

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2003

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, June 23, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. President, Jake Metcalfe, presided.

Board Members Present: Jake Metcalfe, Tim Steele, Mary Marks, John Steiner, Crystal Kennedy, and Jeff Friedman.

School Board Members Excused: Macon Roberts

Others Present: Jan Christensen, Mike Henry, Patricia McRae, Gail Opalinski, Edna Lamebull, Debbie Bogart, Jeff Wood, Eric Tollefson, Dr. Robb Boyer, Michelle Egan, Janet Stokesbary, George Vakalis, Loretta Nabong, Mike Klawitter, Larry Petersen, Ray Amsden, Mike Price, Brent Rock, Pam Chenier, Steve Kalmes, Stan Syta, Saul Friedman, Mr. William Johnson, Robin Siegfried, the press, and other interested people.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE, Jake Metcalfe Presiding

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Comeau announced that the Budget Department is revising ASD Memorandum #334 and will present the revised memorandum to the Board members this evening. The overall totals are the same but there were some internal numbers that needed to be revised.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Unanimously approved by the Board, with addenda to the personnel report and revision of ASD Memorandum #334.

D. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. ASD Memorandum #327 - Multicultural Student Leadership Conference Committee Recognition

For the past 12 years, the Multicultural Student Leadership Conference (MSLC) has provided information to students in grades 9-12, on life issues including leadership skills, motivation, self-development, finances, interpersonal communications, cultural

diversity, time management, college access, service learning and career planning.

Debbie Bogart read the memorandum while Jake Metcalfe presented the committee members with their certificates.

2. ASD Memorandum #342 – Good Samaritan

On June 4, 2003, an Anchorage School District Maintenance employee found himself at the scene of what looked like a potentially dangerous situation.

Enroute to Campbell Elementary School to perform a scheduled mechanical inspection, Mr. Jeff Peterson observed three people waiting at a bus stop with a irritated bull moose on the opposite side of the road.

The moose abruptly charged at the three people, and without hesitation, Mr. Peterson drove his vehicle into position between the people and the moose. Although the moose was startled by this movement, it once again made several unsuccessful attempts to charge the individuals. The entire standoff did not last too awfully long, and in the end, the frustrated moose left the area.

Mr. Peterson concentrated on helping the three individuals, all while putting him and his vehicle in harm's way.

Mike Klawitter read the memorandum while Jake Metcalfe presented the certificate to Mr. Jeff Peterson.

3. ASD Memorandum #343 – Clark Middle School Good Samaritans

On Friday, May 30, 2003, four Clark Middle School students came to the aid of a fellow student who had fallen and injured his leg while walking to school.

Clark Middle School students Va Vang, Seng Vang, Kongmoon Yang and Neng Yang, acted quickly and responsibly to aid the injured student, Keng Xiong. They placed him in a tarp to keep him warm and dry and assured him help was on the way.

Two of the students notified the school office and, as a result of their quick thinking, school officials responded to the scene,

assessed Mr. Xiong's injury and called 911. When the rescue team arrived on the scene they found Mr. Xiong dry, warm and relaxed.

Gail Opalinski read the memorandum while Jake Metcalfe presented the certificates to Va Vang, Seng Vang, Kongmoon Yang and Neng Yang.

E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS

1. Student Advisory Board

Lorett Nabong stated that the tension between Dimond High School and Service High School students is greatly relieved after the arrest of the students who vandalized Dimond High School in May 2003.

2. Military Delegate

No report tonight.

3. M.E.C.C.

Mr. William Johnson stated that the committee did not have a quorum at their meeting last Thursday. Mr. Johnson read the goals and accomplishments of the M.E.C.C.

Mr. Steiner commended the committee and asked how the forms that M.E.C.C. have had translated into different languages are distributed to the community. Michelle Egan stated that they are available on the website and at the schools. William Johnson stated that the committee has made an attempt to extend the opportunity to the PTA, school principals, and counselors at the schools to have them hand out the brochure to the parents.

