consumer Science/Technical Education/Art Renovation

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Chugiak High School Renewal Phase I – Family Consumer Science/Technical Education/Art Renovation work to Consolidated Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$2,120,600.

20. ASD Memorandum #326 – Award OF Contract: Four School Mechanical Upgrades – Abbott Loop, Huffman, Tudor And Willow Crest Elementary Schools

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Four School Mechanical Upgrades for Abbott Loop, Huffman, Tudor and Willow Crest Elementary Schools to Consolidated Contracting & Engineering in the amount of \$1,860,000.

21. ASD Memorandum #304 – Budget Revision Between General Fund, Local/State/Federal Project Fund, And Food Service Fund For Fiscal Year 1999-2000

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board appropriate an additional \$2,500,000 to the Local/State/Federal Projects Fund and \$500,000 to the Food Service Fund while reducing the appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$3,000,000. Since the overall appropriation revision will not exceed the approved upper limit of the budget, no approval from the Anchorage Assembly is required. The total revised budget for FY 1999-2000 will remain at \$397,999,919 that includes the following individual funds:

General Fund	\$ 324,981,667
Food Service Fund	10,500,000
Debt Service Fund	39,018,252
Local/State/Federal Projects Fund	<u>23,500,000</u>
	<u>\$ 397,999,919</u>

22. ASD Memorandum #333 – Revision To School Board Policy 343.4 – Graduation Requirements (First Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the deletion of section 343.41: Graduation Requirements for those students (Prior to the Class of 2000) as shown on Attachment A from School Board Policy on First Reading. It is further recommended that the changes to School Board Policy 343.41 for those students in the Class of 2000 and beyond as shown on Attachment B be approved on First Reading.

23. ASD Memorandum #332 – Revision To School Board Policy 341.2 – Curriculum Committees (First Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the revisions to School Board Policy 341.2, Curriculum Committees as shown on Attachment A on First Reading.

24. ASD Memorandum #331 – Revision To School Board Policy 493 – Secret Clubs; Policy 348.1 – Student Clubs; And Policy 493.1 – Prohibited Organizations And Groups (First Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the renumbering of, and revisions to, School Board Policies 348.1, Student Clubs; the renumbering of Policy 493.1, Prohibited Organizations and Groups; and the deletion of Policy 493, Secret Clubs, as shown on Attachment A on First Reading.

25. ASD Memorandum #135 – Revisions To School Board Policy Section 700 – Business And Non-Instructional Operations Policies (Revised) (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on revised second reading the attached revisions and modifications to School Board Policy Section 700, Business and Non-Instructional Operations Policies.

26. ASD Memorandum #319 – Personnel Report

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

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: ASD Memoranda #328, #321, #322, #316, #320, #224, #334, #271, #276, #314, #304, #333, #331 and #135.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Kathi Gillespie
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to approve the Minutes of the
Special Meeting of April 10,

of

the Minutes of the Regular
Meeting of April 10, 2000; the
Minutes of the Special Meeting

the

April 21, 2000; the Minutes of

2000;

Special Meeting of April 24,

the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2000;
 Memorandum #343;
 Memorandum #291;
 Memorandum #340;
 Memorandum #329;
 Memorandum #278;
 Memorandum #279;
 Memorandum #327;
 Memorandum #315;
 Memorandum #326;
 Memorandum #332;
 Memorandum #331 and
 Memorandum #319.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #328 – Ratification Of Agreement Between The District And Anchorage Education Association For 2000-2003

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and adopt the tentative agreement between the District and the Anchorage Education for a Collective Bargaining Agreement to cover the period between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2003.

ACTION:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie to approve Memorandum #328.
 seconded by Bettye Davis

Bob Christal thanked Bob Roses and the AEA bargaining team as well as the School District's bargaining team for working through all the issues.

