

**MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2002**

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, September 23, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. President Jake Metcalfe presided.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE

Board Members Present: Debbie Ossiander, Tim Steele, Jake Metcalfe, Rita Holthouse, Harriet Drummond, and Mary Marks.

Board Members Excused: John Steiner. Mr. Steiner joined the meeting via teleconference during the Consent Agenda.

Others Present: Carol Comeau, George Vakalis, Jan Christensen, Janet Stokesbary, Mike Henry, Jerry Sjolander, Patricia McRae, Gail Opalinski, Jeff Wood, Dale Cope, Eric Tollefsen, Bob Henry, Ray Amsden, Dr. Robb Boyer, Larry Wiget, Victoria Parham, LTC. Mulcahy, Corey Rennell, Robin Siegfried, the press and other interested people.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Ossiander announced that the time of the Policy Sub-committee will be 8:30 a.m. every first and third Thursday of the month.

Harriet Drummond announced the Audit Sub-committee meeting is on Thursday, September 26, beginning at 9:30 in the Superintendent's conference room.

Rita Holthouse announced that the Legislative Sub-committee would meet September 30, at 3:00 p.m.

Carol Comeau announced that the BP Teacher of Excellence Award would be added to tonight's agenda as Item #3.

Memorandum #59 and Memorandum #65 have been revised and copies have been presented to the Board and public at the meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Mary Marks

to approve the Agenda of the  
Regular meeting of September  
23, 2002 as revised.

The Agenda was unanimously approved.

D. AWARDS/RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

1. ASD Memorandum #61 - Award Winning Blood Drive

The Blood Bank of Alaska's High School Challenge is a competition between all of the high schools in Alaska to see which school can recruit the most blood donors for a single-day blood drive. Donald Houk, N.J.R.O.T.C. Commander at Chugiak High School, heard about the Blood Bank of Alaska's first annual High School Challenge in the spring of 2002.

From the beginning, Don Houk, Battalion Commander Sarah Eby, MSgt. William "Top" Dill, and Petty Officer 1st Class Lorie Florick set out to create a plan to win the challenge. First they approached the PTA and immediately recruited 50 parents. Next, they set up an incentive for their cadets, whereby the cadets could obtain either a community service ribbon or credit for their Hawaii fund. Don, Sarah, "Top" and Lorie and the cadets worked diligently to recruit additional blood donors, including Chugiak High School students and employees for the blood drive.

Carol Comeau requested Mike Henry to read the recognition. Jake Metcalfe presented the award.

2. ASD Memorandum # 63 - Borealis Bullseyes Air Rifle Team Recognition

The 2002 National Junior Olympic Three-Position Air Rifle Championship was held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 23 through June 25, 2002. Participating in the championship were 152 individuals, 11 scholastic teams and 23 clubs representing 37 states.

Representing Alaska, the Borealis Bullseyes Air Rifle Team, consisting of team members Holly Caraway, Anna (Katy) Crabtree, Brian Doran, Jessica Reed, and Jessalin Schultz (all Service High School students) scored 4,561 out of a possible 4,800.

The Borealis Bullseyes won First Place in the Scholastic Division and were awarded gold medals, certificates, and a plaque from the Civilian Marksmanship Program that is on display at the Birchwood Recreation and Shooting Park.

Mike Henry read the memorandum for recognition of the Borealis Bullseyes Air Rifle Team. Jake Metcalfe presented the award to the members of the team.

3. BP Teacher Excellence Teacher of the Year Award - Each year BP recognizes 14 a year and one is selected as the BP teacher of the year. Erin Donahue was recognized as the BP Teacher of the Year for 2001. Ms. Tammy Anderson presented the award.

E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS

1. Military Delegate

LTC. Mulcahy spoke to the Board regarding his concern with the Curriculum Audit Report. Carol Comeau asked Lieutenant Colonel Mulcahy if he would put his information in writing. It will be included in the report along with the other administrators' responses.

