

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 17, 2000

The Anchorage School Board met in Special Session on Monday, July 17, 2000 at 4:30 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, Kathi Gillespie, Rita Holthouse, Bettye Davis, Harriet Drummond and Debbie Ossiander.

Others Present: Bob Christal, Carol Comeau, Janet Stokesbary, George Vakalis, Pat McDowell, Jim Taylor, Gail Opalinski, Pam Chenier, Marie Laule, Ray Amsden, Michelle Egan, Larry Wiget, Cindy Chase, Lee Wilson, Duane Moran, Stan Syta, Tom Bibeau, Mary Tanghe, the press and other interested people.

Peggy Robinson announced the scheduled up-coming meetings.

Peggy Robinson announced that Kathi Gillespie will be moving with her family to Texas and thanked Ms. Gillespie for all her hard work and dedication she has devoted to the School District over the years. Ms. Robinson presented Ms. Gillespie with a gold pan in appreciation for being such an outstanding advocate for public education.

On behalf of the Administration and the Superintendent, Bob Christal presented Kathi Gillespie with a plaque for her outstanding dedication, hard work and service to the young people of Anchorage.

Kathi Gillespie thanked everyone for their support over the years noting that being a School Board member has been one of the most satisfying experiences for her and although it has not always been an easy job, it has been very gratifying.

B. 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 – June 12, 2000
- b. Regular Meeting – June 12, 2000
- c. Regular Meeting – June 26, 2000

d. Special Meeting – July 10, 2000

2. ASD Memorandum #1 – Award Of Contract: Bartlett High School LAN Upgrades

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Bartlett High School LAN Upgrade to Aurora Electric/DataTel, Inc. in the amount of \$369,500.

3. ASD Memorandum #2 – Award Of Contract: Eagle River Elementary School Roof Membrane Replacement

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Eagle River Elementary Roof Membrane Replacement to Universal Roofing of Alaska Inc. in the amount of \$159,896.

4. ASD Memorandum #3 – Professional Services Selection For Dimond High School Commissioning

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of Coffman Engineers, Inc. to perform Commissioning Services for the Dimond High School Replacement project and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into a contract with Coffman Engineers, Inc. for the Commissioning Services as addressed in the Request for Proposals dated April 25, 2000.

5. ASD Memorandum #5 – Ratification Of Agreement Between The District And General Teamsters Local 959 (Warehouse And Maintenance Employees)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and adopt the collective bargaining agreement between the District and General Teamsters Local 959, which will establish terms and conditions of employment for maintenance and warehouse employees during the period between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2003.

6. ASD Memorandum #4 – Personnel

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

7. ASD Memorandum #6 – Budget Transfer: Warehouse Extra Help Districtwide

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to process a budget transfer in the amount of \$269,700 for Warehouse Extra Help to support the various moves that occurred Districtwide for FY 1999-2000.

8. ASD Memorandum #7 – Family Cap On Fees For Middle School And High School Activities

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to implement a Family Cap for activity fees for middle school and high school activities that is based on the number of activities in which students participate. It is proposed that once the students in a family have paid to participate in three activities, in any combination of middle and high school activities, the Family Cap will have been reached.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: Memoranda #2, #3, #5, #4, and #6.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 12, 2000; the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2000; the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2000; the Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 10, 2000; Memorandum #1 and Memorandum # 7.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #2 – Award Of Contract: Eagle River Elementary School Roof Membrane Replacement

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Eagle River Elementary Roof Membrane Replacement to Universal Roofing of Alaska Inc. in the amount of \$159,896.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #2.
seconded by Dave Werdal

Debbie Ossiander commented that she has received a number of concerns from the public about the LightGuard roofing system meeting codes and also that the District could get the same level of a quality roofing system at a less expensive cost. Ms. Ossiander inquired if this type of roofing system would be used on the Dimond rebuild and requested that the Administration go back one more time and re-examine the roofing alternatives and roofing products that have been looked at recently by the District. Ms. Ossiander would like some type of reassurance that the District has re-evaluated all the roofing products that are currently on the market.

Ray Amsden responded that a licensed structural engineer performed a structural design review and that the LightGuard product more than adequately meets building code requirements. Mr. Amsden further explained that the District is constantly looking at new products and noted that LightGuard is a very good product and can be re-used, saving the District a substantial amount of money. This is a lightweight product and is best suited for the type of roof such as the one on Eagle River Elementary. Mr. Amsden also noted that this particular product is not a proprietary product for the Dimond project.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #3 – Professional Services Selection For Dimond High School Commissioning

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ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #3.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Mark Langberg, AMC Engineers, stated that AMC Engineers strongly believes that they should be the company to perform the commissioning services for the Dimond High School replacement project. Mr. Langberg urged the Board to re-evaluate the selection process and award the bid to AMC noting that AMC is the better choice due to their intimate knowledge of the project. Mr. Langberg further stated that it would be in the District's best interest to have AMC Engineers as the commissioning agent in this project. Mr. Langberg noted that he was in agreement that the proposals are the same but feels it would be more beneficial to the District for the design team company to be involved in this area instead of an independent commissioner.

Jim Huettle, USKH Architects & Engineers, questioned the need to go outside the original design team for commissioning services noting that it will not be cost effective to bring in a new firm at this point.

Harold Hollis, Coffman Engineers, stated that the inclusion of Coffman Engineers in the Dimond High School replacement project can only add to the cohesiveness of the entire team on this project. Mr. Hollis noted that he firmly believes that it is in the District's best interest to use a third party for the commissioning services. Mr. Hollis noted that there will be some learning curve time to get up to speed but it shouldn't be that great and because of AMC's efficiency, there will not be any significant cost differential. Mr. Hollis encouraged the Board to award this contract to Coffman Engineers.

Kathi Gillespie thanked Mr. Jens of MACTEC, Inc. for his independent review of the bids for this project and inquired if he found them to be fairly equal.

Mr. Jens responded that generally, both proposals were pretty much equal so he started looking for further information that would be more distinguishable. In so doing, Mr. Jens stated that he found Coffman Engineers to be more experienced in the area of commissioning services.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #5 – Ratification Of Agreement Between The District And General Teamsters Local 959 (Warehouse And Maintenance Employees)

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MOTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #5.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

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

Bob Christal commented that he is very pleased to bring this contract ratification forward and that a settlement has been reached.

Peggy Robinson commented that the School Board appreciates the hard work that went into reaching this contract ratification and thanked everyone involved in the negotiation process.

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #4 – Personnel

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

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #4.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

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

Rita Holthouse noted that she does not support the recommendation of an Executive Secretary for the new Assistant Superintendent for

Support Services when other positions have been deleted from the FY 2000-2001 budget. Dr. Holthouse explained that this is not a reflection on the individual selected for this position but on the fact that this is a new position that has been added to the budget when other positions have been cut.

VOTE:

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

Nays: Holthouse

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #6 – Budget Transfer: Warehouse Extra Help Districtwide

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ACTION:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie to approve Memorandum #6.
seconded by Bettye Davis

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

VOTE:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

- C. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS
- D. EXECUTIVE SESSION - (PERSONNEL, FINANCE, NEGOTIATIONS, LITIGATION)
- E. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of July 17, 2000 was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:45 p.m.

Peggy Robinson, President

Bettye Davis, Clerk

Date Minutes Approved