Carol Comeau stated that we need to make sure the schools have the brochures in a prominent place, and also have them available during parent/teacher conferences. Ms. Comeau suggested also having brochures handy when visiting schools.

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (30-minute time limit)

Kaye Pullen spoke on behalf of the Chugiak H.S. Booster Club to request a waiver for transporting the students in motor coaches instead of school buses to Fairbanks on August 8, 2003, for their football game with Lathrop. The speaker compared the cost, time, comfort, and safety issues of motor coaches versus school buses.

Carol Comeau requested Mr. Steve Kalmes to speak to the Board. Mr. Kalmes stated that his main concern is the safety of the students. Mr. Kalmes stated that the District has ordered two buses with expanded room and more storage capacity. Mr. Kalmes added that he would like to review Ms. Pullen's proposal and then make a recommendation.

Carol Comeau stated that she would like to discuss this issue with Mike Henry, Jan Christensen, Steve Kalmes, and George Vakalis. Ms. Comeau added that she recognizes the comfort issue, but we have to be concerned with safety. Jake Metcalfe stated to the speaker that the Administration would look into the issue and inform her of their decision before the trip in August to Fairbanks.

Donna Elliott is a statewide outreach coordinator for Alaska's Covering Kids, an initiative through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that is out to promote the access to health care through the state child health insurance programs. The state child health insurance program in Alaska is known as the Denali KidCare. The speaker stated that recently, signed legislature has changed the map-out of the Department of Health and Social Services. Because of those changes the Denali KidCare is now a part of the Division of Public Assistance. Because of that change they are losing five outreach coordinators. The speaker requested the support of the Board to promote the community's availability to healthcare. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is now the lead agency in charge of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is matching funds to continue the Denali KidCare program. The speaker requested that the District help promote the program. Carol Comeau assured the speaker that the District will do everything possible to get information to the families.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Special Meeting - April 14, 2003 4:30 p.m.

- b. Regular Meeting - April 14, 2003 6:30 p.m.
- c. Special Meeting - April 21, 2003 4:30 p.m.
- d. Special Meeting - April 21, 2003 6:30 p.m.
- e. Special Meeting - May 12, 2003 4:30 p.m.
- f. Regular Meeting - May 12, 2003 6:30 p.m.
- g. Special Meeting - May 19, 2003 4:30 p.m.
- h. Special Meeting - May 19, 2003 6:30 p.m.

2. ASD Memorandum #339 – Approval of a Low Power Radio Station at Mirror Lake School

It is the Administration’s recommendation that the School Board approve the creation of a low power, FM radio transmission station at Mirror Lake Middle School with a call sign of KIOT.

3. ASD Memorandum #334 – Revision of FY 2003-2004 Revised Financial Plan

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize a budget decrease of \$2,105,363 to the General Fund and \$2,105,363 as a contingency for a total adjusted budget of \$485,193,735. Since the overall revision will not exceed the approved upper limit of the budget, no approval from the Anchorage Assembly is required. The District’s FY 2003-2004 Revised Financial Plan by individual fund will be in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$ 368,137,278
Food Service Fund	13,043,000
Debt Service Fund	61,908,094
Local/State/Federal Projects Fund	40,000,000
Contingency	<u>2,105,363</u>
 Total All Funds	 <u>\$ 485,193,735</u>

4. ASD Memorandum #333 – Automated Attendance Notification System and Data Warehouse

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the transfer of \$200,000 from Curriculum & Instructional Services Unallocated Adjustment account for the purchase of services and equipment for a new Automated Attendance

Notification System (AANS) (\$75,000) and for services and equipment for a Data Warehouse (\$125,000).

5. ASD Memorandum #321 - Acceptance of Continuation Grant Award: High Intensity Summer Reading Program

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept a continuation grant award in the amount of \$211,222 from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. The grant will fund a High Intensity Summer Reading Program for secondary schools.