2. MECC

Victoria Parham stated that the MECC would be working with the Community Education Department to plan the Multicultural Student Leadership Conference, held on April 4, 2003. Angela Jimenez was appointed to the Capital Request Advisory Committee and Atisa Logo for the Controversial Concerns Committee. The committee members agreed to keep the same goals as the previous year, in the areas of curriculum and monitoring in outreach, but will be using different activities to achieve these goals.

3. Student Advisory Board

Corey Rennell gave a packet to the Board that was sent to all the high schools and middle schools in the District last week. The packet includes information about what the students are involved in this year as related to civics involvement. The packet covers information regarding Freedom's Answer - a national program that encourages students to pledge their schools, parents and peers to

vote in the November 5th election. The goal is to get the highest recorded voting record of a non-presidential year, as a response to September 11 to demonstrate America's strength and integrity. Their website address is [www.freedomsanswer.com](http://www.freedomsanswer.com). The Youth Gubernatorial Debate is scheduled for October 25, 2002 at Bartlett High School. The candidates will debate on all youth concerns and issues. Teachers have been asked to have their students submit questions for the debate. May is youth voter registration month. The Student Advisory Board is hoping that the schools will continue programs to try to get youth to register to vote. The packet also includes information about Youth Vote 2002. This year the youth ballot initiative question is related to soda in the schools.

Tim Steele congratulated Mr. Rennell on his scholarship award from the American Legion.

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (30 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

1. Speaker, Jacqueline Leibach, parent member of Special Education Advisory Council voiced her concern to the Board about the delayed results from HSGQE. The Council sent a letter to the Superintendent and the School Board that stated the Council's concerns about not allowing time to prepare before the next test. Adequate time to provide appropriate accommodations for students is not possible, given the delayed results. The Council requested the School Board to address this issue with the State Board of Education.

Carol Comeau thanked the speaker and added that this is a State issue. The State Board of Education is meeting Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Anchorage at the ASD School Board Room and they will be establishing the CUT scores for the test. Notification will then be given as to which students are proficient in the test. There is time for public comment on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Comeau stated that she would be happy to give the Commissioner a copy of her letter and convey her concerns. Ms. Comeau added that she appreciated her thoughtful letter.

Rita Holthouse requested the Superintendent to clarify that the delay is not due to the action of the District. Carol Comeau commented that this is related to the State Board of Education resetting the scores and looking at the test and data.

The next speaker, Phillip Samse, spoke to the Board regarding suspension procedures. Mr. Samse's son was suspended for being involved in a fight he did not start. The speaker does not agree with this rule. Mr. Samse agrees with zero tolerance but does not agree with someone else being punished when they did not start the problem.

Debbie Ossiander asked the speaker if he appealed the suspension. Mr. Samse stated that he just found out about this and he will appeal. Carol Comeau agreed that Mr. Samse should appeal, because the child can remain in school until the appeal is heard. Mr. Samse stated that he wishes to change the policy. Carol Comeau commented that the Administration is always challenged with determining who started the fight. Debbie Ossiander agreed that it is very difficult to tell who started the fight and also mentioned that the speaker will have an opportunity to testify to the Board on specific policies on discipline because the Board will be looking at the Student's Rights and Responsibilities later this year. Jake Metcalfe added that he has an appeal process to follow and he needs to talk to Gail Opalinski. Mr. Metcalfe also mentioned the Work Session regarding the Student's Rights and Responsibilities where the Board will look at all sides and make a decision as to whether or not to change the policy. The Work Session is not set yet, but there is an ad in every first Saturday that will advertise it. The Work Sessions are traditionally held the third Monday of the month.

Tim Steele assured the speaker that the Board is concerned about his issue, but because he is planning to appeal, the Board members cannot hear too much about his case or it could taint their judgment if the appeal ends up going before the Board. (If the speaker is not satisfied with the results of the appeal, the appeal may be heard by the School Board as a last result.) Mr. Steele stated to the speaker that he did not want him to take the Board members' silence as a lack of concern.

