

Nenana City Public School District
Regular School Board
Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016
6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER

President Duggar called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.
Mission statement read by Board member Babcock.

ROLL CALL

Marilyn Duggar – present	Cherrie Forness – present
Rebecca Ulery – present	Rosemary Allen – absent (excused)
Maryellen Robinson – present	Jerry Babcock – present
Kristine Knutsen – present	Kiersten Wright (Student Rep) – present

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2016 as presented.
Board member Babcock made a motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2016 as presented.
Seconded by Board member Forness.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Filardi informed the Board that the coffee house is scheduled for December 10th from 7-9pm. Due to the music concert cancellation, the school bazaar items will be available at the coffee house.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None noted.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Strategic Plan:
There have been no changes to the SWOT analysis since the last work session. Superintendent Gebhart gave everyone a copy of the SWOT document as well as a research structure report he found online regarding strategic planning. Discussion followed regarding the draft mission statement; in place of the word “deep” consider using holistic, thorough, in-depth or phull color.
2. Board Self-Evaluation:
The board would like to have the self-evaluation emailed to them and would discuss further at the next meeting.
3. Superintendent Self Evaluation:
Board members will consider if the questions from last year are still relevant or if there are other questions that should be considered. Discussion followed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION cont.

4. Board Committees:
NCPS Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Full Board.
CyberLynx Curriculum & Course Agreements Committee: Marilyn Duggar & Kristine Knutsen.
Hiring Committee: Full Board (utilizing only one or two members at a time).
Community Communications Committee: Maryellen Robinson & Jerry Babcock.
NSLC Committee: Rebecca Ulery & Cherrie Forness.
Negotiations Committee: Rebecca Ulery & Kristine Knutsen.
Legislative Committee: Jerry Babcock.
5. January Meeting Date:
Superintendent Gebhart will still be in Iowa, but can video conference. The Board agreed to meet on its regular meeting date of January 4, 2017.
6. FY2016 Audit Report:
The audit information was given to Board members. The district is still considered a low risk auditee. Discussion followed.
7. Board Policy Updates (2nd Reading):
Major Changes: BP/AR 3311- Bids; BP 3315 – Relations with Vendors; BP 4222 – Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals; BP 5141.3 – Health Examinations; BP 6020 – Parent Involvement; BP 6141.2 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs; BP 6142.1 Family Life/Sex Education
The Board reviewed and discussed the policies listed for major change. Specific wording for BP 6142.1 was further discussed.
8. Religious Freedom – Exception to Building Restriction Policy for Church Attendance for NSLC Students:
President Duggar opened the floor up for public comment on Item 8.
The following individuals made public comment: Darcia Grace, Mark Krenzke, Mike Grace, Billy Starkweather, and Pam Samash.
Public comment was closed.
Board discussion followed.
9. Softek Services Contract (CyberLynx Database Update):
Although Mr. Rozell is not at the meeting tonight, Virginia Brown was available to discuss any questions related to the database update. Ms. Brown gave the history of this database, how it works and what is involved with the update. The cost of this update is between \$9,240.00 - \$10,360.00. The Board is asked to approve up to \$10,360.00 for this expenditure.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nenana City Public School:
Ms. Carattini said she had nothing to add to her written report. She did want to note the Theater Camp that will happen in January and that Ms. Maryellen Robinson would be in the school tomorrow to speak with students about the upcoming camp.
2. ANE Grant Report:
Mr. Jacobsen talked about the Verizon App Challenge and project the current 8th graders are working on for this year's challenge. Mr. Jacobsen introduced Andrew Kennedy (NSLC student). Mr. Kennedy wanted to recognize the community and his English/Engineering teacher, Mr. Filardi. He also discussed things happening in English and Engineering classes.
3. 21st CCLC Grant Report:
Ms. Norman shared information from the Alaska Statewide After-School Conference. The next conference will take place in Fairbanks; Ms. Norman is part of the steering committee. The carryover budget has been approved and the first aviation mechanics class for this school year will begin on December 10th. Ms. Norman discussed some of the after-school programs including dance.

CONSENT AGENDA cont.

