

Nenana City Public School District
Special School Board
Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2007
6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

President Duggar called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.
Mission statement read by Board member Mayrand.

ROLL CALL

Marilyn Duggar – present
Gene Jensen – present
Theresa Shields – present
Karen Lord – excused

Teresa Mayrand – present
Barbara Adams – present
Cherrie Forness – excused
Megan Coghill – present

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Board member Shields made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
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.
None noted.
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2006.
Board member Jensen moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 5, 2006.
Seconded by Board member Shields.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

See attached letters.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None noted.

****WORK SESSION****

CONSENT AGENDA

1. NEA Report:
Ms. Ronnander reported that staff and students are busy with extra activities and hundreds day is February 5, 2007.
2. Nenana City Public School Report:
Mr. Krause reported to the board his plans for student achievement and shared a video presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA cont.

3. CyberLynx Report:
Mr. Abrams was not available for this meeting. His report was made available in the board packet.
4. Nenana Student Living Center Report:
Mr. Polk talked about the meetings held by students at the Living Center and the inspection with Office of Children's Services which showed minor infractions. A Living Center student will be speaking at the state Bilingual conference.
5. Maintenance Report:
Mr. Grimes is busy working on a frozen pipe. His report is provided in the packet.
6. Business Managers Report:
Mr. Horn discussed the business officers' conference. He also talked about the student enrollment numbers for the school (214.05) and for CyberLynx (385.4). Budget revision for a declining revenue of approximately 8%.
7. Superintendent Report:
Dr. Thomason discussed with the board increasing substitute pay and also having training sessions for substitutes. This will be discussed at the next regular meeting. He also discussed some of the meetings taking place to discuss NSLC funding.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Lana Davidson Presentation:
Ms. Davidson explained to the board her work on literacy for her master thesis.
2. Negotiation Training Update:
Jerry Covey will be the trainer. Dates for March training/negotiations were given. Teresa Mayrand and Theresa Shields volunteered to take part in negotiations.
3. Goals for 2007/2008:
Dr. Thomason said he would like the Board to start thinking about strategic plans and possibly looking at a Board retreat as well.
4. Juneau Travel:
Talked about the Legislative Fly-In, February 10-13, 2007. The following people will be attending: Rob Thomason, Teresa Mayrand, Earl Polk, Jason Mayrand, Michael Attie, Megan Coghill, Hayley Harrison and Daniel Schubert.
5. Budget Committee:
To be discussed at the next regular meeting.
6. Policy Review Calendar:
Next meeting will be on February 22, 2007.
7. CyberLynx Course Agreements:
Course agreements were left at Coghill's for Board members to review.
8. CyberLynx Curriculum Review:
Curriculum was left at CyberLynx for Board members to review.
9. Resignations:
To be discussed in executive session.
10. Maintenance Director:
Dr. Thomason said with the wonderful interim job John Grimes has done in this position he would like to appoint him full time as the Maintenance Director.

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

President Duggar entertained a motion to go into executive session at 8:02pm to discuss

1. Superintendent Evaluation
2. Personnel Issues

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

Seconded by Board member Mayrand.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

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

Back into regular session at 10:45 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. CyberLynx Course Agreements:

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the course agreements as presented.

Board member Shields made a motion to approve the course agreements as presented.

Seconded by Board member Jensen.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

2. CyberLynx Curriculum Review:

President Duggar entertained a motion to accept the proposed curriculum as presented.

Board member Jensen made a motion to accept the proposed curriculum as presented.

Seconded by Board member Shields.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

3. Resignations:

President Duggar entertained a motion to table the resignations for further review.

Board member Jensen made a motion to table the resignations for further review.

Seconded by Board member Shields.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

4. Maintenance Director:

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the appointment of John Grimes full time as the Maintenance Director.

Board member Jensen made a motion to approve the appointment of John Grimes full time as the Maintenance Director.

Seconded by Board member Shields.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Whitney Pong talked to the School Board about the life of a teenager and to try to imagine how it would feel to all of a sudden have family members leaving with no explanation.

Mr. Dave Pavish said that he has worked with Brad, Jen and Ben for many years and shared his fears of losing three of the most experienced residence staff members.

Mr. Brad Bauer said that this has been a very humbling experience. He has been able to reevaluate and has had the opportunity to sit down with Mr. Polk and communicate. This has been the key that has been missing is good communication. He would like to see this experience open the lines of communication.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Adams said she appreciated everyone sharing their thoughts and feelings.

Board members Mayrand said it takes a lot of courage for the students to share their emotions.

Mr. Polk said he thanks everyone here for sharing their comments. He also appreciates the staff for their support during this process.

President Duggar agrees with Mr. Bauer's comments regarding communication and that she appreciates the comments made tonight.

ADJOURN

President Duggar entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:59pm.

Board member Shields made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Board member Mayrand.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.