6. ASD Memorandum #337 - Acceptance of Continuation Grant Award: Bear Valley School Age Childcare Program

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to accept grant funds from the Bear Valley Community School Advisory Board in the amount of \$25,370. This grant will fund a before and after-school childcare program for school-age students at Bear Valley Elementary School.

7. ASD Memorandum #338 - Prior Approval: Indian Education Continuation Grant Application for 2003-2004

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to submit the Indian Education Formula Grant continuing application for the second year of a five year period, with the second year funding in the amount of \$1,659,611.00 for the 2003-2004 school year.

8. ASD Memorandum #340 - Training and Professional Development Budget Transfer

It is the Administration's recommendation that \$70,000 be transferred From Training and Professional Development (TPD) Added Duty Certificated to TPD Contracted Services/Administration.

9. ASD Memorandum #341 - Approval of Funding for Channel 14 Move

It is the Administration's recommendation the School Board approve expending \$60,000 from the capital projects undesignated

interest earnings for the relocation of District Cable Channel 14 from East High School to an existing relocatable building at 4600 DeBarr Road.

10. ASD Memorandum #307 - Award of Contract: Eagle River Area High School General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) Construction Services

It is the Administration's recommendation the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) contract for the construction of the Eagle River Area High School project to Davis Constructors and Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$39,604,005.

11. ASD Memorandum #331 - Award of Contract: Fresh Pizza

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract to Sicily's Pizza to furnish Fresh Pizza in the estimated amount of \$308,100 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 with two one-year renewal options.

12. ASD Memorandum # 329 - Award of Contract: Dairy Products

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract to Peterkin Distributors to furnish Dairy Products in the estimated amount of \$952,024 for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 with two one-year renewal options.

13. ASD Memorandum #297 - Award of Contract: Collect and Remove Solid Waste From School District Sites Service Center

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for collecting and removing trash from school district sites to Waste Management of Alaska, Inc., in the amount of \$268,065 plus pass through tonnage charges from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 with four additional one-year options.

14. ASD Memorandum #335 - Award of Contract: West High School Restrooms Upgrades

It is the Administration's recommendation the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for the West High School Restroom Upgrades to Consolidated Enterprises, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$648,200.

15. ASD Memorandum #281 – Budget Transfers Fiscal Year 2002-2003

It is the Administration's recommendation that \$70,000 be transferred from Training and Professional Development (TPD) Added Duty Certificated to TPD Contracted Services/Administration.

16. ASD Memorandum #282 – Personnel Report

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

The following memoranda were removed from the Agenda: ASD Memoranda #339, #334, #338, #307, and #297.

ACTION:

Moved by Tim Steele  
seconded by Mary Marks

to approve the minutes from the  
Special Meeting of April 14, 2003;  
Regular Meeting of April 14, 2003;  
Special Meeting of April 21, 2003;  
Special Meeting of April 21, 2003  
(6:30 p.m.) Special Meeting of May  
12, 2003; Regular Meeting of May  
12, 2003; Special Meeting of May  
19, 2003; Special Meeting of May  
19, 2003 (6:30 p.m.); and ASD  
Memorandum #333;  
Memorandum #321;  
Memorandum #337;  
Memorandum #340;  
Memorandum #341;  
Memorandum #331;  
Memorandum #329;  
Memorandum #335;  
Memorandum #281; and  
Memorandum #282.

The motion was unanimously approved.

ASD Memorandum #339 - Approval of a Low Power Radio Station at Mirror Lake School

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ACTION:

Moved by John Steiner to approve ASD Memorandum #339  
seconded by Mary Marks

Carol Comeau introduced Augie Hiebert and stated that the speaker has been an incredible asset to our students and staff at Mirror Lake Middle School and throughout the District.

Mr. Hiebert stated that he was invited to comment on teaching youngsters how to do a video in order to show the public what they are doing, in terms of sports, academics, and other things of interest at the school. They put together a five-minute program. Mr. Hiebert commented that it was good to see what the students are doing and one of the best ways to accomplish this task is a low powered FM radio broadcast station with all "on-air" and technical staff work performed by area students.