4. Elementary Counseling Grant Report:
Ms. Chong shared information about the Anchor Café (adult/community support group) meeting that was held Saturday, November 12, 2016. Working with University of Alaska - Fairbanks "Kids to College" program. Ms. Chong discussed her attendance at the Alaska School Counselors conference. The student newspaper was featured in an article by Chris Capps of the Fairbanks Daily News Miner.
5. High School Counseling Grant Report:
Mr. Filardi announced that the ASVAB test would be given to students on Friday and explained the test. This year all juniors will take the test, as well as any seniors who have not yet tested or would like to retake the test. Mr. Jacobsen discussed the Digication e-folio class that he will do next semester. Mr. Filardi talked more about the upcoming theater camp.
6. Student Representative Report:
Ms. Wright said that the high school student body population voted to have a combined prom with Denali Borough School District schools, the outcome was 66% supported a combined prom and 33% did not. Upcoming activities that have been planned by the student council were Discussion followed.
7. CyberLynx/Special Education Report:
Mr. Rozell was not at the meeting, but his written report was available.
8. Special Education Report:
Ms. Coy was not at the meeting, but her written report was available.
9. Nenana Student Living Center Report:
Mr. Digrande said there are 83 students at the NSLC. There were five students from the NSLC that went to the Lead On conference in Anchorage. Students who stayed at the NSLC went to Clear for Thanksgiving dinner and it was greatly appreciated by staff and students. Craig Hunter is going to Regional wrestling and will go to the State tournament if he does well. Discussion followed regarding student activities.
10. Maintenance Report:
Robert Gillespie with AML/JIA will be here next week to do building risk assessment. This is a service that is provided by our insurance company. There will be some work done in the gym over the Winter break.
11. Business Manager Report:
Mr. Horn talked about the ALASBO conference. He shared information regarding the E-Rate program and explained what the universal services program is.
12. Legislative Liaison Report:
Board member Babcock is working on a power point presentation regarding the AASB conference and hopes to have that to Board members by Christmas. Superintendent Gebhart talked about the makeup of the state legislature. The Governor's budget will be released next week. Discussion followed.
13. Superintendent Report:
Superintendent written report is in the packet. He did want to point out the retirement of Rita Spencer who has been with the district for a long time. He also noted that he was notified by the state that Mr. Filardi did not win the award for "Teacher of the Year", but on behalf of the Board, District, Staff and Students he is our "Teacher of the Year" and we are proud of him.
14. Board Committee Report:
The Board committees are listed above in Items for Discussion, item number 3. The Board committees can be made by appointment and do not need to be an action item.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Board Committees:
Motion was not required for this item.

2. FY16 Audit:
President Duggar entertained a motion to accept the FY2016 NCS D Financial Report as presented and recommended by Superintendent Gebhart and Director of Finance, Carl Horn.
Board member Ulery made a motion to accept the FY2016 NCS D Financial Report as presented and recommended by Superintendent Gebhart and Director of Finance, Carl Horn.
Seconded by Board member Robinson.
No further discussion
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)

3. Board Policy Updates – Major Changes (2nd Reading):
Major Changes: BP/AR 3311- Bids; BP 3315 – Relations with Vendors; BP 4222 – Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals; BP 5141.3 – Health Examinations; BP 6020 – Parent Involvement; BP 6141.2 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs; BP 6142.1 Family Life/Sex Education.
President Duggar entertained a motion to pass the second reading of the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations listed on the December 8, 2016 School Board Agenda under Item 8 Board Policy Updates Major Changes as presented.
Board member Ulery made a motion to pass the second reading of the Board Policies and Administrative Regulations listed on the December 8, 2016 School Board Agenda under Item 8 Board Policy Updates Major Changes as presented.
Seconded by Board member Forness.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)

4. Religious Freedom – Exception to Building Restriction Policy for Church Attendance for NSLC Students:
President Duggar entertained a motion to uphold the decision of the Superintendent regarding the Religious Freedom issue, discussion item 8.
Board member Babcock made a motion to uphold the decision of the Superintendent regarding the Religious Freedom issue, discussion item 8.
Seconded by Board member Ulery.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)

5. Softek Services Contract (CyberLynx Database Update):
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$10,360.00 to Softek Services to update the CyberLynx database as described and recommended by Principal Rozell and Superintendent Gebhart.
Board member Robinson made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$10,360.00 to Softek Services to update the CyberLynx database as described and recommended by Principal Rozell and Superintendent Gebhart.
Seconded by Board member Ulery.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Jones made a public comment regarding the Religious Freedom issue. She would like to assist the Board and Superintendent in communicating with the interested parties.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Robinson discussed Board orientation.

Board member Babcock said that military members at Clear are trying to get food boxes for Ms. Coy's food drive.

President Duggar said she would like to have a work session regarding the NCPS Friday class schedule. She thanked Rita Spencer for her many, many years of service and for all the work she has done with the students at our school. Rita has also volunteered endless hours with TaeKwonDo and the students in that program. She will be greatly missed.

ADJOURN

President Duggar entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:51pm

Board member Forness made a motion to adjourn at 8:51pm.

Seconded by Board member Babock.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 2/0)

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

No executive session required for this meeting.