

**MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD****REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 25 2001**

The Anchorage School Board met in Special Session on Monday, June 25, 2001, 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, Jake Metcalfe, Harriet Drummond, Debbie Ossiander, and Tim Steele.

Others Present: Carol Comeau, Janet Stokesbary, George Vakalis, Pat McDowell, Jim Taylor, Gail Opalinski, Patricia McRae, Robyn Rehmman, Norm Holthouse, Fred Stofflet, Lee Wilson, Bob Henry, Ray Amsden, Michelle Egan, Ellen Montague, Robin Siegfried, the press, and interested people.

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

**B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Peggy Robinson announced that due to the large number of speakers for Memorandum #345, the Board has decided to move discussion of Memorandums #371, #354, and #355 to a continuation of this meeting on June 28, 2001. Action and discussion will be taken on ASD Memorandum #370 after discussion of Memorandum #356 in the Superintendent's Report.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent with the above changes noted.

**D. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Peggy Robinson and Carol Comeau thanked Senator Bettye Davis for her participation on the School Board and her long advocacy to the children of Anchorage.

**E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS****1. Student Advisory**

none

2. Military Delegate  
none
3. M.E.C.C.  
Mary Marks reported the accomplishments of the MECC for 2000-2001 school year. Ms. Marks announced a mission and goals review sub committee was formed, as well as a discipline committee. The MECC members visited several schools and have established a website.

F. 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 - May 21, 2001 - 4:30 p.m.
  - b. Regular Meeting - May 21, 2001 - 6:30 p.m.
  - c. Special Meeting - June 5, 2001 - 9:30 a.m.
2. ASD MEMORANDUM #329 - APPROVAL OF NEW DISTRICT EMAIL SYSTEM

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to acquire the necessary hardware, software, and software licenses required for replacement of the Quarterdeck Mail system by upgrading the current Microsoft Exchange Mail system. The system upgrade costs are not to exceed \$200,000 previously encumbered for this project.

3. ASD MEMORANDUM # 266 - AWARD OF CONTRACT: EAST HIGH SCHOOL, PHASE 1 - INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the East High School, Phase 1 Interior Renovations to the lowest bidder, EBCO, for a base bid in the amount of \$6,315,000 and accept Alternates 2, 3, 6, and 7 in the amount of \$192,000 for a total contract amount of \$6,507,000, and accept all Unit Prices.

4. ASD MEMORANDUM #369 - INCREASES TO SELF-INSURANCE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve increasing the amount Designated for Self-Insurance from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 and to transfer an additional \$500,000 to the Equipment Replacement Fund utilizing the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund.

5. ASD MEMORANDUM #363 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
SELECTION: CHUGIAK HIGH SCHOOL COMMISSIONING  
AUTHORITY SERVICES

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of Coffman Engineers, Inc. to perform Commissioning Authority Services for the Chugiak High School Renovation project and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into a contract with Coffman Engineers, Inc. for the Commissioning Authority Services.

6. ASD MEMORANDUM # 249 - APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC  
DESIGN FOR CHUGIAK HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL PHASE 2 -  
GYMNASIUM AND CAFETERIA RENOVATION

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design of Chugiak High School Renewal Phase 2 - Gymnasium and Cafeteria Renovation; defer the Performing Arts/Large Gym Renovation and Sports Fields Upgrade from Phase 3; reallocate those funds to the Gymnasium and Cafeteria Renovation; and authorize the Superintendent to proceed with the design pending Municipal Assembly approval of the schematic design.

7. ASD MEMORANDUM # 336 - ACCEPTANCE OF COOPERATIVE  
AGREEMENT: NATIONAL PARK PROJECT

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, GCI, and Anchorage School District.

8. ASD MEMORANDUM # 368 - ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT  
AWARD: FOUR VALLEYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUMMER  
PROGRAM

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept continuation grant funding from

the Anchorage Community Education Advisory Board in the amount of \$13,927 to provide a summer playground program for Girdwood youth.

9. ASD MEMORANDUM # 366 - APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE FRAMEWORKS: BIOLOGY II, AP BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY II, AP CHEMISTRY, AP PHYSICS B, AND AP PHYSICS C

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the High School Science Frameworks: Biology II, AP Biology, Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, AP Physics B, and AP Physics C as shown on Attachment A.

10. ASD MEMORANDUM # 367 - APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS FOR BIOLOGY II, AP BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY II, AP CHEMISTRY, AP PHYSICS B, AND AP PHYSICS C

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

*Biology II:*

- Biology: The Unity and Diversity of Life, Starr and Taggart, Thomson Learning/ - Brooks/Cole, 2001.

*AP Biology:*

- Biology 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Campbell and Reece, Prentice Hall, 2000.

*Chemistry II:*

- Chemistry: Principles and Reactions, Masterton and Hurley, Harcourt, Brace, 2001.

*AP Chemistry:*

- Chemistry, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Zumdahl, Houghton Mifflin/McDougal Littell, 2000.

*AP Physics B:*

- Physics 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Cutnell and Johnson, People's Publishing - John Wiley and Sons, 2001.

*AP Physics C:*

- Fundamentals of Physics 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Halliday, Resnick and Walker, People's Publishing - John Wiley and Sons, 2001.

11. ASD MEMORANDUM #345 - REVISIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 114: HARASSMENT (SECOND READING)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the School Board adopt the recommended policy changes for School Board Policy 114, Harassment, on Second Reading.

12. ASD MEMORANDUM # 346 - REVISION TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY SECTION 729.5: RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS (SECOND READING)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the School Board adopt the recommended policy changes for School Board Policy 729.5, Resolution of Claims and Lawsuits, on Second Reading as shown on Attachment A.