Ms. Comeau thanked Mr. Hiebert for everything he is doing and it has been a wonderful partnership.

Jake Metcalfe added that his father was a TV and radio man and he would frequently tag a long with him when he went to work. Mr. Metcalfe stated that it is a very good learning experience and a wonderful occupation.

VOTE:

Ayes: Marks, Kennedy, Steele,  
Metcalfe, Friedman, Steiner

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

MOTION PASSED

ASD Memorandum #334 - Revision of FY 2003-2004 Revised Financial Plan (REVISED)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize a budget decrease of \$2,105,363 to the General Fund and \$2,105,363 as a contingency for a total adjusted budget of \$485,193,735. Since the overall revision will not exceed the approved upper limit of the budget, no approval from the Anchorage Assembly is required. The District's FY 2003-2004 Revised Financial Plan by individual fund will be in the following amounts:

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ACTION:

Moved by John Steiner  
seconded by Tim Steele

to approve ASD Memorandum #334

Carol Comeau stated that the Anchorage Assembly approved a revision to the Anchorage School District's FY2003-2004 Financial Plan. This memorandum reflects that revision. The budget cuts that had to be made previously have not changed. The total overall budget amount has not changed. Janet Stokesbary explained the changes stated in the memorandum. Ms. Stokesbary stated that in April, when the Assembly approved the upper limit of the budget and approved the increased local tax appropriation, they also increased the upper limit of the spending authority. Since that time the Board had not taken action. That was for \$542,241. In order to balance revenues and expenditures in the General Fund, we needed to reduce the budget by the \$542,241 as well as the loss of revenues. On the expenditure side we only need to decrease expenditures of \$2,105,363, as was in the original memo, but the upper limit of the budget in the General Fund has to be reduced by \$2,647,604.

The Superintendent discussed the budget reductions. Ms. Comeau stated that we believe, based on the trends that we've observed over the last many years, as well as the loss of enrollment this year from last September to the end of the school year, that we felt responsible to reduce our enrollment projection by 322 students. This gives us a revised enrollment of 49,500 students on September 30. Ms. Comeau added that we think this

is a conservative approach that we need to make at this particular time because of budget cuts from the governor, and revenue sharing cuts that the Municipality will be dealing with, which may have an impact on our families. As discussed before, the Administration did not recommend cuts to the Community School program, even though the governor eliminated funding for them. The legislature left in language encouraging Community Schools to continue. Ms. Comeau thanked the staff, community, and employees and added that she is hopeful the Board approves the recommendations.

John Steiner inserted the word "increase" when reading the recommendation and stated that he may have erred, because rather than stating the amount of change, the number is the amount of the resulting contingency. Mr. Steiner stated that he was concerned that we were decreasing both the General Fund and Contingency. Mr. Steiner stated that we need to strike the word "increase" in the motion if the second approves. Mr. Steiner suggested stating "resulting in \$2,647,604 as a contingency." Tim Steele asked Ms. Stokesbary if it was appropriate wording. Ms. Stokesbary agreed. The Board approved the friendly amendment.

Mr. Steiner commented that the legislature eliminated Community Schools as a state funded program but did not eliminate it conceptually. As Ms. Comeau stated previously, the legislature encouraged communities to fund it themselves. Ms. Comeau added that it also stated that it is a legitimate use of school foundation funding.

Mr. Steiner asked Ms. Comeau to brief the Board on the Stryker Brigade. Ms. Comeau stated that the military is anticipating the first influx of participants in the Stryker Brigade and their families to come next March. The military will keep the District updated.

