

Nenana City Public School District
Regular School Board
Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2007
6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

President Duggar called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.
Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.
Mission statement read by Board member Shaw.

ROLL CALL

Marilyn Duggar – present	Teresa Mayrand – present
Gene Jensen – present	Barbara Adams – present
Mary Alexander – absent (excused)	Kathie Shaw – present
Karen Lord – absent (excused)	Josh Mayrand - present

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Business and Legislative Reports added to the agenda.
Parent Involvement Policy-First Reading and Early Release Day added to items for discussion and action items. Executive Session will need to be added for NSLC personnel changes.
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Board member Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

President Duggar asked if there were any corrections or additions.
Amendments made to minutes prior to the meeting.
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2007 and October 16, 2007 as amended.
Board member Jensen moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 2, 1007 and October 16, 2007 as amended.
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None noted.

WORK SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nenana City Public School:
Nothing to add, report in packet.
2. Nenana Student Living Center:
Count is at 74, another study hall has been added for a total of two study halls (3:30pm-5:00pm and 6:00-7:30pm). Student behavior is going well. Dr. Thomason discussed the role of Keith Sieg, John Grimes and himself.
3. CyberLynx/Sped Report:
Final count is 697 which is an increase of 300 students from last year. Most of that increase is from Nine Star. He will talk about the special education audit later.
4. Maintenance Report:
Mr. Schubert talked new keys for all exterior doors have been numbered and passed out. New oven and ice machine has been installed in the kitchen.
Susan Kauffman and Kelvin Schubert have received database training from SERRC, trying to catch up on approximately 6 months of backlogged work.
President Duggar congratulated Mr. Schubert on the sale of the balance beam.

Board member Shaw said she was very excited to hear that Skook Irwin was working here and was doubly excited to hear she might be coaching basketball, she has known Skook and her family for a long time and knows they live and breathe basketball.

5. Business Manager Report:
Mr. Horn said that all PERS/TRS payments have been mailed out. He also said that all invoiced payments are current. He said there is still money coming from receivables (about \$175,000.00) that we can hopefully draw on within the next month. He discussed the increase in student count and should have a positive balance at the end of the fiscal year.

He talked about the audit and that it looks like the first ANE grant actually still had roughly \$109,000.00 left that did not get spent. Mr. Horn stated that if you go back three or four years that amount is shown as deferred revenue which indicates something wrong with the book keeping. He doesn't know what the ramifications for that will be we could have to pay that money back to the federal government.

Discussion followed regarding student count, insurance information and rising fuel cost impact.

6. Superintendent Report:
Dr. Thomason gave kudos to both sped department on their audit and business office on theirs. He talked about the No Child Left Behind audit that is being worked on by Andy Corbin, Susan Kauffman, Joe Krause and Steve Stringfellow. The policy review of the personnel section is completed and now need to decide on what section to work on next. Talked about letter of support for certified nursing assistance program.
Working with NEA and NESSA on this sick leave bank.
Ordered new teacher computers through ANE II grant.
Board member Mayrand asked how the migrant education audit visit went.
Ms. Kauffman said the audit went very well, they will be sending a final report soon.

Legislative Liaison Report:

Board member Mayrand said she will have more to add after her trip to the AABS conference. She has set up a meeting with Carl Rose. She also discussed the articles on Alaska school "dropout factories" and the discrepancies involved in these reports. Discussed Kodiak School District resolution on funding.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discussion on Thanksgiving/Christmas Community Lunch:
Discussion took place on whether or not to continue having both lunches or just have one lunch. If having one lunch which would be best to delete Thanksgiving or Christmas. The board felt comfortable having both community lunches this year and if need be revisit in the future.
2. Dorm Parent Hires:
 - a. Full time position: Recommendation is for Marilee Tuluk.
 - b. Part time position: Recommendation is for Skook Irwin.
3. Fuel Bid Waiver:
It was decided to wait for the next regular meeting.
4. CyberLynx Course Agreements and Curriculum:
Some curriculum items reviewed would be for family use only due to Christian references made in the curriculum. Changes will be made to course agreement outlines. Please see attached approval sheet.
Course agreements were reviewed at the meeting and prior to the meeting.
5. NESSA Memorandum of Agreement (MOA):
This MOA will allow a community member to volunteer to open the gym for "open gym night". This MOA will be revisited next year to see if the district can have this be a paid union position again. Copy attached.
6. Planning Agenda for Joint Meeting on November 20, 2007 :
Discussed some items to place on the agenda for the joint meeting.
Budget discussion, budget planning, NSLC payment, CIP projects and legislative information.
7. Special Education Audit:
Mr. Abrams talked about corrective actions the sped department is already working on. The corrective actions were nothing major and nothing very time consuming. The due date for corrective actions is December 26, 2007. Transition plans are better this year than last year. Concerns from paraprofessionals and teachers will be addressed soon.
President Duggar complemented Mr. Abrams on the job that has been done with the special education department. He in turn complemented special education personnel.
8. Policy Review Schedule:
The next section (6000) will be reviewed on November 27th.
9. Parent Involvement Policy:
This policy is required by No Child Left Behind. President Duggar read the policy aloud. A letter will be sent home to parents asking for their assistance in developing this policy.
10. Early Release Request:
Mr. Krause requested an early release for December 5th in order to have a meeting with staff on data.
Discussion followed.

*****EXECUTIVE SESSION*****

President Duggar entertained a motion to go into executive session at 8:58pm to discuss

1. Nenana Student Living Center - Admin Issues:

Board member Jensen made a motion to go into executive session.

Seconded by Board member Lord.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

*****REGULAR SESSION*****

Back in regular session at 9:54pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Dorm Parent Hires:
President Duggar entertained a motion to hire Marilee Tuluk as a full time dorm parent and Skook Irwin as a part time dorm parent.
Board member Jensen made a motion to hire Marilee Tuluk as a full time dorm parent and Skook Irwin as a part time dorm parent.
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.
2. Fuel Bid Waiver:
Tabled until next meeting.
3. CyberLynx Course Agreements & Curriculum:
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the course agreements and curriculum as presented.
Board member Mayrand made a motion to approve the course agreements and curriculum as presented.
Seconded by Board member Jensen.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.
4. NESSA MOA:
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the memorandum of agreement between NESSA and the district.
Board member Jensen made a motion to approve the memorandum of agreement between NESSA and the district.
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.
5. Parent Involvement Policy (first reading):
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the first reading of the parent involvement policy.
Board member Jensen made a motion to approve the first reading of the parent involvement policy.
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.
6. Early Release Request:
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the early out request for December 5, 2007 at Mr. Krause's discretion.
Board member Jensen made a motion to approve the early out request for December 5, 2007 at Mr. Krause's discretion.
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Adams commented on how much he liked the physics and automotive repair curriculum.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Duggar read the names of all the student to make junior high and high school honor rolls and congratulates them on their hard work.

Board member Mayrand thanked Ms. Kauffman for adding the “Kids These Days” article from AASB. She also talked about how great the junior high games were at Anderson and wanted to reminded everyone the Ice Cream Classic was this weekend.

ADJOURN

President Duggar entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:05pm.

Board member Jensen made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Board member Mayrand.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.