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 August 21, 2002 12:00 p.m.
  - b. Special Meeting August 26, 2002 4:30 p.m.
  - c. Regular Meeting August 26, 2002 6:30 p.m.

2. ASD Memorandum #65 - Alaska Association Of School Boards' Resolutions

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board adopt the Association of Alaska School Board's (AASB) 2002 Belief Statements and Core Resolutions including the changes and additions proposed by the School Board (Attachment A).

Suggested Anchorage School Board proposed resolutions and amendments are highlighted in the table of contents and within the document.

3. ASD Memorandum #53 - Acceptance Of Continuation Grant Award: Project Voces

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept grant funds from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$148,068. Funding for the second year of this grant will provide Spanish language and culture opportunities for all students at Chugiak Elementary School.

4. ASD Memorandum #54 - Acceptance Of Continuation Grant Award: Project Troika

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation grant award from the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Bilingual and Minority Languages Affairs, Foreign Language Assistance Program, in the amount of \$123,097. Funding for year three will allow students in the middle school program to matriculate to the high school programs at Bartlett, Chugiak and West High Schools.

5. ASD Memorandum #55 - Acceptance Of Discretionary Grant: Foreign Language Incentive Program

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept an Elementary Foreign Language Incentive Grant from the U. S. Department of Education in the amount of \$38,337. This program awards incentive payments to elementary schools that provide significant foreign language instruction.

6. ASD Memorandum #66 - Appropriation Of State Of Alaska Grant Funds - Senate Bill 2006

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board accept from the State of Alaska grant appropriations funded by Senate Bill No. 2006 in the total amount of \$608,000.

7. ASD Memorandum #59 - Personnel Report

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

The following Memorandums were unanimously removed from the Agenda: The minutes of the Special Meeting of August 21, 2002, 12:00; the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2002, 6:30; Memorandum #65; and Memorandum #66.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Tim Steele

to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of August 26 2002, 4:30 p.m.; ASD Memorandum #53; Memorandum #54; Memorandum #55; and Memorandum #59.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalf, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: None

Absent: Steiner

MOTION PASSED

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Harriet Drummond

to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 21, 2002.

Debbie Ossiander moved to substitute the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 21, 2002, with the recently presented copy.

Carol Comeau stated that she gave to the Board the revised version of the minutes to reflect the purpose of the Executive Session.

Debbie Ossiander stated that her intent is to substitute the revised minutes for the minutes on the agenda. Ms. Ossiander stated that the original copy of

the minutes did not state the reason for moving to Executive Session. The Board is required to state the reason for moving to Executive Session by law.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Harriet Drummond

to substitute the recently presented copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 21, 2002 rather than the copy presented on the Agenda.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalf, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: None

Absent: Steiner

AMENDMENT PASSED

The Board unanimously approved the Main Motion.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Mary Marks

to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 26, 2002.

Debbie Ossiander requested to add to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2002, the word "would" on page 16 after the words "Ms. Ossiander" and change the word "encouraged" to "encourage". This change would better reflect the fact that Ms. Ossiander did not agree with the amendment.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Tim Steele

to add to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2002, the word "would" on page 16 after the words "Ms. Ossiander" and change the word "encouraged" to "encourage".

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalf, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: None

Absent: Steiner

AMENDMENT PASSED

The Board unanimously approved the main motion as amended.

The Board recessed in order to place a phone call John Steiner so that he could join the meeting by teleconference.

ASD Memorandum #65 - Alaska Association Of School Boards'  
Resolutions

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ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse  
seconded by Mary Marks

to approve Memorandum #65

Rita Holthouse explained that the Board received a draft of the resolutions on Friday. Mr. Steiner was not able to make the changes he wished to have made because he was called out of town. Mr. Steiner submitted his changes via e-mail and the committee included all of the requested revisions in the revised Memorandum. Ms. Holthouse added that the Committee felt that none of the revisions were substitute changes. They were corrections and in many cases, improvements in reading, which strengthened the document.