13. ASD MEMORANDUM # 347 - REVISIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 450 (APPENDIX A): STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (SECOND READING)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the School Board adopt the recommended policy changes for School Board Policy 450 (Appendix A) Statement of Rights and Responsibilities on Second Reading.

14. ASD MEMORANDUM # 370 - REQUEST FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT FOR VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board deny the request of the Village Charter School for an increase in enrollment to 155 students in grades K-8 for FY 2001-2002 at this time (Attachment A). It is further recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to allow Village Charter School to increase their enrollment beyond that authorized if the Village Charter School has a verified waiting list of students wanting to enroll in the school by August 31, 2001, or a time thereafter in order to assure an enrollment over 155 students which would qualify them for increased funding.

15. ASD MEMORANDUM # 371 -PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES: FAMILY PARTNERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve Requests #2, #4 ( a ) and (b), #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10 from the Family Partnership Charter School's Principal and Academic Policy Committee as shown on the Administrative Response (Attachment C) to Attachments A and B.

16. ASD MEMORANDUM # 372 - ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT: ANCHORAGE COUNCIL OF EDUCATION/ALASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (ACE/APEA), 2001-2003

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and adopt the collective bargaining agreement between the District and ACE/APEA which will establish terms and conditions of employment for represented employees during the period between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2003.

17. ASD MEMORANDUM # 364 - BUDGET TRANSFERS FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to process budget transfers from unexpended accounts at year-end, in the amount of \$975,367 into various accounts as outlined below.

18. ASD MEMORANDUM # 373 - RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board pass the attached resolution which will enable the District to employ retired teachers in areas of high need, up to full-time, without forcing them to forego their retirement benefits.

19. ASD MEMORANDUM # 353 - 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 Memorandum #369; ASD Memorandum #249; ASD Memorandum # 366; ASD Memorandum # 345; ASD Memorandum #346; ASD Memorandum

#373; ASD Memorandum #370; ASD Memorandum #353; ASD Memorandum #371.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Harriet Drummond

to approve Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 21, 2001 (4:30 p.m.); Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2001 (6:30 p.m.); Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 5, 2001 (9:30 a.m.);  
Memorandum #329;  
Memorandum #266;  
Memorandum #363;  
Memorandum #336;  
Memorandum #368;  
Memorandum #367;  
Memorandum #347;  
Memorandum #372;  
Memorandum #364; and  
Memorandum #353 with addendum

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Steele, Holthouse,  
Robinson, Drummond,  
Metcalf, Werdal

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Ms. Robinson noted that one of the items the Board voted to approve is the employment contract with Anchorage Council of Education/Alaska Public Employees Association for 2001-2003. Tom Straugh, negotiator for ACE commended Lee Wilson for his professionalism during the negotiations and also to Carol Comeau for setting the tone of the negotiations.

Carol Comeau announced the recommendations for various assignments on the Personnel Report. Ms. Comeau also recognized Norm Holthouse, Fred Stofflet, Robyn Rehmann Jim Taylor, Ellen Montague, John Alexander, and Tom Bibeau and thanked them for the valued service they have given to the District. Harriett Drummond also noted that Sophia Masewicz, Principal of Romig Middle School will be leaving Alaska and her work at Romig has been very much appreciated.

ASD MEMORANDUM #369 - INCREASES TO SELF-INSURANCE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND

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ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #369  
seconded by Harriet Drummond

Carol Comeau informed the Board that because of the increasing number of facilities and equipment, she believes the recommendation to increase the self-insurance is a responsible thing to do at this time. In addition, an equipment replacement fund has been recommended so it would be possible to purchase equipment from that equipment fund rather than having to go to the operating budget. This recommendation is to add another \$500,000 to the fund balance in order to have the fund balance start at \$2 million dollars beginning July 1, 2001.

Theresa Obermeyer spoke to the Board of her concern about self-insurance.

Debbie Ossiander stated that she is looking forward to the actuarial study regarding self-insurance loss reserve on workers comp liability. She is eagerly anticipating an estimate of next year's budget status. Rita Holthouse questioned whether this was going to be a re-occurring expense. Ms. Comeau assured Ms. Holthouse that this is a one-time request.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Steele, Holthouse,  
Robinson, Drummond,  
Metcalf, Werdal

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

ASD MEMORANDUM #249 - APPROVAL OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR CHUGIAK HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL PHASE 2 - GYMNASIUM AND CAFETERIA RENOVATION

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the Schematic Design of Chugiak High School Renewal Phase 2 -



It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the High School Science Frameworks: Biology II, AP Biology, Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, AP Physics B, and AP Physics C as shown on Attachment A.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #366  
seconded by Harriet Drummond

Carol Comeau expressed the need for the courses to be approved so they can be added for the 2001-2002 school year. Debbie Ossiander stated concerns of availability and how the frameworks methodology are developed. Ms. Ossiander questioned the limited availability of lab time. Gail Raymond and Dr. Fred Stofflet explained the frameworks and discussed the lack of availability of lab time for students.

Gail Raymond explained the difference in the courses and stated that this will allow more flexibility. The addition of these courses will be an individual school decision.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Steele, Holthouse,  
Robinson, Drummond,  
Metcalf, Werdal

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

ASD MEMORANDUM #345 - REVISION TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY  
SECTION 114: HARASSMENT(SECOND READING)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the School Board adopt the recommended policy changes for School Board Policy 114, Harassment, on Second Reading.

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse to approve Memorandum #345  
seconded by Harriet Drummond

Carol Comeau announced that she believes the time for this policy has come and it is critical for students and staff. It will ensure that the Administration will be able to do a good job supporting this policy.