Kathi Gillespie thanked everyone on both sides for working hard to bring this agreement together even though she will be voting against this recommendation. Ms. Gillespie explained that this contract will cost over \$59 million dollars over the next three years and unless something happens in the budget area, the District will be making major cuts in the very near future. Ms. Gillespie further explained that she supports the work of the teachers in the District but is very

concerned about the total dollar amount associated with this contract and the very real financial problems facing the District.

Debbie Ossiander stated that she has been looking forward to voting for this recommendation and expressed a great deal of relief that this agreement has been ratified by the AEA membership.

Peggy Robinson stated that the teachers deserve a fair contract and commended them for their dedication and concern for all children. Ms. Robinson further stated that she is very relieved to have a signed contract and thanked the negotiating teams on both sides for their hard work and long hours spent in coming to agreement.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #321 – Prior Approval Of Discretionary Grant:
Effective Alternative Strategies

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to reduce middle school student suspensions and expulsions and ensure the educational progress of suspended and expelled students.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #321.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Debbie Ossiander expressed concern that this recommendation sounds like the District is going to provide educational services to expelled students.

Bob Christal explained that this recommendation is following the model of what other districts are doing to address the needs of outreach students particularly the middle school students.

Carol Comeau explained that there is great concern about the number of middle school students who just simply need this avenue to help them succeed. This would be an on-site alternative to suspension and would be located in an isolated part of a school where students could still get their academic program. The idea is to do something in collaboration with the Outreach Program (not the regular educational environment). Ms. Comeau further explained that this is a

concept approval only at this time and the Administration will come back with a final plan before anything is implemented.

Rita Holthouse stated that she would not be supportive of this concept if it were to be housed in a school.

Debbie Ossiander stated that if anything is changed to providing service to expelled students on-site, it will need to be discussed by the Policy Subcommittee before this goes much further down the road.

Kathi Gillespie expressed concern that this grant would provide only seed money and the District would have to eventually fund the program.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #322 – Prior Approval Of Discretionary Grant:
Elementary School Counseling

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to provide counseling services that focus on prevention and early intervention for elementary services.

ACTION:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie to approve Memorandum #322.
seconded by Bettye Davis

Kathi Gillespie commented that she understands that this grant is for a three-year project to provide counseling services for elementary schools and inquired if the expectation would be that this service would continue after the three years funded by the grant. Ms. Gillespie noted that it is important to consider what the expectation would be at the end of the three-year grant.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #316 – Grant Application For Indian Education
Program FY 2000-2005

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to submit the Indian Education Formula Grant application for a five year period with the first year funding in the amount of \$966,625 for the 2000-2001 school year.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #316.
seconded by Bettye Davis

Sheila Randazzo, Native Advisory Commission member, encouraged the Board to wholeheartedly support the Indian Education Program noting that this program has filled many of the needs of Native youth in Anchorage. Ms. Randazzo stated that as a product of the Anchorage School District and the Indian Education Program, she can personally attest to the success of this program.

Kathi Gillespie commented that this grant comes from a renewable source and the program has accomplished a great deal over the years.

Peggy Robinson inquired if any discussion has occurred to establish a program at Bartlett similar to the programs at East and West high schools for Native students.

Edna Lamabull explained that discussions have taken place with the Cook Inlet Tribal Council to expand the programs at East and West high schools. Ms. Lamabull further explained that some of the students at Bartlett are in an internship program at the Native Heritage Center. Ms. Lamabull brought to the Board's attention that two copies of the book Growing Up Native In Alaska will be given to each high school as well as a copy for each of the middle schools. The book contains interviews of Alaska Natives' life stories, many of which are products of the Anchorage School District.

Kathi Gillespie commented that a copy for the Board office would be much appreciated.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

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ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #320.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

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

Bob Christal explained that this memorandum outlines the remaining years of the lease for the Administration Building. If the Board approves this recommendation, after the next ten year cycle this building will become the property of the Municipality. Mr. Christal further explained that in looking at comparative costs of square footage for office space, it is in the District's best interest to renew this lease and move forward.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #224 – Award OF Contracts: Furnish And Deliver Five (5) New, 72 Passenger, Type D Buses; Five (5) New, 84 Passenger, Type D Buses; And Three (3) New, 29 Passenger, With Lift, Type C Buses

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ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse to approve Memorandum #224.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Bob Christal explained that these vehicles were in the 1999-2000 budget. It is important to move forward to remove from the inventory the buses that are not doing the job that is needed. Mr. Christal further explained that some of the older buses have brake problems as well as very high mileage.