Mary Marks urged the public to notify legislators that the Community Schools program is important and added that she appreciates the Administration's work in keeping the program going. Jeff Friedman seconded Ms. Marks' comments. Carol Comeau stated that she fully expects we will do something with budget review teams again this year. Ms. Comeau recognizes the challenge ahead but will continue to be optimistic. The Administration is looking forward to working with the Begich Administration and knows the mayor will look for ways to collaborate between the two entities.



added that another significant issue we need to address with native students and other families is the need to get a handle on the mobility issue. The program at Bartlett seems to be helping in welcoming families that come to school mid year. This might be an issue with native students as well. Ms. Lamabull stated that they are looking at developing a transition program at middle school and high school level and develop a plan for those coming in to Anchorage for the first time and pull them for a couple of weeks an hour a day and invite parents to come in and learn about the school, forms to fill out, who to contact for help, getting records, etc. Cook Inlet is looking into this. They are also looking to develop a transition program for students going from elementary to middle school and middle school to high school.

Carol Comeau suggested reviewing the military child in transition study. There are wonderful suggestions in the study. Ms. Comeau added that the mobility issue is huge and we will have to look at the curriculum and make sure that the curriculum is similar in the group of schools where students move around a lot.

VOTE:

Ayes: Marks, Kennedy, Steele,  
Metcalf, Friedman, Steiner

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

MOTION PASSED

The Board recessed at 8:25 p.m. and returned at 8:35 p.m.

Jeff Friedman suggested moving Memorandum #297 ahead of Memorandum #307. The Board unanimously agreed.

ASD Memorandum #297 – Award of Contract: Collect and Remove  
Solid Waste From School District Sites Service Center

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for collecting and removing trash from school district sites to Waste Management of Alaska, Inc., in the amount of \$268,065 plus pass through tonnage charges from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 with four additional one-year options.

ACTION:

Moved by John Steiner  
seconded by Tim Steele

to approve ASD Memorandum #297

Carol Comeau announced that a bid appeal has been filed by Alaska Waste Transfer, Inc. Mr. William Saupe, attorney at law with the firm of Ashburn and Mason, was asked to serve as the independent reviewer. Mr. Saupe has experience in utilities law. Mr. Saupe gave a brief overview to the Board. The District issued the bid for five years. There were two responsive bidders – Waste Management of AK, Inc. (WMA) and Alaska Waste Transfer, Inc. (AWT). The District announced the intent to award the new contract to WMA. AWT appealed on the grounds that WMA's bid was not responsive and that WMA was not a responsible bidder. The AWT's argument is that the WMA bid deviates from their published tariffs and, therefore, under regulations of RCA this bid, if it becomes a contract, would be deemed a special contract and require pre-approval by the RCA. Because the bid is impliedly conditional on RCA approval, AWT argues that it is not a firm offer and WMA is not a responsible bidder because it doesn't have the legal capacity immediately to commit service until it has RCA approval. AWT also argues that its own bid closely followed its own tariffs and would therefore not result in a special contract, requiring RCA approval. AWT is requesting the District to either reject the WMA bid and award the contract to AWT or to reject all bids and reissue the invitation to bid building into it an express reference and accommodation of the RCA's approval requirements. WMA acknowledged that any contract it enters with the District would, in fact, be a special contract. Mr. Saupe agrees with that. It would require RCA approval. It points out that other entities have confronted this issue and have found a way to accommodate the RCA approval requirement into their contract award process. WMA urges the District to award the bid to it and to allow it to gain the approval of the RCA.

The first issue is whether the bid is responsive. Both companies had responsive bids. AWT argues that the bid is conditional on RCA approval and any contract that WMA would sign could not take effect until the RCA approves it. Mr. Saupe agrees and the real question is whether it is a condition that requires rejection of WMA's bid. Mr. Saupe stated that he does not believe the need to comply for RCA regulations should by itself render the bidder not responsible. The need for RCA approval is a requirement for state law. Mr. Saupe recommends that ASD should accept the bid but condition the award. Mr. Saupe recommends that the contract requires WMA to promptly file for approval with RCA on an expedited schedule and require them to seek interim operative authority to start on July 1 pending the approval process of the RCA. The District should further insist that if the RCA does not approve the contract as written the District has the right to terminate the contract and start the process over.