Professor Mim Chapman, a retired principal, stated she is proud of the young people for bringing this addition to the Harassment Policy forward to the Board. As a former principal, Ms. Chapman shared stories of why this is needed. The policy change assures that the teachers will be supported when dealing with gay harassment issues.

Mr. Burt Mead, from Eagle River, expressed his support for the addition to this policy. Mr. Mead applauds the Board for bringing this policy forward. This shows ASD is serious about harassment issues.

Barbara Clark spoke of sexual orientation and information on the internet. Ms. Clark feels this is a good first step. Teacher training is a vital piece.

Trang Duong spoke of her experiences working with gay, lesbian, transsexual gender youth. Ms. Duong also spoke of her own harassment because of her race. Trang Duong strongly encouraged the Board to pass the Memorandum.

Erin Barker thanked Board for passing the addition to the policy. Ms. Barker feels it will enhance safety of students in the school.

Teacher, Jan Schmidt stated that she was not trained to deal with these issues. Ms. Schmidt honored a teacher who stopped the harassment in her classroom.

Madeline Holdorf asked the Board to support the Memorandum.

Kristina Reagle shared information with the Board on young people and student training. In order to learn a person needs to feel supported.

Kathryn Berkowitz commented on the drop in civility of students. Freedom of speech was brought up during the racial harassment policy issue. Teachers will now have the strength of District policy behind them.

Debbie Ossiander thanked Kathryn for her years of teaching at Bartlett and her support of students.

Herb Berkowitz informed the Board that part of his job is hearing details of gay bashing and violence in schools, which go hand - in - hand.

Dr. Leon Webber described his experience with harassment and urged the Board to vote for this addition to the policy.

Mary Parker urged training to staff as well as support of this policy.

Mike Travis, vice chair of Glisten stated support of the policy addition. Mr. Travis urged the Board to support the memorandum. Mr. Travis thanked the Board for listening to students in the schools.

Dennis Holway spoke on behalf of adding sexual harassment to the harassment policy.

Denise Trujillo commented on harassment in the high school where she teaches and how it effects the students - suicide, violence, dropping out of school. Ms. Trujillo wants the policy changed so she, as a teacher, can show the students in black and white that it is wrong. Ms. Trujillo thanked the student advisory board for bringing this forward.

Jody Nordby attested to the physical and verbal harassment by students who are perceived to be gay lesbian bi-transgender youth, and commends the Board for their position and commitment to providing a safe environment for all students.

Michelle Black discussed her personal experience with this issue and the affects of it in her life.

Jackie Black expressed her feelings on the issue and feels it will benefit a lot of students.

Carol Mercer asked the Board to keep the policy as amended on June 11, 2001.

Shirleen Raynals opposes the changes. Ms. Raynals feels ASD already has zero tolerance for any behaviors that threaten or harass students on school campuses. Ms. Raynals recited a list of questions for the Board and gave a list of the questions to Ms. Ossiander.

Lewis Bennett spoke of black discrimination in the South. Mr. Bennett urged the Board to take a stand for all students and vote for the policy change.

Jay Brause supports freedom of expression. Mr. Brause stated his concern that the results of harassment in the past are not being taught.

The Board recessed at 8:35 and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Keith Jenkins spoke in support of the adoption of sexual orientation into the harassment policy.

Russel Mjolsnes requested the Board to reconsider and reverse their vote.

Katy Howard spoke of her concern of the testimonies from the students and parents regarding the harassment in the schools. Is an opportunity to say yes to a group of students who have been denied in the past.

Jamelia Saied stated that her sexuality is not an issue but that she believes adding this change is important to all students. Ms. Saied sees an alarming increase in gay bashing and stated that over 50 percent of all suicides are committed by gay/lesbian or transgender students.

Marie Lavigne advocated for improvement in schools for gays/lesbian, transgender students. Existing policies do not protect the youth. The Board's leadership and assistance is needed to follow through with training for staff.

Jane Schlittler stated that it is time to stand up for what is right, moral and ethical. Students should not have to face condemnation in the schools. Ms. Schlittler urges the Board's support.

Maureen Dursi thanked the Board for standing up to this issue and approving the addition to the policy.

Laura O'Lacy discussed her experiences in high school and urged the Board to vote in favor of the addition to the policy.

Heather Dye stated that some students cannot get the education they are entitled to due to harassment.

Kristina Johannes stated her feelings on school safety and asked the Board to vote against addition to the policy.

Timothy Aguilar said he did not have respect for ASD until they brought forward this proposition. Mr. Aguilar has experienced harassment and urges the Board to pass the policy as amended.

Steve Gingrich spoke on suicide in gay youth.

Gloria Saiseta stated that she has experienced harassment. Students feel they are a failure. Schools should be there to support the students. Ms. Saiseta does not want her student to through what she has gone through.

Charles Hart spoke of his experience when he was growing up. Mr. Hart feels using the term sexual orientation is what is needed and covers it in the policy.

Thomas Rachal congratulated the Board for supporting the recommendation and urges the Board to support the recommendation again.

Kassi Grunder stated that passing the addendum to the policy would make schools safer for all.

Lisa Jamieson believes amendment is the right thing and is very grateful that it is being recommended.

Steven Push spoke of experience of a friend who went to Family Partnership Charter School due to harassment. He also has been harassed but did nothing because feared nothing would be done. Those who oppose this need to know this protects their children also.

Lori Stanton stated that the policy is important because people need to be treated with respect. Children should not have to live in fear.

Sophie Butigan believes it is important. Ms. Butigan spoke of experiences of friends who had been teased. There is also harassment in an alternative school.

Rena Mulcahy urged support of this policy from the Board.

