

Nenana City Public School District
Regular School Board
Meeting Minutes

December 4, 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 Mayrand.

ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added to the agenda as items for discussion and action items are:
MOA with NESSA regarding Christmas holiday break
Budget advisory team
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Board member Lord 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.
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2007 and November 20, 2007 as presented.
Board member Mayrand moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2007 and November 20, 2007 as presented.
Seconded by Board member Jensen.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Statement read by Ms. Margaret Wilson (attached).

Ms. Diana Semekan also spoke regarding her nephew. She spoke of her concern on the way Ben was treated at the Living Center. She would like to see discipline towards the staff that was involved in this situation. She talked about the count period funding and that he was dismissed without any other infractions. She feels that the district owes Ben and his family an apology for the handling of this incident. She would like to see changes made to how things like this are handled, that's the reason they wanted this in open session. If need be this will be taken to a higher level.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS cont.

Ms. Betty Griffen talked about the choices Ben made and how she convinced him to come to school here. He wants to do something productive with his life, he wants to be come a trooper, he is a good kid that has been a leader at the living center. There needs to be some type of plan, not just drive a student to Fairbanks and drop him off. He was humiliated, any happy times he had in Nenana are now ruined. They would like to see some type of resolution to this.

President Duggar said that as she understood it the trooper offered to give Ben a ride, the district does not just take kids to Fairbanks and leave them on the street. The district has been working with Ben regarding grades. They all care about what happens to Ben and they will take everything under discussion.

Board member Shaw asked Ben if he would feel comfortable making a statement to the board, she would like to know what type of year he had here last year, what has the year been like here this year. She understands though if he doesn't feel comfortable with that.

Mr. Ben Semekan said no thank you, he would not feel comfortable. He has a written statement that Ms. Kauffman went to copy for the Board.

*****WORK SESSION*****

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nenana City Public School:
Mr. Krause said that the school is getting ready for Christmas break. Community lunch is on the 13th and bring money for elementary bazaar. Music concerts
2. Nenana Student Living Center:
Student working to make travel plans for Christmas break, working really hard to communicate they need to stay until the 19th. Discussed study hall improvements. Dance will take place on this Saturday at Living Center.
3. CyberLynx/Sped Report:
Mr. Abrams had a written report and was not able to attend this meeting.
4. Maintenance Report:
Mr. Schubert discussed the heating components which will assist with the boiler installation project. He learned a lot through this time consuming process and is amazed that the building stays heated. He talked about record keeping esp. regarding vehicle usage and maintenance. Still working on fixed assets list; he would like to have a list of surplus items to the Board by next month. He would like to list surplus items on the district website for sale instead of auction. Discussed work performance reviews. Worked with Superintendent and business manager on determining the destruction of old records. Discussed warehouse usage.
5. Business Manager Report:
Mr. Horn is at Alasbo conference.
6. Legislative Liaison Report:
Nothing to add since the last meeting.
7. Superintendent Report:
Discussed budget development plan. He has for tonight the budget committee and he has talked with all the people and they are willing to participate again since last year was a little different. December 13th will be the first meeting for the budget committee.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Parent Involvement Policy (second reading):
Discussed letter mailed out to parents asking for involvement in the development of this policy. Four people have responded to the letter saying they would participate.
2. Tanana Chiefs Conference Resolutions:
Discussed the resolutions from Tanana Chiefs Conference. Board said they would like to support these resolutions with resolutions. The board directed Dr. Thomason to write the resolutions.
3. Fuel Bid Waiver:
Discussed waiving the fuel bid because there is no other company supplying Nenana with fuel and the company that currently has the contract is working well.
4. Specific Learning Disability Policy:
This is something required by the state and will take care of a corrective action from the special education audit.
5. NESSA Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding Christmas holiday:
This MOA will allow the union to move the holiday vacation day to December 24, 2007. This is a day that used to be a floating holiday but was negotiated to be on a specific day.
6. Budget Advisory Team:
The same people from last year have agreed to participate this year.

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

President Duggar entertained a motion to go into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss

1. Personnel:
2. Student Discipline:
3. Expulsion Recommendation:

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. Parent Involvement Policy:
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the second reading of the parent involvement policy.
Board member Mayrand made a motion to approve the second reading of the parent involvement policy.
Seconded by Board member Jensen.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.
2. Tanana Chiefs Conference Resolutions:
President Duggar entertained a motion to write resolutions in support of the three Tanana Chiefs resolutions.
Board member Lord made a motion to write resolutions in support of the three Tanana Chiefs resolutions.
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.
None opposed.
Motion carries.

ACTION ITEMS cont.

3. Fuel Bid Waiver:
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the fuel bid waiver and continue with the company currently supplying the fuel which is Nenana Heating Services, Inc.
Board Jensen made a motion to approve the fuel bid waiver and continue with the company currently supplying the fuel which is Nenana Heating Services, Inc. at the same rate as last year.
Seconded by Board member Lord.
Board member Mayrand said she abstains from this vote because she works for Crowley Fuel.
Aye: Duggar, Jensen, Alexander, Lord (4) Abstain: Mayrand (0) Opposed: (0)
Motion carries.

4. Specific Learning Disability Policy (first reading):
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. Expulsion Recommendation:
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the recommended expulsion of Michael Nelson.
Board member Lord made to approve the recommended expulsion of Michael Nelson.
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.

6. MOA with NESSA regarding Christmas break:
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the MOA with NESSA to approve their permanent holiday be changed to a floating holiday for this year
Board member Mayrand made a motion to approve the MOA with NESSA to move their holiday from December 26, 2007 to December 24, 2007.
Seconded by Board member Lord.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries.

7. Budget Advisory Team:
President Duggar entertained a motion to appoint the following people to the Nenana School District Budget Advisory Committee:
Teresa Mayrand, Board member
Barbara Adams, Board member (Advisory)
Jeff Coghill Jr., Community member
Miles Martin, Community member
Tim Barker, Community member
Robert Thomason, Superintendent
Carl Horn, Finance Director
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

.None noted.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Duggar thanked Student Representative Mayrand for all his input tonight and appreciated all his thoughts being brought to the Board.

ADJOURN

President Duggar entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:24pm.

Board member Mayrand made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Board member Jensen.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.