Rita Holthouse stated that the District has been buying large numbers of school buses for the past few years and while she has been an enthusiastic supporter of those purchases, she is not supportive of this recommendation. Dr. Holthouse suggested that the money for these buses could go into the undesignated fund balance and will come in handy next year when \$20 million dollars will need to be cut from the budget. Dr. Holthouse urged the Board to vote down this recommendation.

Jay Adams, Supervisor of Vehicle Maintenance, explained that the buses are 100 percent reimbursed over a scheduled number of years and also, these buses will be replacing buses that are over 15 years of age with the average mileage of 191,000.

Kathi Gillespie urged the Board to approve this recommendation noting that this is the last group of buses that will bring the District up to par with what the District's contractor is providing. This contract needs to be approved and the District needs to work with the legislature to continue to support the District in this area in future years.

Rita Holthouse noted that the information just provided may make her change her mind about not supporting this recommendation and inquired about the reimbursement associated with the purchase of these buses.

Bob Christal explained that the reimbursement schedule is routine over a number of years. Twenty-five percent is reimbursed the first year and it is then prorated over a period of seven years. These buses would be purchased out of the District's current budget and then the District will get reimbursement from the State until they are fully paid over a seven-year period.

Peggy Robinson stated that she doesn't want her kids riding on buses with poor brakes and also, if there are no replacements, the District will not have enough buses in the fleet to provide the required bus services.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #334 – Award Of Contract: Russian Jack Elementary School Demolition (Revised)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Russian Jack Elementary School Demolition to the low bidder, Chenega Management LLC, in the amount of \$592,000.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #334.
seconded by Bettye Davis

Lewis Ivers, Chenega Corporation, stated that he supports the revised memorandum and urged the Board to approve the Administration's recommendation.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

NOTE: Debbie Ossiander officially notified the Administration on Tuesday, May 23, 2000 of her reconsideration of Memorandum #334. This issue will be addressed on Thursday, May 25, 2000 at a 9:30 a.m. Special Meeting.

ASD Memorandum #271 – Approval Of High School Reading Classes (Revised)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the four reading courses, "Reading Foundations I;" "Reading Foundations II," "Career and Strategic Reading," and Power Reading/Writing for College;" described in Attachment A as accepted courses for the Anchorage School District.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #271.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Fred Stofflet explained that the committee did have the opportunity to meet with the high school department chairs, the high school reading teachers and the Student Advisory Board. The four courses have been slightly reformatted but the content is the same. Dr. Stofflet noted that

the Technical Reading course could be used for the student who may be having difficulty in this area.

Rita Holthouse inquired if teachers for these classes will be certified in reading or regular English.

Mardel Kiesel explained that certified reading teachers would be preferred but they are not an abundance in the District or anywhere else. There will be support training for these teachers.

Rita Holthouse inquired as to why these classes are offered as general elective credits rather than English credits noting that every reading class in the curriculum has been an English elective credit.

Fred Stofflet responded that the two foundation courses are centered on the graduation requirements. The preferred option is that students take an English elective all the way through high school.

Debbie Ossiander stated that she will support this recommendation but will closely watch the implementation of these classes suggesting that solutions to help kids who will have problems getting their diplomas not be pushed until the problems are actually defined.

Kathi Gillespie expressed concern that there are kids in the 10th grade who will not get their diploma if they don't receive help in the reading area. The focus is on kids and their achievement. Ms. Gillespie stated that it is extremely important to make sure these courses are available to the kids in the bottom quartile.