Sherry Thompson issued written testimony and urged a yes vote.

Dr. Robert Wald congratulated the Board on devising this regulation.

Hans Bernard appreciated everyone supporting this policy and asked them to remember to honor the Board for what they are about to do. It is something that is needed. What they are doing is going to make schools safer for all students in the Anchorage area.

Debbie Ossiander read through and answered the questions that were asked by Ms. Raynals earlier.

Carol Comeau confirmed that the Administration will be developing training materials and working with staff. They will also incorporate any new language in the Rights and Responsibilities handbook in the fall.

Debbie Ossiander summarized the discussion of this amendment at the Policy Sub Committee meetings.

Harriet Drummond stated that she received over 70 e-mails and faxes in support of the policy and thanked the community.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Steele, Holthouse,  
 Robinson, Drummond,  
 Metcalfe, Werdal

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

The Board recessed at 9:55 and reconvened at 10:05.

ASD Memorandum #346 - REVISION TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY  
 SECTION 729.5: RESOLUTION OF CLAIMS AND LAWSUITS (SECOND  
 READING)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the School Board adopt the recommended policy changes for School Board Policy 729.5, Resolution of Claims and Lawsuits, on Second Reading as shown on Attachment A.

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse to approve Memorandum #346  
 seconded by Harriet Drummond

The person who requested to speak on this memorandum was no longer in attendance at the meeting. No other discussion was requested.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Steele, Holthouse,  
 Robinson, Drummond,  
 Metcalfe, Werdal

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

ASD MEMORANDUM #373 - RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING THE  
 EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board pass the attached resolution which will enable the District to employ retired teachers in areas of high need, up to full-time, without forcing them to forego their retirement benefits.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #373  
 seconded by Dave Werdal

Carol Comeau expressed to the Board her excitement about this legislation. Senator Leman was very helpful in passing this legislation. Ms. Comeau cautioned teachers to understand this is in high need areas only. There are parameters in the legislation and they are currently in the process of determining the high need areas.

Debbie Ossiander stated that the Board's Legislative Sub Committee has been working for three years to get this provision enacted. Ms. Ossiander recognized Representative Halthrow who introduced legislation very similar to this. There is a growing recognition that there needs to be major work done to address the teacher shortage in Alaska.

Rita Holthouse stated at one time, that teachers who participated in a state retirement incentive program were not eligible for this and asked if this rule still applied. Lee Wilson confirmed that anyone who participated in the State Retirement Incentive Program is not eligible to participate.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Steele, Holthouse,  
Robinson, Drummond,  
Metcalf, Werdal

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ASD MEMORANDUM # 356 - ANNUAL REVIEW/END OF YEAR  
REPORT FOR FY 2000-2001: VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL

School Board Policy 333.7 on Charter Schools requires an Annual Review of each Charter School. To be specific, the Policy states:

"Once approved by both the local and State Boards of Education, the charter school will be subject to an annual review of its operations and finances by the School Board. Annually, the charter school will submit a written report and make a presentation to the School Board and the public no later than June 30 of each school year. This report will include information on the attainment of student performance expectations, recommendations for remediation of poor student performance, school goal attainment, trends in student/staff enrollment and mobility, a list of working capital assets, an end of year preliminary financial statement

showing revenues and expenditures, minutes of the meetings of the governing bodies of the charter school, descriptions of charter school activities, copies of any leases signed by the charter school, current by-laws of the Academic Policy Committee, notification of establishment of non-profit 501 (c) (3) status, list of officers in any PTA/PTO or other parent organization, any changes in facility location, any major changes planned for the following school year, and other information of interest to the local School Board. A list of the Academic Policy Committee for the past and coming school year, including officers, and staff members by position will be included.

If there is evidence of a breach of contract, then the School Board, through the Superintendent or designee, shall have the right to investigate this breach of contract and meet with the charter school to discuss possible remedies and/or possible termination of the contract."

Carol Comeau stated to the Board that Village Charter School is finishing it's third year and has grown since its beginning. Ms. Comeau requested permission to make her remarks after the presentation.

Several Village Charter School students performed songs for the Board and audience.

Katja Bayer-Haase gave an overview of the accomplishments and goals of the Village Charter School for the 2000-2001 school year.

Kathy Sue Justice summarized the students' achievements for the 2000-2001 school year.

Toni Brewster, a staff member at Village Charter School briefed the Board on the positive experience she has had in working with the staff and students of the Village Charter School.

Kenneth Brewster, a parent and volunteer at Village Charter School expressed his satisfaction with the school's positive learning environment as well as the academics that are being taught to his son as a student there. Mr. Brewster commended Linda Sharp on her accomplishments at Village Charter School.

Linda Sharp, founder of the Village Charter School as well as teacher and principal, described parent participation in the school. Ms. Sharp also explained that teachers take training in differentiation, which is a method of teaching gifted students in a regular classroom so that no child is bored or left out of the teaching on a daily basis. Three meetings are held a year

in which they formulate their goals and describe what and how they are teaching. Ms. Sharp passed out a picture portfolio and comments from the parents of the school.

Carol Comeau commended Ms. Sharp and her staff for keeping the school going while facing several obstacles. Ms. Comeau expressed her concern from members of the staff who had asked that Arge Jeffery not have anything to do with the Village Charter School. Ms. Comeau stated that Mr. Jeffery was asked to assist the schools and work with the parents to facilitate problem solving between the school and the parents. Ms. Comeau also mentioned the error in the testing for the 7th graders of the school and that there is a plan in place to rectify the problem. Ms. Comeau stated her concern that all members of the Academic Policy Committee were appointed by that committee and no elections or solicitation of interested people were made. Ms. Comeau also said that she is happy to see that they are thinking about making a change to this policy.

