

Nenana City Public School District
Work Session
Meeting Minutes

JOINT MEETING BETWEEN:
Nenana School Board
Nenana City Council
Nenana Native Council

November 20, 2007
6:30 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by all in attendance.

MISSION STATEMENT

Recited by Board member Lord.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Katelyn McDonald won the Ice Classic Poster Contest.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Mitch Demientieff, representing both the Nenana Native Council and City Council, asked that the agenda be set up so that items pertaining to the joint meeting could be discussed first.

School Board President said the agenda is for discussion purpose only and that all items are for discussion between the entities.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Nenana City School District Budget Process 08/09:
Dr. Thomason discussed the budget process and proposed a budget calendar.
2. 07/08 Budget Update:
Mr. Carl Horn submitted a financial summary, attached.
3. Association of Alaska School Boards:
School Board member Teresa Mayrand submitted a packet of information obtained at the 07/08 annual conference.
4. District Report Card Presentation:
Mr. Joe Krause explained that all information is available on the district website and state education website; he also gave an overview of these websites. The district has met annual yearly progress (AYP) for the last two years.
5. Capital Improvement Project Discussion:
Mayor Jason Mayrand asked what projects are still open and what is being planned for the future?
Voc Ed project is still open.

Upcoming projects:

- Gym bleachers/Lighting
- Sprinkler project in the elementary
- New digital data for heating plant

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION cont.

Possible future projects:

- New carpeting in hallways
- New lock and key system project
- Replacement of boilers in gymnasium

Mr. Kelvin Schubert will be doing some research on CIP motions.

Mayor Mayrand suggested new playground equipment be looked at for future CIP requests.

CIP process discussed; Mr. Schubert talked about how ranking of projects comes from all elements of CIP proposal, presentation and how it is presented is important.

School board member Mary Alexander talked about energy conservation in other villages and would like to see the district look into some alternative ideas.

Chief Demientieff talked about a biomass project Tanana Chiefs Conference is working; the Nenana Native Council is working on that for here.

Ms. Edna Hancock, representative for Nenana Native Council and Nenana City Council, discussed an oil filtering system in place at the native council and that it's open to the public to drop off used oil.

6. Nenana Student Living Center Payments, Funding needs & Current Law:
Discussed HB 16 and how that funding is calculated. Also talked about what is needed to fund the living center per year.

Discussion followed on looking at alternative funding resources i.e., grants.

Look at reestablishing NSLC funding committee.

Mayor Mayrand said the USDA payment for June has to be figured out.

Native Council member Charlie Stevens asked if the legislature in Juneau has been communicated with regarding loan payment forgiveness.

Mayor Mayrand said yes but that there is no money to cover USDA payment.

COMMENTS

Chief Demientieff said the Nenana Native Council is expanding the clinic and would be accepting non-native patients. He praised the community lunch, great job; talked about the 3rd/4th grade presentation coming up.

Robin Campbell asked why the Jr. High basket ball teams have not participated in the Minto tournament in the last few years.

Mr. Krause said he would look into that.

Dr. Thomason asked what the process should be for agenda set up for the joint meetings.

It was suggested that Dr. Thomason attend the community dinners hosted by the Native Council, the next dinner will take place in January.

School board member Lord asked that the March date for the next joint meeting be checked prior to scheduling.

March 18, 2008 confirmed by Dr. Thomason and Chief Demientieff.