Bob Christal noted that schools will need to be encouraged to talk to parents and students explaining that students will need these skills in order to graduate. Kids who are struggling will have difficulty in getting through the testing and in getting their diploma. This becomes a more critical issue as the stakes become higher and higher. Mr. Christal further noted that it would be his hope that Reading Foundations would be available to 10th graders next year if there is an identified group at a school where this would be helpful. It has been determined that reading at the middle school and the high school level is as important as reading at the elementary level. However, the building would have to buy into it, support it and would have to have the teachers with the ability and skill to move forward with the course.

Fred Stofflet noted that English teachers continually state that reading is a skill that needs to be taught across all curriculums of the District.

Carol Comeau commented that there are students who are failing social studies and science because they cannot master the reading

portion of the program. Students need to receive interventions early in order to support them.

Debbie Ossiander stated that it is her hope that the Administration would come back to the Board with a report as to how the actual implementation of these classes will proceed as the District gets closer to actual implementation.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #276 – Approval Of Conceptual Master Plan And Supplement To Districtwide High School Educational Specifications For Service High School

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Conceptual Master Plan and Supplement to the Districtwide High School Educational Specifications for Service High School.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #276.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Ray Amsden gave a brief presentation to the Board highlighting the significant challenges in the design of Service High School. Mr. Amsden noted that the Nordic Club has expressed an interest in using the little gym explaining that it is a very high maintenance detached building.

Peggy Brown, President of Service High School PTSA, noted that it was definitely a challenge to match the school with the educational specifications. Concessions were made all around and the Administration's recommendation is a reflection of the committee's hard work to maximize every positive and to minimize every negative. Ms. Brown urged the Board to approve this recommendation and to accept the plan as it is submitted.

Kathi Gillespie reminded the Board that there is great frustration in south Anchorage that they do not have a community center or recreation building. The community is very interested in taking over the little gym building in order to have some space for recreational activities. By not adding onto the little gym, the school would actually grow in size rather than reduce in size as far as the DEED is concerned.

There has also been talk about community use of the library as well as the Municipality taking over the swimming pool.

Debbie Ossiander expressed concern that DEED will only grant the square footage variances if the school is full (Tab 2 shows a drop of almost 700 kids). At the same time, the building capacity would be increased by 70 students. In actuality, there would be 1600 kids in a school with the capacity for 2070 students. Ms. Ossiander stated that this is not the way to go and will not support this recommendation.

Kathi Gillespie commented that if it is an accepted premise that there will be substantial growth in Chugiak and Eagle River, then the same consideration needs to be given to south Anchorage which is in the similar situation. Trailside Elementary will open full, Service High School has been overcrowded forever, and if forward planning is being shown for one part of the District, then it should be extended to other parts of the District. A little bit of equity and consideration needs to be shown to south Anchorage. South Anchorage kids deserve to have the opportunity afforded to them in the educational specifications; it's been a long time coming for these kids as well as other kids in other high schools. The District needs to be as flexible in its renovation process as possible.

Bob Christal stated that when the District gets these high schools through this process, the Department of Education and Early Development will come up and do some site walkthroughs. It's important that they spend some time at the sites.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Ossiander

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #314 – Award Of Contract: Chugiak High School
Renewal Phase I – Site Improvements

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Chugiak High School Renewal Phase I – Site Improvements work to Construction Unlimited, Inc. in the amount of \$251,250.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Bettye Davis

to approve Memorandum #314.

Bob Christal stated that the District has received a notice of Appeal to Award the Contract.

Grant Watts, attorney for Seacoast Construction, stated that it is his belief that this award should not be awarded to Construction Unlimited. In summary, Mr. Watts explained that in close scrutiny of the bid proposal and documents, Construction Unlimited's documents are not in harmony with what was required of the other bidders in the solicitation of documents. If a bidder believes they are the lowest responsive bidder and the bid is not awarded to them, then it needs to be addressed. The critical dates that were set forth in the bidding process were August 7th for substantial completion and August 21st for final completion. The schedule submitted by Construction Unlimited is the owner's schedule which does not have an identified substantial completion date. If the District allows a bidder to vary the completion dates, it creates a terrible precedent for the District. Mr. Watts stated that it is his and his client's hope that after review of the submitted schedules, the Board will agree that Seacoast is the lowest responsive bidder and award this contract to Seacoast Construction.