Ms. Comeau indicated that she would have liked to see more specificity of the intensives and more depth on the instructional program in their report.

Superintendent Comeau concluded that because of this program's integrated nature, it has a lot of strengths. There is no question that the students are enjoying being at the school and that the integration of the languages with the music and the arts are real strengths in the program at the Village Charter School. Ms. Comeau wished to remind the members of the charter school that the District's role is larger than what is stated in the charter school's resolution. Ms. Comeau stated that she believes it is also the District's responsibility to work with the parents who need help in resolving problems with their children's school as they do with all ASD students and parents.

Debbie Ossiander questioned attendance of a student who will be out of school for three months. Ms. Sharp explained the family's circumstances and that they are still in accord with the state attendance laws.

Ms. Ossiander referred to Mr. Jeffery's assessment of the Village Charter School that stated difficulties with AEA and a staff problem. Ms. Sharp explained that situation and stated that they did meet with AEA and that the problem was taken care of. Carol Comeau confirmed and explained the situation that involved a teacher who had requested a transfer. Harriet Drummond stated her concern to Ms. Sharp regarding the situation of the teacher who had left the school and opened her own private school, taking several of her Village Charter School students with her. Ms. Sharp

explained that that is true and some of the students had left and gone to her private school.

Peggy Robinson asked Ms. Sharp if the students received instruction in their choice of language or if they received instruction in both Spanish and Norwegian. Ms. Sharp stated that students receive instruction in both languages and explained the amount of instruction in English, Spanish and Norwegian.

Ms. Robinson requested an explanation of the fees the students are charged. Ms. Sharp explained the list of items that are purchased from the fee requested.

Ms. Robinson asked Ms. Sharp about the amount of rent the school is now paying. Ms. Sharp explained that after some discussion with the landlord they have received the same discount as the previous year.

Rita Holthouse asked Linda Sharp if the new housing situation is working for them. Linda Sharp stated that she is thrilled with the space.

Ms. Holthouse requested assurance from Linda Sharp that the charter school will be able to work with Mr. Jeffery as the liaison. Ms. Sharp stated that they would work with him. Ms. Comeau explained the need for Mr. Jeffery's assistance with parents who have a concern with the charter school and stressed the importance of the need for a liaison if a problem cannot be worked out between a parent and the school.

Harriet Drummond asked Ms. Comeau if some of the issues would be more easily resolved if a principal were in the school at least part time. Carol Comeau stated that she personally felt it would but she also understands their budget restraints and the reason why they do not want a principal there at this time. Ms. Comeau believes they will look at that at last on a part time basis when their budget allows it.

ASD MEMORANDUM #370 - REQUEST FOR INCREASED  
ENROLLMENT FOR VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL

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thereafter in order to assure an enrollment over 155 students which would qualify them for increased funding.

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse to approve Memorandum #370  
seconded by Debbie Ossiander

Carol Comeau explained the rationale for the recommendation. Ms. Comeau feels they need to continue to recruit. Ms. Comeau does not believe that an enrollment increase is necessary at this time.

Linda Sharp spoke on request for the increased enrollment and stated that many financial problems would be solved if they received funding for 150 students. Ms. Sharp feels that it would be difficult for students to be put on a wait list and then have to make a change if accepted the third or fourth week of school.

Michele Todd Newberry, a parent of Village Charter School stated that she is thrilled with accomplishments his son has made at Village Charter School.

Toni Brewster asked the Board to approve their budget as requested.

Kathy Sue Justice, a teacher and teacher-in-charge, asked the Board to approve their request for 150 students enrollment.

Jim Sharp requested the board to approve the request for increased enrollment.

Katja Bayer-Haase expressed her frustrations with the waiting list and requested that the enrollment be increased as requested.

Kenneth Brewster offered to sub-teach during the September and October period. Carol Comeau asked Lee Wilson to respond to this offer. Her concern is the fact that the state statute says a sub teacher needs to be a certificated teacher if teaching in a classroom for more than 20 days. Lee Wilson stated that it is not allowed to have a non-certificated person teach a classroom for 20 days or more.

Caprice Musty, a parent and member on Academic Policy Committee stated that she will help increase enrollment by handing out flyers and notifying the public. The addition of 10 students would enable them to get an office.

Karin Have informed the Board of the confidence she has in Linda Sharp and her ability to increase the enrollment at Village Charter School. Ms. Have urged the Board to approve the request for the enrollment of 150 students.

Dois Dallas read a report to the Board regarding teaching mathematics in Village Charter School. Mr. Dallas also thanked the Board for their approval to allow the employment of retired teachers.

Harriet Drummond moved to amend the recommendation by deleting the word "deny" and replacing it with the word "approve." Tim Steele seconded the motion.

Debbie Ossiander called for point of order. Being that that would substantially change the intent of the motion Ms. Ossiander stated that she would urge Board members who would like to do that to vote this down and put a new affirmative motion on the floor.

Peggy Robinson stated that in parliamentary procedure it is appropriate to make an amendment to a motion that changes the intent of the motion. Ms. Robinson ruled that the motion is in order unless the Board chooses to overrule her decision. Mr. Werdal agreed with Ms. Ossiander. Ms. Robinson stated that based on Roberts Rules she would allow it.

AMENDMENT:

Motion by Harriet Drummond to delete the word "deny and replace  
seconded by Tim Steele it with the word "approve."

Harriet Drummond spoke to the motion and stated that she made the amendment because she did not want a negative motion on the floor. Ms. Drummond explained why she feels they should be allowed to enroll more students to maintain the 150 on count day.

