

**MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 23, 2002**

The Anchorage School Board met in Special Session on Thursday, May 23, 2002, at 6:35 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, Jake Metcalfe, Tim Steele, Rita Holthouse, and Harriet Drummond.

Board Members Not Present: Debbie Ossiander and Mary Marks

Others Present: Carol Comeau, Janet Stokesbary, Pat McDowell, Mike Henry, George Vakalis, Gail Opalinski, Patricia McRae, Larry Wiget, Duane Moran, Jeff Wood, Pam Lloyd, Dale Cope, Marie Laule, Debbie Bogart, Lee Wilson, Mary Kay Sambo, Stan Syta, Ray Amsden, Chip Derrick, Arge Jeffery, Bob Henry, Corey Rennell, Robin Siegfried, the press, and other interested people.

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

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Comeau requested the Board to let the Superintendent's office know when they were able to get together for a new School Board photo.

C. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

1. ASD Memorandum #314 - June Nelson Memorial Scholarship Winners

On April 20 ten Alaska high school seniors were chosen out of 162 applicants to receive a \$1,000 June Nelson Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship, named after a long-time Kotzebue School Board member, is an annual tradition of the Association of Alaska School Boards. Each year the association's members, students and district superintendents gather to raise money that will be awarded to graduating seniors in Alaska. This year enough money was raised to award ten scholarships.

Mike Henry, Executive Director of Secondary Education, read the memorandum announcing the winners of the scholarships. Sara

Loski from Dimond High School, Amber Walker from East High School, and Christopher Wintrose from Chugiak High School, received certificates and congratulations from Peggy Robinson.

2. ASD Memorandum #315 - Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship Recipients

The Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarships, given in cooperation with the American Association of School Administrators, recognize the outstanding achievements of exemplary high school juniors. Winners receive awards in one of three categories: Trade and Technical Studies; Arts and Humanities Studies or Science, Business and Technology Studies. Each state-level award carries with it a \$2,500 scholarship.

Gail Opalinski read the memorandum congratulating the winners and Peggy Robinson presented the certificates.

3. ASD Memorandum #317 - 2002 Presidential Scholars

The nation's 2002 Presidential Scholars have been announced, and this year three Anchorage School District students have been selected for this distinguished honor. This year's Presidential Scholars include Heather Craig and Hanna Craig from East High School, and Michael Crayton from Service High School.

Mike Henry read the memorandum congratulating the students and Peggy Robinson presented them with certificates.

D. SUMMARY OF 2001-2002 YEAR, Peggy Robinson, President

School Board President, Peggy Robinson, spoke about the 2001-2002 year. Ms. Robinson also reminisced about her past nine years on the Anchorage School Board.

E. ADJOURNMENT OF 2001-2002 – SINE DIE

Peggy Robinson moved to adjourn the last Anchorage School Board meeting of 2001-2002. Jake Metcalfe seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The board recessed at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

F. OATH OF OFFICE OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Judge Sigurd Murphy administered the Oath of Office to John Steiner, who was sworn into office as the new School Board Member of the Anchorage School District.

G. ORGANIZATION OF 2002-2003 SCHOOL BOARD

Superintendent Carol Comeau will preside as temporary chairman until a new president is elected.

Debbie Ossiander and Mary Marks joined the meeting via teleconference for the election of the School Board officers.

a. **President**

The Board unanimously elected Jake Metcalfe as the President of the Anchorage School Board for the 2002-2003 school year.

b. **Vice President**

The Board unanimously elected Tim Steele as the Vice President of the Anchorage School Board for the 2002-2003 school year.

c. **Clerk**

The Board unanimously elected Mary Marks as the Clerk of the Anchorage School Board for the 2002-2003 school year.

d. **Treasurer**

The Board unanimously elected Harriet Drummond as the Treasurer of the Anchorage School Board for the 2002-2003 school year.

Debbie Ossiander and Mary Marks were excused from the remainder of the meeting.

H. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION:

Moved by Tim Steele to approve the Agenda of the Special
seconded by Harriet Drummond School Board Meeting of May 23, 2002.

The Board recessed at 8:10 to reorganize the seating arrangement of the Board. The Board reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

VOTE:

Ayes: Steele, Holthouse,
Drummond, Metcalfe,
Steiner

Absent: Marks, Ossiander

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

I. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Theresa Obermeyer congratulated the School Board members for being in a very illustrious group throughout the nation. Ms. Obermeyer also spoke to the Board regarding fair municipal elections.

Cass Ariez spoke to the Board regarding the teacher buyout/service recognition program and feels it is a bad thing for students to lose good teachers. Carol Comeau explained AEA's request for service recognition in order to pay for the three-year contract. Lee Wilson added that in 2002-2005 there is no service recognition program planned in the agreement. Ms. Comeau also mentioned that teacher recruiting is going very well and the principals are pleased with the candidates who are available to fill the positions. Tim Steele stated that he was also concerned about the newspaper article regarding the teacher service recognition program and the loss of many good teachers. Mr. Steele stated that it was necessary during the time that the Board had to implement it because of the budget cuts the District was going through and it helped the District get through those rough times.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. ASD Memorandum #289 - Award Of Contract: Service High School Renewal Project, Phase 1 Deferred

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Service High School Renewal Project, Phase 1 Deferred to the lowest bidder, EBCO, for the Base Bid and Alternate 1 in the amount of \$1,127,900; and accept Unit Prices A, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K.