Mr. Steiner stated that he appreciated Mr. Wiget's quick response and ability to review his changes and apologized for the lateness of their submission.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Harriet Drummond

to amend on item 1.5 School Vouchers, the phrase "In addition, voucher funding tied to ..." by adding the word "students" and delete the phrase that begins "Resource support through such structures as Internet-based public schooling already provide an accountable model for public financial support for home schooling."

Debbie Ossiander moved to amend Item 1.5 School Vouchers on the phrase "In addition, voucher funding tied to..." by adding the word "students" and delete the phrase that begins "Resource support through such structures as Internet-based public schooling already provide an accountable model for public financial support for home schooling." The last words would be "parochial schools. " The first sentence would read "In addition, voucher funding tied to students could not fully ensure students or taxpayers the benefits of accountability measures, like state mandated content and student performance standards, and could not satisfy other state and federal mandates under which public schools are required to operate, without invading the religious and other constitutional freedoms of private and parochial schools."

Ms. Ossiander stated that the inclusion of the word "students" seemed to clarify the sentence. However, the last sentence does not add to what has been presented as rationale. Ms. Ossiander stated that she feels it is not particularly appropriate or helpful to mention a school by name and that the statement is rather vague, which does not add to the position. Ms. Ossiander encouraged support of the amendment.

John Steiner explained that the basic structure of the resolution refers to private, parochial and home school. The constitutional issue addresses only private and parochial. It's not clear whether constitutional provisions would apply to private schooling of an individual's home. Mr. Steiner's concern was that the rationale would not support that part of the resolution. Therefore, Mr. Steiner thought it significant that some piece of it demonstrating that there were other opportunities for home schooling support was appropriate.

Debbie Ossiander added that it is helpful to have the resolutions succinct because they get debated on every word at some point.

John Steiner moved to divide the question. There was no second so the motion died.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalf, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: Steiner

AMENDMENT PASSED

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Tim Steele  
seconded by Harriet Drummond

to change 2.2 Financial Support to Achieve Statewide Strategies #1. to read "Increased learning time - An expanded day or extended school year, to increase learning time for targeted students.

Mr. Steele spoke to his amendment by stating that this change removed the discussion on summer school and he does not believe it is appropriate in this particular item. It also made clear the committee's desire to have both the expanded day option as well as the extended school year to give flexibility. The amendment deletes the words "summer school" and teacher in-service."

Ms. Comeau stated that she preferred that the words "summer school" stay in because there is a difference, in her mind, to "extended school year" and "summer school."

Mr. Steele requested approval of Harriet Drummond, who seconded the motion, to have the amendment read "Increased learning time - An expanded day, extended school year, and/or summer school to increase learning time to targeted students. Harriet Drummond approved as the second on the motion.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalf, Steiner, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Harriet Drummond

to change 2.14 School Construction Debt Retirement by deleting the last sentence which reads "Whether or not the recent GO Bond Proposition to fund specified school projects was successful, it remains incumbent upon the legislature to appropriate sufficient funds each year to fund debt reimbursement to local districts."

Debbie Ossiander spoke to her amendment by stating that this has been used predominantly in the past to make sure that the legislature fully honors past commitments for debt reimbursement and they basically have with one or two very small exceptions. The last sentence about the recent GO Bond Proposition isn't specifically relevant because, though it does have an enabling clause, it is not in general a bond proposition concerning construction debt reimbursement. Ms. Ossiander feels it would be simpler to make it shorter and delete the last sentence.

John Steiner stated that the statement is recognizing the fact that the GO Bond does not dissolve the need to fund to appropriate monies to debt reimbursement, and that issue will be an issue whether or not the bond proposition passes. Mr. Steiner has concerns that there not be an impression by the legislature or the public that once the GO Bond Proposition has passed it eliminates this as an important concern. Mr. Steiner believes that we make that important distinction here.