Jake Metcalfe asked Ms. Comeau if they are allowed to raise enrollment by ten percent. Ms. Comeau stated that that is correct, which would be 15 or 16 students and she feels that is a sufficient cushion. Ms. Comeau said that she had committed to them that if they are getting closer to that number as August goes on she would take the request for additional enrollment approval to the Board at the next possible School Board meeting, and does not feel that the board would object if she asked them for more at the beginning of the year. Ms. Comeau mentioned Waldon Pond and their problems with this issue. Waldon Pond was allowed to go up in enrollment and they hired more staff. Enrollment didn't make

their count period. Their budget had to be cut and half of their staff had to be transferred which was also disruptive to the other schools that had to place those teachers. Ms. Comeau stated again that she is comfortable with the increase later but not at this time.

Tim Steele asked Carol Comeau if she would approve them to accept more students prior to Board action. Ms. Comeau stated that she would communicate to the Board that it would be her intent to request the Board to move the number up to what they want now. Ms. Comeau reiterated that she is looking at the bigger picture.

Rita Holthouse urged the Board to vote. Tim Steele shared the Superintendent's concerns but does not want the Board to be in the way of the charter school being able to recruit the students.

Debbie Ossiander asked what the impact would be to the school if they did not make enrollment. Ms. Comeau stated that the average daily membership (ADM) would be computed and they would get the amount they qualified for. Ms. Ossiander urged support for Superintendent Comeau's request.

VOTE:

Ayes: Steele, Holthouse, Drummond,  
Werdal

Nays: Ossiander, Robinson, Metcalfe

AMENDMENT PASSED

Peggy Robinson asked Linda Sharp when she plans on hiring a principal and purchasing additional office space if the Board approved her request. Ms. Sharp explained that she does not intend on spending anything outside of their 144-student budget until the ADM is certified by the Department of Education and the District in November.

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse  
seconded by Debbie Ossiander

to approve Memorandum #370  
as amended by deleting the  
word "deny" and replace with the  
word "approve".

VOTE

Ayes: Steele, Holthouse, Robinson,  
Drummond, Metcalfe, Werdal

Nays: Ossiander  
MAIN MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED

The Board recessed at 12:00 a.m. The meeting will be continued Thursday, June 28, 2001 at 9:30 a.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD**

### **CONTINUATION OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2001**

**JUNE 28, 2001 - 9:30 a.m.**

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 28, 2001, at 9:40 a.m. at the School District Administration Building. School Board President Peggy Robinson presided.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

School Board President Peggy Robinson called to order the continuation of the Regular School Board Meeting that recessed at 12:00 a.m. June 25, 2001.

Board Members Present: Peggy Robinson, Dave Werdal, Rita Holthouse, Jake Metcalfe, Harriet Drummond, Debbie Ossiander, and Tim Steele.

Others Present: Carol Comeau, Janet Stokesbary, George Vakalis, Pat McDowell, Jim Taylor, Gail Opalinski, Patricia McRae, Robyn Rehmann, Norm Holthouse, Fred Stofflet, Lee Wilson, Bob Henry, Ray Amsden, Michelle Egan, Ellen Montague, Robin Siegfried, the press, and interested people.

#### B. CONSENT AGENDA

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

The following items remain on the Consent Agenda: ASD Memorandum #371. It has been requested to add an additional amendment to the Personnel Report (Addendum 2) to the Consent Agenda.

Superintendent Report items also remain on the agenda. Ms. Robinson stated her intent was to discuss the ASD Memorandum #354 - Annual Review/End Of Year Report For FY 2000-2001 Aquarian Charter School on the Superintendent's Report, ASD Memorandum #355 - Annual

Review/End Of Year Report For FY 2000-2001 Family Partnership Charter School, and then returning to the Consent Agenda.

School Board Member Debbie Ossiander moved to amend the Agenda by adding an Action Item - Personnel Report. Seconded by Rita Holthouse.

ASD MEMORANDUM # 354 - ANNUAL REVIEW/END OF YEAR  
REPORT FOR FY 2000-2001: AQUARIAN CHARTER SCHOOL

School Board Policy 333.7 on Charter Schools requires an Annual Review of each Charter School. To be specific, the Policy states:

"Once approved by both the local and State Boards of Education, the charter school will be subject to an annual review of its operations and finances by the School Board. Annually, the charter school will submit a written report and make a presentation to the School Board and the public no later than June 30 of each school year. This report will include information on the attainment of student performance expectations, recommendations for remediation of poor student performance, school goal attainment, trends in student/staff enrollment and mobility, a list of working capital assets, an end of year preliminary financial statement showing revenues and expenditures, minutes of the meetings of the governing bodies of the charter school, descriptions of charter school activities, copies of any leases signed by the charter school, current by-laws of the Academic Policy Committee, notification of establishment of non-profit 501 (c) (3) status, list of officers in any PTA/PTO or other parent organization, any changes in facility location, any major changes planned for the following school year, and other information of interest to the local School Board. A list of the Academic Policy Committee for the past and coming school year, including officers, and staff members by position will be included.

If there is evidence of a breach of contract, then the School Board, through the Superintendent or designee, shall have the right to investigate this breach of contract and meet with the charter school to discuss possible remedies and/or possible termination of the contract."

Carol Comeau introduced Margarite Howe, principal at Aquarian Charter School and Sharon Wilson, Chair of the Academic Policy Committee. Ms. Comeau pointed out that throughout all of the changes this school has faced this year they have come out of it very positively. Their academic program remained very strong and Ms. Comeau feels they have a fine program for their students.



Ms. Robinson noted the CAT percentile rank scores that had a significant drop in fourth grade from last year and the year before. Ms. Howe replied that the scores are deceiving due to the increase in numbers of Special Education students taking the test.

