

Nenana City Public School District
Regular School Board
Meeting Minutes

September 4, 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 Adams.

ROLL CALL

Marilyn Duggar – present	Teresa Mayrand – present
Gene Jensen – present	Barbara Adams – present
Theresa Shields – absent (excused)	Cherrie Forness – absent (excused)
Karen Lord – absent (excused)	Josh Mayrand - present

A quorum was established.
After Board member Jensen left at approximately 7:30pm we did not have a quorum.

President Duggar welcomed Josh as the Student Representative on the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of CyberLynx hire would need to be added to action items.
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.
None noted.
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2007.
Board member Jensen moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 16, 2007.
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Hugny discussed the success of the first EMT I summer class camp held in August.

Mr. Busk talked about the history of CyberLynx including an overview of allotments, enrollment and staffing. He also discussed concerns with the lack of adequate program staffing.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None noted.

****WORK SESSION****

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nenana City Public School:
Mr. Krause talked about the first day of school and some of the activities of the day. He also showed a video he did on the first day of school (8/20/07). The student count is Elementary at 72, Jr High at 20, and High school at 125 for a total of 217. Open House on September 13 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Discussed staff and smart team meetings that have taken place. On track to save money (50,000.00) in the food service which still leaves us about 30,000.00 in the whole. Mr. Krause gave the board a handout with his schedule, staff meetings and reflections from staff. Discussed the LEP plan of service being devised by him and Mr. Stringfellow.

2. Nenana Student Living Center:
Mr. Sieg said they are still getting new students. He has sent out information to other entities regarding the NSLC. He talked about study hall and how it is evolving. He also talked about the social/emotional interactions between staff and residents. He had a lot of praise for the great staff at the Living Center.

3. CyberLynx/Sped Report:
The numbers continue to go up especially in Fairbanks; he also showed the enrollment by office. Approximately 40% of Nine Star students are coming in with IEP's or expired IEP's which is creating a lot of work for both departments. He discussed sped conferences he will be attending in the next few months. Mr. Abrams gave praise to his staff with the wonderful job they are doing.

4. Maintenance Report:
Mr. Schubert talked about cell phone consolidation and the bell system being fixed. He also discussed trying to work on a new phone system for the district. The elementary steps will be worked on soon. He talked about the custodial situation for the school. Right now there is only one custodian at the school, other staff will be asked to help with vacuuming and emptying trash. Discussed flood lights on the playground and the outside gym doors that need to be replaced. Still awaiting the new key system from Action Locksmith.

5. Business Manager Report:
Mr. Horn said he appreciated everyone using numbers in their presentations. He discussed enrolment in CyberLynx, even though enrollment has increased by 20% the funding has only increased by 5%. The districts financial health is still going as planned but we are still not paying all of our debts, primarily by not paying the retirement. We are getting that paid off though, right now we owe about half that amount. Discussion followed regarding how funding is provided through the state.

6. Superintendent Report:
Dr. Thomason talked about a letter to the state regarding our budget issues (provided to the Board). He talked about the community surveys and that some issues are already being addressed by Mr. Krause. We face a lot of budget challenges especially with numbers increasing but staff remaining stagnate. Met with Senators Murkowski and Stevens mobile office staff, attended conference with Margaret Spellings in Anchorage. He has been spending time at the Living Center in order to assist personnel there.

Barbara Adams asked about professional development.

Mr. Krause discussed the staff desires for professional development.

Dr. Thomason also mentioned the sick leave bank team that is working on the sick leave process.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Milk/Lunch Cost:
Milk cost has goes up significantly which makes it necessary to raise the cost of milk and meals by .25. The Board agrees that this does need to be increased. October 22 will be the effective date for this change; parents and staff will be notified of this change.
2. CyberLynx Curriculum:
CyberLynx curriculum were reviewed prior to the meeting and at the meeting.
3. CyberLynx Course Agreements:
Course agreements were reviewed prior to the meeting.
4. Student Policy Section (Second Reading):
To be discussed at the next meeting September 18, 2007.
5. Graduation Requirements (First Reading):
To be discussed at the next meeting September 18, 2007.
6. Policy Review Schedule - Personnel:
To be discussed at the next meeting September 18, 2007.
7. Budget Review:
Mr. Horn said he would be emailing the new budget to Board members in the morning.

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

No executive session this meeting.

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

No quorum, all action items tabled until next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None noted.

BOARD COMMENTS

NO Board comments.

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Meeting ended at 9:30pm.