

Nenana City Public School District  
Regular School Board  
Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2008  
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 Lord.

**ROLL CALL**

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

A quorum was established.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Added to the agenda as items for discussion and action items are:  
NSLC administration appointment.  
Reception position at NSLC.  
Math/Science teacher at the school.  
High School Graduation Qualifying Exam waiver for Maria Villasenor; a foreign exchange student.  
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 December 4, 2007 as presented.  
Board member Lord moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 4, 2007 as presented.  
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Susan Thomason said the Nenana Student Living Center is hosting a six week art class, all 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None noted.

**\*\*\*WORK SESSION\*\*\***

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Nenana City Public School:  
Mr. Krause is at the No Child Left Behind conference sponsored by the Department of Education & Early Development. This will be paid from DEED and Title funds.
  
2. Nenana Student Living Center:  
Dr. Thomason gave the board a copy of the data prepared by Keith Sieg regarding NSLC students and discussed the results. Eleven students did not come back after Christmas break. Dr. Thomason gave kudos to Kelvin, his staff and community members that responded to the flood at the NSLC during Christmas break
  
3. CyberLynx/Sped Report:  
Mr. Abrams talked about how much he has had to rely on Carl and Rob in regards to CyberLynx. He feels that a lot of people do not understand how the different pieces of the puzzle fit together and just how it affects their job. He said he feels that every decision has been made for the good of the students and the personnel of this school district. He would like to let people know how privileged he feels working under this administration for the last few years and how important it has been having Rob's leadership there all the time to support him to carry out his programs.  
  
President Duggar said it is certainly reflected in the growth of CyberLynx.
  
4. Maintenance Report:  
Mr. Schubert said this has been a very interesting month and the maintenance team survived the flood of 2007. Discussed the shredding truck that came down to shred old documents. Board member Mayrand mentioned a couple more people that assisted with the NSLC flood that were inadvertently left off the list. Mr. Chuck Hugny, Dustin, Kauffman, Nick Mayrand and Christel Sieg.
  
5. Business Manager Report:  
Mr. Horn presented an interactive spreadsheet that he reviewed with the board. Mr Horn said that if there is any questions relating to the audit to please let him know. Current with TRS/PERS, now on direct deposit with the retirement system. Cash flow has improved although there will still be a little bit of tightness over the next twelve weeks.
  
6. Legislative Liaison Report:  
Nothing to add since the last meeting.
  
7. Superintendent Report:  
Discussed budget meetings, grievances filed by the NEA and NESSA and the NSLC flooding.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. AML/JIA Award:  
Dr. Thomason read the letter given to the maintenance department by AML/JIA for the loss control. The maintenance/custodial/food service staff also received an award.
  
2. CyberLynx Teacher Hire:  
Cindy Bohmbach is recommended for the Wasilla office for the next semester.  
  
2a. NSLC Administrative Appointment:  
Due to the change in administration he would like to appoint John Grimes as an associate administrator. A variance application has been filed with Dept. of Health and Social Services for this to be possible. This will not cost anything extra. Discussion followed regarding hiring process for this position.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION cont.**

2b. NSLC Reception Position:

Dr. Thomason stated that they started experimenting with a reception position at the NSLC and would be a useful position. They put Jesse Martin in that position for five hours a night and she is well aware that this is a temp position and that she would need to apply for the job when it's posted. Dr. Thomason stated that he had this conversation with her this evening as well. This will professionalize the office and gets kids out of the office.

3. CyberLynx Course Agreements:

Discussion followed regarding some of the agreements.

4. CyberLynx Curriculum:

Keyboard capers – how to read music and how to count music (K-6<sup>th</sup> grades).

Math in a nut shell – hands on math (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades).

4a. High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver.

This waiver is for a foreign exchange student. This student has passed two of the three portions of the HSGQE, this will just protect the school district if she doesn't pass the last portion. She almost passed the reading. This is a late arrival which does not exclude her from taking the test.

5. Parent Involvement Policy (third reading):

This policy has been discussed before and is required under No Child Left Behind.

6. Specific Learning Disability Policy:

This has also been discussed before and will need a new number.

7. Personnel Policy Section:

There are some minor amendments for this policy.

8. Suspension/Expulsion and Grade Policy Review:

President Duggar asked Ms. Thomason to speak on the grade policy issue. Ms. Thomason talked about the Nenana policy and how other districts handle late arrivals with no quarter grade.