Peggy Robinson asked Ms. Howe if Aquarian has many students, who qualify for Gifted services, participate in the IGNITE program, or do they meet their needs in their own program at Aquarian. Ms. Howe stated that they meet their needs in their own program.

Rita Holthouse asked Ms. Howe how they handle a situation where a child prefers to go to the IGNITE program instead. Ms. Howe stated that services are provided in the regular classroom and so far they have only had parents choose to stay.

Harriet Drummond reminded the Administration that the building Aquarian Charter School is housed in was not on the CAFR list. Ms. Comeau assured Ms. Drummond and the Board that they are looking into why it was off the list. Ms. Comeau gave a brief history as well as current condition of the building. They will continue to operate it only while it continues to be cost effective.

Debbie Ossiander stated that the Board and Administration should be proactive in discussions of this building. There are a number of issues escalating, such as the rising number of charter schools being approved, which causes inequity if they are providing space for some and not for others. Maintenance costs continue to escalate. Ms. Ossiander believes it is in the best interest of the District to look at a decision now and urges the Administration and Board to make this issue a priority next year.

Carol Comeau reported that she is impressed with their thoughtful curriculum. They spent a lot of time and energy matching their curriculum to the content and the performance standards. Ms. Comeau feels they kept to their mission when it was initially approved. The whole premise was that gifted students receive instruction within their whole program. The staff has received training to do this and their program is very strong. The facility issue is most problematic and Ms. Comeau agrees with Debbie Ossiander's comments.

Sharon Wilson, Chair of the Academic Policy Committee and co-founder of Aquarian thanked the Board and Administration for their support.

ASD MEMORANDUM # 355 - ANNUAL REVIEW/END OFYEAR  
REPORT FOR FY 2000-2001: FAMILY PARTNERSHIP CHARTER  
SCHOOL

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Representatives from the Family Partnership Charter School will be available to present their Annual Report to the School Board. Their report is presented to the School Board as Attachment D. The Administration will also present remarks at the appropriate time.

Carol Comeau introduced Tim Scott and Narda Butler from Family Partnership Charter School. Ms. Comeau thinks they have a strong viable academic policy committee and well-organized charter school. They are very committed to their mission and vision of their school and have opened up leadership to all parents who want to participate. Ms. Comeau reported on the items in the Pertinent Facts of the memorandum.

Tim Scott expressed his appreciation for Arge Jeffery and feels he has always been able to work with them.

Debbie Ossiander thanked Mr. Scott for the audit and also thanked the several people who gave detailed information on the impact of the changes on their particular educational plans.

Peggy Robinson requested information on the proposal to add an academic facilitator position that would be funded by using two of each student's contact hours so it reduced the number of contact hours for the student with the teacher from 18 to 16. Narda Butler informed Ms. Robinson that they decided that would not be appropriate and they would fund the position out of overhead. The position is help to provide oversight and training to the staff.

Carol Comeau stated that she is pleased at the addition of this academic facilitator position and that this will assist in bringing some of their academic issues to be more consistent.

Peggy Robinson commented on the inventory list and was happy to see that they limited the computer type approved to be purchased to three. Ms. Robinson also commented on the Academic Policy Committee and noted that there were a lot of abstentions to voting. Ms. Robinson suggested the committee look at doing a policy that talks about from what circumstance people can abstain.

Carol Comeau stated that in the Academic Policy Committee minutes' discussion there is concern on the part of some parents that the only students who would be required to take the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam are the those pursuing a diploma. This is not an option. All students must take the exam. It is a State law.

ASD MEMORANDUM #371 - ANNUAL REVIEW/END OF YEAR  
REPORT FOR FY 2000-2001: AQUARIAN CHARTER SCHOOL

The Superintendent received two letters (Attachments A and B) from the Chair of the Academic Policy Committee and the Principal of FPCS, requesting an administrative response and approval of a number of questions/requests regarding the parameters they will be operating under for the school year 2001-2002.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #371 to  
seconded by Harriet Drummond approve request # 2, # 4A and B; #6,  
#7, #8, #9, and #10 of the Family  
Partnership Charter School's  
Principal and Academic Policy  
Committee as shown in the  
Administrative Response Attachment  
C, to Attachment A and B.

Carol Comeau briefed the Board on the reasons for her recommendation in this memorandum.

Happy Chronister spoke on how Family Partnership Charter School has helped families craft a customized plan. Ms. Chronister mentioned her concern about the 50 percent policy.

Dave Werdal asked the speaker to mention the instances where she has lost of public school funds for private education. Ms. Chronister stated that some families are not returning because the families cannot choose as much as before.

Lynn Aleshire, a parent member of APC at Family Partnership spoke on eligible expenses and would like a written policy of what is and what is not allowed. The 50 percent restriction on electives denies students access to local classes in high school. Ms. Aleshire asked the Board to reconsider and appeal the policy.

Valarie Haney appreciates having the academic choice for her children. Ms. Haney feels there are too many restrictions and they keep parents from being involved. Peggy Robinson asked Ms. Haney if she is doing the home teaching of her daughter. Ms. Haney stated that she tried it and it works better for an ASD certified teacher to do that.

Debbie Bluin stated to the Board that one of the things that makes their school unique is that it caters to parents who want to get involved with their children's program. Ms. Bluin feels they should allow private school students to participate.

Rita Holthouse commented that she thought the original intent of the charter school's program was to assist home-schooling families and bring them in to the public system. It was not intended to be supplementary of private schools. Ms. Bluin stated that the original intent was to encourage home-schooled students to come back into the fold of ASD but feels we are running the risk of alienating a whole sub section of our community.