2. ASD Memorandum #290 - Award Of Contract: Bear Valley, Klatt And Spring Hill Elementary Schools Power And Data Upgrades In Support Of Technology

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the Bear Valley, Klatt, and Spring Hill Elementary Schools Power and Data Upgrades in Support of Technology to Arctic Lights Electric, Inc. for Base Bid A in the amount of \$326,101 and to accept Additive Alternates 1, 2 and 3 in the amount of \$40,650 for a total award of \$366,751.

3. ASD Memorandum #291 - Award Of Contract: King Career Center Code Renovations

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a construction contract for King Career Center Code Renovations to the low responsive bidder, Janssen Contracting Company, Inc. for the Base Bid and Allowance Assignment in the amount of \$4,161,392.

4. ASD Memorandum #292 - Award Of Contract: Fire Lake Elementary School Roof Upgrades

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a construction contract for Fire Lake Elementary School Roof Upgrades to the low responsive bidder, Anchorage Roofing and Contracting, for the Base Bid in the amount of \$182,945. Unit Prices are not accepted.

5. ASD Memorandum #313 - Award Of Contract: Ravenwood Elementary School Roof Upgrades

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a construction contract for Ravenwood Elementary School Roof Upgrades to the low responsive bidder, Universal Roofing, for the Base Bid in the amount of \$428,500, and accept both Unit Prices.

6. ASD Memorandum #294 - Professional Services Selection: Emergency Preparedness Planning Study

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of Emergency Planning Services, Inc. to conduct an Emergency Preparedness Planning Study, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into a contract with Emergency Planning Services, Inc.

7. ASD Memorandum #319 - Prior Approval: Title VI-B

Individuals With Disabilities Education Entitlement and
Preschool Disabled Incentive Grants

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to submit the Title VI-B Individuals with Disabilities Education Entitlement Grant and the Preschool Disabled Incentive Grant for FY 2002-2003. The total amount for both grants combined is \$7,542,637 based on the attached budgets (Attachments A and B).

The following memorandum was removed from the agenda: ASD Memorandum #290.

ACTION:

Moved by Harriet Drummond
seconded by Tim Steele

to approve: ASD Memorandum
#289; Memorandum 291#;
Memorandum #292;
Memorandum #313;
Memorandum #294; and
Memorandum #319.

VOTE:

Ayes: Steele, Holthouse,
Drummond, Metcalfe,
Steiner

Absent: Marks, Ossiander

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

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ACTION:

Moved by John Steiner
seconded by Harriet Drummond

to approve ASD Memorandum #290.

John Steiner asked Ray Amsden if the upgrades will follow the plans of the District's new instructional technology plan and asked him to address any differences that are relevant to the project.

Ray Amsden stated that the plan speaks more to implementation issues of how to apply technology to the instructional environment. The infrastructure in the plan is consistent with what was in the previous plan. The new plan validates some of what we were doing in previous to this upgrade. The 5-1 ratio has been provided as well as the needed data connections for laptop settings. Mr. Steele asked if Category 6 wiring was being used in the upgrades. Mr. Amsden stated that this project is not recommending award for Category 6 wiring. It is a Category 5e, which is the upgraded cabling being used up until this spring. In the secondary schools, we have upgrades to Category 6. The need for higher capacity networking relates to video streaming, etc. which is seen in the secondary level but is not being seen in the elementary level.

VOTE:

Ayes: Steele, Holthouse,
Drummond, Metcalfe,
Steiner

Nays: None

Absent: Marks, Ossiander

MOTION PASSED

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

L. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no other speakers.

M. COMMUNICATION & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Rita Holthouse commented on the (Alternative Career Education) ACE luncheon that she and Carol Comeau attended. The luncheon was held for students who are graduating from the program. Ms. Holthouse urged everyone to attend next year.

Carol Comeau agreed that the luncheon was very nice. Ms. Comeau explained that the program is for young adults up through their 22nd birthday. Each graduate gives a motivational speech and it is a marvelous celebration of how far they have come.

Tim Steele stated that he attended the Go For It Road Show and thought the message was presented well. Carol Comeau thanked Pat McDowell and her Executive Directors, Steve Kalmes, and George Vakalis for their

help in making the program successful. The program was sponsored by local community sponsors, Coca-Cola, and Health South.

John Steiner expressed his appreciation for his warm welcome by the other members of the Board and Administration. Mr. Steiner recognized his two daughters in the audience and thanked them as well as the rest of his family, for their support. Mr. Steiner also recognized Jeff Friedman, also in the audience, and appreciated the fact that is continuing his work for the better education of Anchorage's students.

Jake Metcalfe thanked the Board and Administration for their support and looked forward to working with everyone. Mr. Metcalfe also thanked Peggy Robinson and Dave Werdal for their time and effort put in over the years for the Board.

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

O. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of May 23, 2002, was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:40 p.m. May 23, 2002.

Jake Metcalfe, President

Mary Marks, Clerk

Date Minutes Approved