Discussion followed

Suspension and expulsion policy was discussed regarding in school suspension vs. out of school suspension. Nenana used to have a position funded that made in school suspension much more achievable. At the moment anytime anyone is placed in school, they are housed in the Principal office or the admin office work area.

9. Resignation:

Dr. Thomason read his resignation letter. Copy on file.

**\*\*\*EXECUTIVE SESSION\*\*\***

President Duggar entertained a motion to go into executive session at 8:23pm to discuss

1. Personnel:
2. Business Manager:
3. Nenana Student Living Center Administration
4. Lawyer Updates:

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

Seconded by Board member Mayrand.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

**\*\*\*REGULAR SESSION\*\*\***

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. CyberLynx Teacher Hire:

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the hire of Cindy Bohmbach in the Wasilla office.

Board member Mayrand made a motion to approve the hire of Cundy Bohmbach for the rest of the school year at the Wasilla CyberLynx office.

Seconded by Board member Lord.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

1a. NSLC Administrator Appointment:

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the appointment of John Grimes as the Assistant Administrator of the NSLC.

Board member Lord made a motion to approve the appointment of John Grimes as the Assistant Administrator of the NSLC pending approval from the Dept. of Health and Social Services.

Seconded by Board member Mayrand.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

1b. NSLC Reception Position:

President Duggar entertained a motion to direct Dr. Thomason to write a job description for a reception position at the NSLC for a total of 25 hours per week and post it.

Board member Lord made a motion to create a position at the NSLC for a receptionist for 25 hours a week and post that position.

Seconded by Board member Mayrand.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

1c. Math/Science Teacher

President Duggar entertained a motion to post a math/science teacher position to be funded by the ANE grant.

Board member Lord made a motion to add a math/science teacher position to be funded by the ANE grant for the rest of the 2007/2008 school year.

Seconded by Board member Mayrand.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

2. CyberLynx Course Agreements:

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the CyberLynx Course agreements as amended.

Board member Mayrnad made a motion to approve the CyberLynx Course agreements as amended

Seconded by Board member Lord.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries.

**ACTION ITEMS cont.**

3. CyberLynx Curriculum:  
President Duggar entertained a motion to accept the two CyberLynx curriculums as presented.  
Board member Lord made a motion to accept the CyberLync curriculum that was presented tonight.  
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries.  
  
3a. HSGQE Waiver:  
President Duggar entertained a motion to apply for late arrival waiver for Maria Villasenor.  
Board member Mayrand made a motion to apply for late arrival waiver for Maria Villasenor  
Seconded by Board member Lord.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries.
4. Parent Involvement Policy (third reading) :  
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the third reading of the parent involvement policy.  
Board member Mayrand made a motion to approve the third reading of the parent involvement policy.  
Seconded by Board member Lord.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries.
5. Specific Learning Disability Policy (second reading):  
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the second reading of the specific learning disability policy.  
Board member Lord made a motion to approve the second reading of the specific learning disability policy.  
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries.
6. Personnel Policy Section (second reading):  
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the second reading of the personnel policy section with amendments.  
Board member Mayrand made a motion to approve the second reading of the personnel policy section with amendments.  
Seconded by Board member Lord.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries.
7. Budget Revision:  
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the budget revision as presented  
Board member Mayrand made a motion to approve the budget revision as presented.  
Seconded by Board member Lord.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries.

**ACTION ITEMS cont.**

8. Surplus Inventory:  
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the surplus inventory bid process recommended by Kelvin Schubert.  
Board member Mayrand made a motion to approve the surplus inventory bid process recommended by Kelvin Schubert.  
Seconded by Board member Lord.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries.
  
9. Resignation:  
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the resignation of Superintendent Rob Thomason effective June 30, 2008.  
Board member Lord made a motion to approve the resignation of Superintendent Rob Thomason effective June 30, 2008.  
Seconded by Board member Mayrand.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None noted.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Board member Lord said she was glad to hear that the video cameras are up and running again. She would like to see curriculum at the school, the board is always reviewing for the CyberLynx program. She said she is sorry to see Rob leave.

President Duggar said she would like letters to be sent to helpers of the NSLC flood. She is sorry to see Rob leaves appreciates his heart and vision.

Board member Adams said the picture at the school looks very strong and that she appreciates Kelvin, John and Carl.

Board member Mayrand said she appreciated and loves the spreadsheet Carl developed.

Dr. Thomason reiterated that he will be here until May.

**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.