Tim Steele agreed with Mr. Steiner and feels that there is a need to make sure that the legislature keeps on top of municipal debt reimbursement. Mr. Steele feels that the mentioned statement covers it.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Holthouse,  
Metcalf, Drummond,  
Marks

Nays: Steele, Steiner

AMENDMENT PASSED

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to delete all new shaded language  
seconded by Harriet Drummond on Page 28 3.2 Fetal Alcohol and  
Drug Exposed Students.

Debbie Ossiander spoke to her amendment and explained that the Board has requested the Administration to respond to them with a discussion after Mr. O'Malley's testimony at a previous Board meeting, on what recommendations they would have for helping FAS and FAE students. Ms. Ossiander would like the Board to have discussion before taking a position. Ms. Ossiander added that she is not comfortable with asking for more classifications that are already receiving inadequate funding.

Carol Comeau stated that the reauthorization of IDEA is coming. The appropriate time to take a position would be when Mr. Sjolander brings forth his recommendation to the Board, as requested, and then the Board and Administration have the discussion on what the Board would like to send in, as far as the reauthorization for IDEA .

Tim Steele stated that he was concerned about asking for another category that would only increase the burden of providing services that are also unfunded. Mr. Steele does not want this to be an unfunded mandate.

Carol Comeau assured the Board that the District will be serving the students and however it is decided, it needs to be carefully considered. Ms. Comeau added that just because it won't be a classification under IDEA, it does not mean that the District will not serve those students as best we can.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Holthouse, Steele,  
Drummond, Marks

Nays: Metcalfe, Steiner

AMENDMENT PASSED

AMENDMENT:

Moved by: Tim Steele  
 seconded by: Harriet Drummond

to amend Page 15, 1.11 Compulsory Attendance Law, to read "Importantly, reduction of the compulsory school age to 6 would not eliminate active home schooling as viable alternative to parents.

Mr. Steele spoke to his amendment by stating it makes the comment simple and points out that the compulsory attendance item in the core resolutions needs to point out the fact that this compulsory attendant does not eliminate home schooling as a viable alternative. Mr. Steele added that it is his intent to eliminate the phrase "...until age seven."

Rita Holthouse offered a friendly amendment, asking to change the words "to parents." to "for parents." It was unanimously agreed to do so.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
 Metcalfe, Steiner, Holthouse,  
 Drummond

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Tim Steele  
 seconded by Rita Holthouse

to amend Page 16, Funding, New Education Funding Formula Rewrite to change the phrase, " AASB urges adoption of a 2% annual increase to more fully keep pace with inflation, by adding the phrase, "and a review and adjustment of this factor every five years to account for actual inflation levels."

Tim Steele stated that this amendment adds the phrase, "...and a review and adjustment of this factor every five years to account for actual inflation levels."

Carol Comeau asked Mr. Steele why every five years and not more frequently. Tim Steele stated that he would be open to making it every three years. Mr. Steele added that his intent is that there isn't a re-opener to make sure that we are not getting too much and also to make sure that we are getting enough to account for inflation.

Superintendent Comeau stated that her thought is that it should be more than every five years. Five years is a long time and she would encourage a lesser amount. Mr. Metcalfe asked Ms. Comeau for a suggestion. Ms. Comeau stated that she would like to go for annually but that is not realistic.

Mr. Steele stated that if it was agreeable to the second (Ms. Holthouse) he would agree to modify the phrase to "three years" instead of "five years." Ms. Holthouse agreed to the change.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Tim Steele  
seconded by Rita Holthouse

to amend Page 16, Funding, New Education Funding Formula Rewrite to change the phrase, " AASB urges adoption of a 2% annual increase to more fully keep pace with inflation, by adding the phrase, "and a review and adjustment of this factor every three years to account for actual inflation levels."

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalfe, Steiner, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander  
seconded by Mary Marks

to amend New Resolution #5. Fully Fund Tuition Payments by deleting the phrase "for qualifying out-of-district students."