John Steiner asked if the District can continue the existing contract pending RCA approval and move forward once we have that resolution. Mr. Saupe answered that in order to do that you would have to get RCA's approval. RCA will not render an advisory opinion without a contract.

Dean Thompson, the attorney at law with the law offices of Kempel, Huffman and Ellis, representing AWT, spoke to the Board regarding the bid appeal. Mr. Thompson stated that WMA does not own the compactors required. WMA cannot provide equipment to perform the work in this short period of time without RCA approval.

AWT believes that WMA is non responsive or an irresponsible bidder and believes they should resubmit bids that adds special language that implements how long it is willing to wait for a RCA approval.

The owner of AWT spoke regarding compactors versus dumpsters. The ITB reflects the price of the compactors.

Bob Lindquist Director of Community and Municipal relations for the Waste Management of Alaska spoke to the Board, requesting the contract be awarded to WMA.

Jeff Friedman expressed his concern with approval happening in seven days. The speaker stated he is comfortable with AWT continuing the contract until approval.

Saul Friedman, counsel for the Anchorage School District, stated that he concurs with Mr. Saupe's and the Administration's recommendation to award the contract to WMA Mr. Friedman presented language to be added..."This award is subject to 3AAAC48.390 and shall not become effective until approved by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. Such approval, including a request for interim approval effective July 1, 2003, shall be expeditiously requested by Waste Management of Alaska. If any approval by the RCA deviates from the bid submitted by WMA. the District reserves the right to not award the contract and to rebid the service.

Jake Metcalfe stated for the record to the Board and audience that Mr. Saupe did some work for his employer in the past and does not feel there is any conflict. Mr. Metcalfe also stated that and he has done work with Kemple, Huffman and Ellis, the firm that Mr. Thompson is employed

with, but has never worked with Mr. Thompson. Mr. Metcalfe does not believe there is any conflict.

Jeff Friedman moved to add Mr. Saul Friedman's suggested paragraph to the current motion with the deletion of "...including a request for interim approval effective July 1, 2003."

AMENDMENT:

Moved by: Jeff Friedman  
seconded by: Crystal Kennedy

to add the following paragraph to the motion: "This award is subject to 3AAAC48.390 and shall not become effective until approved either permanently or interim approval by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. Such approval, ~~including a request for interim approval effective July 1, 2003,~~ shall be expeditiously requested by Waste Management of Alaska. If any approval by the RCA deviates from the bid submitted by WMA the District reserves the right to not award the contract and to rebid the service."

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Marks, Kennedy, Steele,  
Metcalfe, Friedman, Steiner

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

AMENDMENT PASSED

John Steiner stated that he assumes the intent of the amendment is that this language not only be added to the Board's approval but that this specific language be put directly into the contract. Mr. Friedman agreed.

John Steiner commented that this is a difficult and complicated issue. Having a term in the contract that relates to the approval would probably be desirable in the future but it is not inappropriate to pass this motion as stated and that the requirement to have it reviewed by the RCA is implied and that no party is prejudiced by doing it this way.



stated would be true without a change in language. From his position, when we entered into this, one of the reasons it was desirable was that this would eliminate a lot of the grounds for potential claims. Mr. Steiner would have preferred to see it more explicit. But the same principle will apply even without that. If we get into the situation, Mr. Steiner would advocate that we enforce that principal. Mr. Steiner stated that he understands Mr. Amsden's and Mr. Price's position regarding this issue and will be satisfied without making a language change.

Carol Comeau stated that this company has done outstanding work for us in other projects. We are hoping for completion in 2005. With this construction method we can open a year earlier than anticipated. Ms. Comeau added that she has full confidence that we will have a good working relationship with this company and the architects.

