

Nenana City Public School District
Regular School Board
Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2015
6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

President Duggar called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.
Mission statement read by Board member Ulery.

ROLL CALL

Marilyn Duggar – present	Cherrie Forness – absent (excused)
Jaime Mayrand – present	Rosemary Allen – present
Rebecca Ulery – present	James Brown – present
Kristine Knutsen – present	Sierra Robinson (Student Rep) – present

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Board member Allen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Seconded by Board member Brown.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Corrections were noted for page three to the meeting minutes of November 11, 2015.
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 11, 2015 as corrected.
Board member Mayrand made a motion to approve the minutes of November 11, 2015 as corrected.
Seconded by Board member Brown.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Filardi informed the board and audience members that the Coffee House would take place on December 12th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None noted.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. AASB Board Workshop/Training:
Board member Ulery said that now, after having attended both the conference for Board members and the Youth Leadership conference; she really enjoys the youth conference. She did enjoy the conference though and really appreciated the roundtable sessions at the conference. She mentioned that the AMP testing seemed to be the big controversy that was discussed. Board member Mayrand also mentioned the AMP testing in his report from the November meeting. Student Board Rep. Robinson along Jesslyn West shared what they learned from the leadership conference and how they feel it will help them in the future.
2. District Hires:
 - a. Teacher: Colleen Stickman is being recommended for the position which was vacated by the resignation of Liz Tafoya.
3. Board Evaluation:
Superintendent Gebhart explained the Board self –evaluation process. The Board will turn in their answer sheets to Susan Kauffman or President Duggar before the end of the year.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION cont.

4. Superintendent Evaluation:
Superintendent Gebhart explained the process for his evaluation. He provided the board with his self-evaluation questions and asked if they would like to make changes to the list. He will work on his questions during Christmas break and will provide them to the Board by the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nenana City Public School:
Ms. Carattini shared the agenda from the TCC Education Summit and gave a report on that meeting. Discussion followed.
2. ANE Grant Report:
Mr. Jacobsen discussed the AISES conference that he and 10 students attended in Phoenix, AZ. He also had each student provide their own report on what they learned and like best from this opportunity.
3. 21st CCLC Grant Report:
Ms. Norman was not able to be at this meeting. Mr. Filardi said that Ms. Norman asked him to express that the new reporting system is not friendly. He also talked about a conference that he and other staff members will be attending through this grant.
4. Elementary Counseling Grant Report:
Ms. Chong was not at this meeting.
5. Student Representative Report:
Ms. Robinson talked about the puzzles students built in the engineering class. They have been working on a brochure in biomedical engineering. Student council members are working on a pep rally for January 25th. The student council also worked helping the kitchen with the community lunch.
6. CyberLynx/Special Education Report:
Mr. Abrams also talked about some of the issues mentioned during Ms. Carattini's report from the TCC Education Summit.
Mr. Abrams discussed special education in the CyberLynx program.
7. Nenana Student Living Center Report:
Mr. Digrande gave the board an update on student numbers. Ms. Barkey discussed the letters that the Unstoppables wrote to local Veteran's and the students decided that they wanted to recognize Veteran's all the time, not just on one or two holidays.
Mr. Digrande informed the board that students and staff left at the NSLC had Thanksgiving dinner at Clear. He thanked Christine Babcock and her husband for setting this up.
He talked about a conference that some staff will be attending regarding the effects of trauma on Alaska native populations.
Ms. Barkey informed the board that a trip to Seattle for the Unstoppables is being looked in to and will be presented to the board at the next meeting.
Discussion followed.
8. Maintenance Report:
The maintenance department is gearing up to do a lot of stuff through the Christmas break. Inside doors have been ordered for the elementary entrances. This will hopefully help conserve heat. A quote has been received for new gym doors. Once all of the information has been received for the doors, it will require a board vote since the doors in the gym area will be over \$5,000.00. Superintendent Gebhart also updated the board on the new key system at the school.
9. Business Manager Report:
The flash report was emailed to board members. The audit has been received in electronic form. Most board members preferred a copy of the audit emailed to them, but Superintendent Gebhart will provide a hard copy to those whom request it once the bound copies are received. Mr. Horn discussed some of the new changes to the Federal Guidance for grant reporting.
He also talked about requirements of the Affordable Care Act that will be coming in to effect this year and how those will affect us.

CONSENT AGENDA cont.

10. Legislative Liaison Report:
Included in the Superintendent report.
11. Superintendent Report:
Superintendent Gebhart discussed the new federal “Every Student Succeeds Act”, which replaces No Child Left Behind. He also explained some of the major changes between both regulations. He gave an update on the two advertised positions.
Ms. Kauffman demonstrated the live active calendar on the district website and also showed the board how to access board policies on the website.
Superintendent Gebhart talked about the academy that he visited while he was in Iowa. He will be sharing more information with staff on Monday regarding the “Centers for Excellence” that he observed while at this school.
12. Board Committee Report:
Board members Mayrand and Ulery went to the NSLC as part of their committee. Board member Ulery talked out some of the meetings she attended and activities she observed. She talked about looking in to developing NSLC and community/staff relationships.

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

No executive session needed.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. District Hires:
 - a. Teacher (NCPS):
President Duggar entertained a motion to offer a teaching contract to Colleen Stickman for the position of Secondary Teacher at NCPS and adjust her salary to reflect as if her first day of work was October, 23rd, 2015, as recommended by Superintendent Gebhart.
Board member Allen made a motion to offer a teaching contract to Colleen Stickman for the position of Secondary Teacher at NCPS and adjust her salary to reflect as if her first day of work was October, 23rd, 2015, as recommended by Superintendent Gebhart.
Seconded by Board member Ulery.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None noted.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Ulery thanked Ms. Robinson for speaking up tonight and sharing her thoughts and providing input throughout the meeting.

ADJOURN

President Duggar entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:53pm
Board member Ulery made a motion to adjourn at 8:53pm.
Seconded by Board member Brown.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)