Debbie Ossiander questioned the Administration about the change proposed on Page 46, New Resolution #5. Fully Fund Tuition Payments. Ms. Ossiander asked if the addition of the words "for qualifying out-of-district students" accurately reflect the situation they are talking about. Janet Stokesbary stated that she verified with Eddy Jeans from the Department of Education that any ward of the Court, if their residence is in Anchorage or out of Anchorage, does receive tuition paid by the State of Alaska. Ms. Stokesbary recommended that the mentioned phrase should not be included.

John Steiner asked for clarification by the Administration. Mr. Steiner asked if the formula funding is currently lost for a student who has been a District student and then becomes a ward of the Court. Mr. Steiner asked if it is correct that under the tuition concept, we would get the tuition replaced by this program only if this program is fully funded.

Janet Stokesbary explained that the foundation funding is dependent upon whether or not the person is enrolled in the Anchorage School District (that includes wards of the Court) during the 20-day count period. This out-of-district tuition payment that is being paid by the State of Alaska for the wards of the Court is paid at a different count period date. It is the same date as the date as the Federal Impact Cards.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalf, Steiner, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED

Rita Holthouse announced that the School Board added five additional resolutions. They are: #1. Assault of School Employees; #2. Right to Attend School; #3. Increase Liability for Destruction of Property by Minors; #3. Fully Funded Tuition Payments; #4. Repeal the Social Security Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision; and #5. Fully Fund Tuition Payments.

Corey Rennell suggested adding an "s" to the word problem on page 29, 3.5. The sentence would read, " AASB calls upon the Legislature of the State of Alaska to acknowledge the seriousness of the inhalant, alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse problems."

The Board agreed with the change unanimously.

Corey Rennell stated that he would like to see a phrase added to 3.8 Safe Schools/Safe Communities which is addressing the conflict resolution program, stating that AASB requests funding to implement conflict resolution programs, where requested from schools across the State.

Carol Comeau stated that she is a strong proponent of conflict resolution programs. The District has been pleased with the Resolving Conflict Creatively program in the elementary schools and the Peaceful School model and others in the middle schools and high schools. Ms. Comeau would prefer that the funding not be mandate by a program, but would like to see the foundation increased and then a strong message of support for conflict

resolution programs and hoping that all school boards and administrations see the value in that in promoting safe schools.

Rita Holthouse recommended that the student's school boards could submit their resolutions that they would like to see added at the meeting in November.

Corey Rennell stated that on 3.11 Education of Youth About Sexual Involvement, he feels as though the shaded and underlined additions at the end of the first paragraph stating, "More current behavior rates are unknown..." and (See AASB Core Resolution 3.16) do not need to be added, because he feels that Resolution 3.16 (should it pass in the Legislature) would apply to a lot of things; not only Education of Youth About Sexual Involvement. Mr. Rennell recommended a deletion of this phrase.

Tim Steele stated that he felt Mr. Rennell is correct in terms of where it belongs. The problem is that that particular item got held up last year and it is important. Mr. Steele feels that this phrase makes the point in another way and another place that we need to have the ability to gather this information. Mr. Steele feels the phrase needs to remain in the paragraph.

Core Rennell questioned the first line under 3.15, that stated "AASB hereby petitions to the U.S. Congress to continue funding for the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act during FY01.

Carol Comeau recommended deleting the words "during FY 01." and leave the sentence as it is because it is an ongoing program and she would hope the funds for the program would be continued every year.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Tim Steele  
seconded by Debbie Ossiander

that in 3.15 Supporting the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act the first sentence be amended by deleting "during FY01."

John Steiner moved to suggest changing the phrase to replace "during FY01" with the phrase "on an ongoing basis." The motion died for failure of a second.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalf, Steiner, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED

Rita Holthouse stated that she agreed with Mr. Rennell, regarding the item on Page 32, and moved to move the sentence that begins with "More current behavior rates are unknown" and ends with "...healthy behaviors education" with the exception of "see AASB Core Resolution 3.16." And add to 3.16 - the sentence "More current behavior rates..." The motion died for lack of a second.