VOTE:

Ayes: Marks, Kennedy, Steele,  
Metcalf, Friedman, Steiner

Nays: None

Absent: Roberts

MOTION PASSED

Jake needed to leave the meeting at 10:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Tim Steele, Vice President.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ASD Memorandum #283 - Project Status Report

This is a report of activities and project status changes in Major Capital Projects during the period of May 30, 2003 through June 13, 2003.

ASD Memorandum #309 - Facility Change Order and Completed Projects For the Month of May 2003

The monthly Facility Change Order Report for the month of May 2003 is attached. There are no exceptions to report this month.

Crystal Kennedy thanked Ray Amsden and Mike Price for coordinating the tour of construction sites for the Board and Assembly members.

ASD Memorandum #324 - Dimond High School Replacement - One Percent for Art

Chapter 7.40 of the Anchorage Municipal Code defines the process for selection and acquisition of art to be displayed in public places, including public school buildings. This code authorizes the Municipality to select the artist and the artwork, with a review of the proposed artwork by the School District only as to its safety and maintenance factors. The artwork has been reviewed and approved by the District's Risk Management Department. The artists have agreed to their safety recommendations.

ASD Memorandum #325 - Chugach Optional Elementary School Addition and Renovation - One Percent For Art

Chapter 7.40 of the Anchorage Municipal Code defines the process for selection and acquisition of art to be displayed in public places, including public school buildings. This code authorizes the Municipality to select the artist and the artwork, with a review of the proposed artwork by the School District only as to its safety and maintenance factors. The artwork has been reviewed and approved by the District's Risk Management Department. The artists have agreed to their safety recommendations.

ASD Memorandum #326 - Polaris K-12 Addition and Renovation - One Percent For Art

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ASD Memorandum #284 - End-of-Year Membership Summary for FY 2002-2003

The total active enrollment at the end of the 2002-2003 school year was 48,642. This enrollment represents an increase of 37 students when compared to end of year 2001-2002. Table 1 compares the membership totals.

Carol Comeau stated that this information has become very critical for us over the last few months while going through budget reductions. Ophelia Dargan-Steed stated that we are 37 students ahead of where we were last year at this time, but 1387 less than the beginning of the year.

John Steiner mentioned the capacity issue. Carol Comeau explained the capacity issue and challenge when showing the program capacity numbers as well. The public didn't understand why we had two sets of numbers. We need to do a better job of explaining to the public how each school uses their space. Mr. Steiner suggested changing the column label from capacities to allowances.

Jeff Friedman commented that it seems it would be easier to list both numbers and explain what they are, rather than just listing just one number and explain why we don't always agree with that number.

#### ASD Memorandum #332 - School Start Times Update

The High School Division has been working closely with all high schools in the Anchorage School District to identify ways to provide later start times for students. It has been suggested that some high school students would improve their performance if they had the opportunity to begin classes later in the day.

Mike Henry reported the efforts with online instruction. There were 103 participants. Students selected from twelve different courses. It was a lot of work. We had 74% completion rate, which is not very good. They were not remedial in nature. We tried to offer students an opportunity to go to school late and remain late. There was no selection for criteria of students. Mr. Henry feels the completion rate was correlated with selection of classes. A number of students got behind and we need to develop some kind of pacing system. Expansion of the program is contingent upon the amount of funds available from LOG. Attendance is also an issue. We have looked into paying teachers to be online instructors and we have AEA approval.

Crystal Kennedy stated she is in full support of the online program and asked if there is anything else being done to address the school starting times issue. Ms. Comeau replied that there are a core of people who want the District to keep looking at this. There is not a large enough group of parents/students who want to do it. Most districts that have done this are smaller and have had quite a bit of controversy over it. It is a huge cost.

ASD Memorandum #285 – Treasurer’s Report/Financial recap: May 31, 2003

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, 2003.

ASD Memorandum #279 – Operating Budget Transfers – May Monthly Report FY 2002-2003

The attached report of budget transfers for the time period of May 2003 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.

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

The Regular Meeting of June 23, 2003, was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:20 p.m.

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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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