Narda Butler stated her appreciation for how the process is working and appreciates Carol Comeau taking their letters seriously and providing a response. Ms. Butler spoke about the 50 percent limitation on elective expenditures and read a report that she handed out to the Board regarding this topic.

Carol Comeau clarified the mission of the charter school and stated that it would not have been approved if it were intended to supplement private school instruction. Rita Holthouse added that she supports the program as providing support to home-school children and will not support it if the primary purpose is supplementation of private school education. Parents need to pay for private lessons if they want them. Board discussion continued on this topic.

Tim Scott spoke on Issue #4 which would like the opportunity for students to be involved in team sports.

Rita Holthouse requested an amendment to add Request #3, thus ending the 50 percent restriction on elective expenditures and spoke about her reason for the amendment.

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse	to amend Memorandum #371 to add
seconded by Debbie Ossiander	Request #3, thus ending the 50 percent
	restriction on elective expenditures.

VOTE

Ayes: Ossiander, Steele, Holthouse,  
Robinson, Drummond, Metcalfe,  
Werdal

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED

The Board and Superintendent discussed Request #1 which requests that private school students who have electives at the private school be allowed to use FPCS funds to purchase elective or extra-curricular lessons or activities because that is allowed for home-schooled and other FPCS students. Narda Butler and Tim Scott also joined the discussion and stated that they were looking for the Board's guidance on this topic.

Harriet Drummond suggested that the Board not try to approve Request #1 at this time and that she would like Mr. Scott and Ms. Butler to bring a

proposal back to the Board. Rita Holthouse agreed that the Board should not take action on Request #1 today.

Debbie Ossiander suggested that an amendment be made to allow approval of #4C.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander                      to allow approval of Family  
seconded by Harriet Drummond              Partnership Charter School Request  
#4C.

The Board discussed the approval of #4C.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Steele, Robinson,  
Drummond, Werdal

Nays: Holthouse, Metcalfe

AMENDMENT TO MOTION PASSED

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander                      to approve Memorandum #371  
seconded by Harriet Drummond              as amended

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Steele, Holthouse,  
Robinson, Drummond, Metcalfe,  
Werdal

Nays: None

MAIN MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED

4. ASD MEMORANDUM 357 - OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFERS-  
MAY MONTHLY REPORT FY 2000-2001

The attached report of budget transfers for May 2001 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 May 2001. Abbreviations in titles represent how data is stored in IFAS; continuity in the abbreviations within IFAS is an on-going process.

5. ASD MEMORANDUM # 340 - FACILITY PROJECT REPORT AND CHANGE ORDER REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2001

The monthly Facility Project Report Update and Change Order Report for the months of April and May 2001 are attached. There are no exceptions to report this month.

6. ASD MEMORANDUM # 358 - PROJECT STATUS REPORT

This is a report of activities and project status changes in Major Capital Projects during the two-week period of May 29, 2001 through June 12, 2001.

Harriet Drummond asked Ray Amsden about the amount of funds that are short for the Dimond High School project. Mr. Amsden assured the Board that projections have not changed and they are continuing to investigate ways to reduce the cost of demolition. Ms. Drummond also asked about the relocatables that were at the Wendler site. Carol Comeau assured Ms. Drummond that they would be returned after the site work has been completed.

7. ASD MEMORANDUM # 359 - END-OF-YEAR MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY FOR 2000-2001

The end-of-year membership report for June 6, 2001 is attached. The total active enrollment at the end of the 2000-2001 school year was 48,397, an increase of 121 students over the 1999-2000 end-of-year total of 48,276. Table 1 compares the membership on June 6, 2001, with the totals from June 5, 2000. The comparison and official membership for end-of-year June 5, 2000, vs. end-of-year June 6, 2001, is shown on Attachment A.

8. ASD MEMORANDUM # 360 - TREASURER'S REPORT /FINANCIAL RECAP: MAY 31, 2001

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 May 31, 2001.

9. ASD MEMORANDUM # 365 - SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS - \$65,000,000 SALE OF SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS - \$51,805,000

On May 4, 2001, the Administration notified the School Board that the District was requesting the Municipality of Anchorage to sell \$65 million of general obligation school bonds based on cash flow projections provided by the Facilities Department. This would be the second sale related to the \$173.15 million of bonds approved by voters on Proposition 11 in April 1999. The Municipality, on behalf of the District, had previously sold \$35 million of bonds related to this voter-authorization. The Administration also informed the School Board that due to interest rates and the bond market, we had been notified by the Municipality's financial advisor that due to market rates and trends, it was beneficial to advance refund some of the District's outstanding bonds. Depending upon the bond market on the day of closing, the exact amount of bonds to be refunded was not known at that time.

On May 22, 2001, the Anchorage Assembly approved Ordinance No. A0 2001-95 which authorized the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$65 million of General Obligation School Bonds and Ordinance No. AO 2001-96 which authorized the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$72 million of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds. The bond ordinances set forth details of the bonds and authorized the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Municipality to negotiate and execute a contract for the purchase and sale of said bonds.

Peggy Robinson commented on the savings stated in the memorandum because of interest rate changes. Tim Steele asked about the \$3 million that the legislature appropriated at Representative Mulder's request for the Muldoon Middle School site. George Vakalis stated that the money was not designated for a specific site, although it was Representative Mulder's intent. Other money has been designated for the site selection and the additional \$3 million will be added to those funds.

H. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

I. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

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

K. ADJOURNMENT

The continuation of the Regular Meeting of June 25, 2001 was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:55 a.m. on June 28, 2001.

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Peggy Robinson, President

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Harriet Drummond, Clerk

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Date Minutes Approved