Rita Holthouse thanked everyone for their help, on behalf of the Legislative Sub-committee. Ms. Holthouse stated that the Memorandum will go on to the State School Board Association and it will be combined with the other school boards' resolutions in November. Ms. Holthouse also thanked Larry Wiget for his support.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalf, Steiner, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: None

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED

The Board recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Steiner was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

ASD Memorandum #66 - Appropriation Of State Of Alaska Grant Funds -  
Senate Bill 2006

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board accept from the State of Alaska grant appropriations funded by Senate Bill No. 2006 in the total amount of \$608,000.

ACTION:

Moved by Tim Steele to approve Memorandum #66  
seconded by Mary Marks

Mr. Steele stated that he has had his question answered during the recess and would move to approve the Memorandum #66.

Debbie Ossiander expressed her appreciation for the Legislature's support.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander, Marks, Steele,  
Metcalf, Holthouse,  
Drummond

Nays: None  
Absent: Steiner  
MOTION PASSED

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ASD Memorandum #57 - Project Status Report

This is a report of activities and project status changes in Major Capital Projects during the period of August 30, 2002, through September 12, 2002.

Carol Comeau commented that she is thrilled with the way the projects are going and appreciated the staff and students' cooperation.

Jake Metcalfe added that he drove by Denali Elementary School site and was impressed with the amount of steel going up, the roof line, and the way it sets on the lot.

ASD Memorandum #60 - Enrollment Status Update For FY 2002-2003

Enrollment figures as of September 16, 2002, the tenth day of school, indicate that the Anchorage School District has exceeded the September 30, 2001 actual membership by 372 students. The September 16, 2002 total of 50,048 students is the largest active enrollment in the history of the Anchorage School District.

Carol Comeau stated that this report is as of the tenth day of school. The figures are reviewed every day and the IT staff has been asked to make sure that the schools make sure every student is activated and that they are monitoring the special school students, etc.

Ms. Comeau added that we may come in towards the end of September over or under 50,000 but we want to be firm with our numbers. This is the best information we have as of the tenth day of school.

Debbie Ossiander stated her surprise at the enrollment at Mt. Spurr, which is up 64 students. Ophelia Dargan-Steed stated that the school did undergo a boundary change last year. Ms. Comeau added that Mt. Spurr, Orion and Aurora are continuing to grow and will continue, as the base and post go through housing changes.

Debbie Ossiander questioned the capacity for Service High School. Mr. Ray Amsden and Ms. Dargan-Steed stated that they would check over the figures on the report.

ASD Memorandum #58 - Facility Project Report And Change Order Report For The Month Of August 2002

The monthly Facility Project Report update and Change Order Report for the month of August 2002, is attached. There are no exceptions to report this month. Listed below are the completed projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Chugiak High School Renewal Phase 1, House 2 Renovation	\$5,217,570
Chugiak High School Renewal Phase 2, House 3 plus 3 classrooms	\$4,448,171

Debbie Ossiander stated her frustration regarding attachment H and the cost of the waste receptacles. They have concrete bases and Ms. Ossiander added that she hopes they are also bear proof.

ASD Memorandum #32 - Out-Of-District Travel - Fourth Quarter Report FY 2001-2002

The attached Travel Report summarizes the travel taken by District employees and School Board members during the fourth quarter of FY 2001-2002 for both in-state and out-of-state travel. This report complies with the travel procedures established with the revision to School Board Policy Sections 156, Board Member Travel, and 526, Staff Travel.

- I. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
- J. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS
- K. EXECUTIVE SESSION-  
(PERSONNEL/FINANCE/NEGOTIATIONS/LITIGATION)

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting and reconvened to Executive Session.

- L. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Jake Metcalfe, President

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Mary Marks, Clerk

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Robin Siegfried, Recording Secretary

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Date Minutes Approved