Donna Kessler, owner of Seacoast Construction asked the Board to consider her request and award this contract to Seacoast Construction. Ms. Kessler stated that Seacoast Construction is prepared to have the contract substantially complete by August 7th.

Ed Blahous explained that Construction Unlimited attested in their submittal that they agreed to the completion dates and they also acknowledged the District's schedule in their bid document. The schedule as submitted allowed ample time for completion of essential elements of work. Administration reviewed all the bids thoroughly and found Construction Unlimited's bid to be in compliance. Mr. Blahous further stated that Construction Unlimited attested to the fact that in their original bid they knew the contract's schedule. The bid form itself confirms that they knew the dates for completion and the District's assessment indicated that they were in compliance.

John Herring, President and Larry Johnstone, Engineer for Construction Unlimited came forward.

Rita Holthouse inquired that if Construction Unlimited knew the substantial completion date was August 7th, why would they submit a schedule for August 17th.

John Herring explained that the job is substantially complete by that time and they would sign a contract that they would be substantially complete by August 7th or liable for the liquidated damages. The contract is to get the majority of the work done by a specific time. Mr.

Herring also noted that the schedule was submitted based on previous work with the District.

Dave Werdal inquired if it was a mistake that more than 15 days were scheduled out on this.

Larry Johnstone responded that this included two-day weekends.

Peggy Robinson noted that there are two different schedules, both having different time schedules.

John Herring explained that a preliminary schedule was turned in last Thursday and in order to expedite things, a construction schedule was turned in after the intent to award the bid.

Kathi Gillespie inquired about the extension of the bar line in the construction schedule.

Larry Johnstone explained that there was no intention to extend that line out and attributed that to a computer error. The construction network has been amended.

Peggy Robinson inquired if the punchlist and the closeout on the original schedule before the landscaping would be complete were also in error.

Larry Johnstone replied that yes, those was also an error.

Rita Holthouse noted that when she asked about the schedule completion dates earlier, the response was that it had basically been done intentionally based on previous work with the District. When Mr. Werdal asked questions about the schedule the answer was that the discrepancy was due to computer error.

John Herring explained that a bar chart schedule was submitted and it was documented upon signature that Construction Unlimited went above and beyond the scope of the contract to submit the bar schedule. It was not their intent to turn around and go beyond because of a computer glitch. There was a computer glitch, a contract was signed to submit by a certain date, and a preliminary schedule was submitted.

Mike Stephenson of Jermain, Dunnagan and Owens, stated that the substantial and final completion dates cannot be changed. There is some ambiguity when looking at the preliminary schedule but when looking at the items listed prior to landscaping, it shows all the substantial tasks are complete before the substantial completion date. Also, Construction Unlimited attested to the fact that they would

complete the contract by the specified dates and liquidated damages would be enforced if they went beyond the substantial completion date (they were tied to it legally).

Dave Werdal inquired if Seacoast Construction has ever received a bid like this from the District.

Donna Kessler responded that they once did a sewer line replacement. Ms. Kessler noted that in their eyes, this project would be substantially complete by August 7th. Anything beyond that date would be corrective work and cleanup.

Peggy Robinson explained to the Board that they could award the contract as recommended and indicate why the appeal has been rejected, they could stay any award of contract to a later date, or they could reject all bids and begin the process over again.

Bob Christal stated that the Administration's recommendation is to award the contract as recommended rejecting the appeal.

ACTION:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie to call the question.
seconded by Betty Davis
and unanimously approved.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Gillespie
Nays: Werdal, Robinson, Holthouse, Davis
MOTION FAILED.

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse to table further discussion on
this issue until a Special Meeting of
seconded by Kathi Gillespie the School Board has been
scheduled.

Peggy Robinson requested a copy of both bid documents and to see the entire bid package prior to the meeting to further discuss this issue.

Kathi Gillespie noted that a Special Meeting needs to be scheduled as soon as possible.

VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #304 – Budget Revision Between General Fund, Local/State/Federal Project Fund, And Food Service Fund For Fiscal Year 1999-2000

It is the Administration’s recommendation that the School Board appropriate an additional \$2,500,000 to the Local/State/Federal Projects Fund and \$500,000 to the Food Service Fund while reducing the appropriation to the General Fund in the amount of \$3,000,000. Since the overall appropriation revision will not exceed the approved upper limit of the budget, no approval from the Anchorage Assembly is required. The total revised budget for FY 1999-2000 will remain at \$397,999,919 that includes the following individual funds:

General Fund	\$ 324,981,667
Food Service Fund	10,500,000
Debt Service Fund	39,018,252
Local/State/Federal Projects Fund	<u>23,500,000</u>
	<u>\$ 397,999,919</u>

ACTION:

Moved by Dave Werdal to approve Memorandum #304.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Dave Werdal noted that his questions have been answered.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #333 – Revision To School Board Policy 343.4 – Graduation Requirements (First Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the deletion of section 343.41: Graduation Requirements for those students (Prior to the Class of 2000) as shown on Attachment A from School Board Policy on First Reading. It is further recommended that the changes to School Board Policy 343.41 for those students in the Class of 2000 and beyond as shown on Attachment B be approved on First Reading.

Moved to the June 12, 2000 School Board Meeting.

ASD Memorandum #135 – Revisions To School Board Policy Section 700 – Business And Non-Instructional Operations Policies (Revised) (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on revised second reading the attached revisions and modifications to School Board Policy Section 700, Business and Non-Instructional Operations Policies.

Moved to the June 12, 2000 School Board Meeting.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ASD Memorandum #317 – Facility Project Report And Change Order Report For The Month Of April 2000

The monthly Facility Project Report Update and Change Order Report for the month of April, 2000 is attached. There are no exceptions to report this month.

ASD Memorandum #292 – Operating Budget Transfers – April Monthly Report FY 1999-2000

The attached report of budget transfers for April 2000 that were processed in the 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 April 2000. Abbreviations in titles represent how data is stored in IFAS; continuity in the abbreviations within IFAS is an on-going process.

The budget transfer forms and related information for all of the transfers are available in the Budgeting Department office for review by the School Board and members of the public.

The following is an example of how to use the monthly budget transfer schedule to review individual budget transfers. Refer to Attachment B; page 3, for the IFAS transaction. The following schedule offers a breakdown of the components used in processing a budget transfer.

ASD Memorandum #318 – End-Of-Month Membership Summary For April 2000

The end-of-month membership report for April 30, 2000 is attached. The total active enrollment at the end of April was 48,684, an increase of 32 students over the April 30, 1999 total of 48,652. Table 1 compares the membership on April 30, 2000 with the totals from April 30, 1999. It should be noted that this is the first time this school year that the total membership has been larger than the total for the same period last school year.

ASD Memorandum #335 – Treasurer’s Report/Financial Recap: April 30, 2000

The attached report consists of two parts: the Treasurer’s Report and the Financial Recap. The Treasurer’s Report and the Financial Recap are presented on a monthly basis with year-to-date information as of April 30, 2000.

I. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Bob Christal handed out a fact sheet on the taxes for local municipal government and for schools.

Kathi Gillespie suggested that this information be sent to the media. Ms. Gillespie also suggested that this be included as an agenda item at the next Joint Quarterly Meeting with the Assembly.

The Board decided that the Special Meeting for the bid appeal for the Award of Contract for Chugiak High School Renewal Phase I - Site Improvements will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of May 22, 2000 was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:55 p.m.

Peggy Robinson, President

Kathi Gillespie, Clerk

Date Minutes Approved