

Nenana City Public School District
Regular School Board
Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2017
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 Student Representative Kiersten Wright.

ROLL CALL

Marilyn Duggar – present	Cherrie Forness – present (via telephone)
Rebecca Ulery – present	Rosemary Allen – present
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 Allen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Seconded by Board member Ulery.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 2/0)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Two corrections were noted. Board member Allen is listed for two motions, but was not at this meeting.
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2017 as corrected.
Board member Allen made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2017 as corrected.
Seconded by Board member Ulery.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 2/0)

AWARD PRESENTATION

Superintendent Gebhart presented the AASB Spirit of Youth award and a Proclamation from Alaska State Legislature for Prudential Spirit of Community award to NCPS student, Leena Robinson.

Superintendent Gebhart presented Eric Filardi with a Proclamation from Alaska State Legislature for being an Alaska Teacher of the Year finalist.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Stephen Calkin discussed BP 6145 and graduation requirements for high school students.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments were made in support of Principal Carattini by the following individuals: Jeremy G., Pricilla B., Casey A., Kelly N., Michelle J., Taylor B., Annalee Coy, Christy McMillan. Eric and Hannah Filardi reminded the Board that they presented letters of support, along with Joe Digrande, at the March 8, 2017 meeting.

WORK SESSION

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Board Self-Evaluation:
The Board discussed the goals. The completion and adoption dates were left blank for Planning/Goals /Strategic Planning. It was decided to set February 2018 as a completion date and March 2018 as an adoption date. Discussion followed.
2. NCPS 2017-2018 School Calendar:
The Board reviewed the proposed calendar.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION cont.

3. Proposed Budget:
Mr. Horn and Superintendent Gebhart discussed some changes that may take place with programs at the school. Mr. Horn showed different budget projections based on fiscal assumptions for next year. A 5% increase in health insurance premiums were estimated, but it turned out to be a decrease of 7.65%. Our insurance company has now gone from a flat rate to a differentiated rate.
4. Ratification of NESSA Negotiated Agreement:
Classified staff ratified the agreement.
5. Food Service Report:
Board member Babcock highlighted some of the major points from his written report, including recommendations for improvement. Kiersten Wright discussed a student survey that she conducted regarding this issue. Discussion followed.
6. Board Policy Review:
 - a. BP 6145 – Extra Curricular and Cocurricular Activities:
Mr. Calkin spoke to the Board regarding the request to raise eligibility to 2.3 GPA instead of the 2.0. He explained how this request came about as well as the reasons behind the request. Discussion followed.
7. NCPS Principal Contract:
Sherri Carattini is recommended for a two-year principal contract.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nenana City Public School:
Ms. Carattini discussed the Exhibitions of Learning, which will be held on May 3rd from 5-7pm.
2. ANE Grant Report:
Mr. Jacobsen said he and elementary teachers have been working on aligning math standards. He shared examples of written standards from other school districts, including some out of state districts. Students in the 5th/6th grade are working on receiving their CPR/First Aid card.
3. 21st CCLC Grant Report:
Ms. Norman talked about science fair projects and Science Fair Night. The district now has a plane for students in the aviation class to work on.
4. Elementary Counseling Grant Report:
Ms. Chong was not at the meeting.
5. High School Counseling Grant Report:
Mr. Filardi introduced Patrick Kelly, Youth Programs Manager for Denali Education Center. They discussed the backcountry intensive high school project. Mr. Filardi also talked about the harmonica workshop with Mike Stevens.
6. Student Representative Report:
Ms. Wright shared information regarding prom and Lynx gear.
7. CyberLynx/Special Education Report:
Mr. Rozell talked about the CyberLynx retreat that took place in February; the digital document was emailed to Board members. Advertising options for CyberLynx were discussed. The new CyberLynx database was rolled out today.
8. Special Education Report:
Ms. Coy has submitted all required documents regarding the compliance monitoring.
9. Nenana Student Living Center Report:
There are 72 students at the NSLC; this is the highest number of students for this time of year. Unstoppables sold food when the Iditarod came through, this was a fundraising effort. Ms. Filardi talked about our students that went to Healy for the Young Americans performance at Tri-Valley. Mr. Digrande discussed the activities that took place during Spring break. There have only been 11 students dismissed for drug or alcohol offenses this year, compared to 28 at this time last year. Approximately 40 students/staff will go to Easter dinner at Clear.

CONSENT AGENDA cont.

10. Maintenance Report:
We have had numerous submissions for summer work. We will have a meager crew this year for additional summer hire, but we will have some and are working on plans for summer work. We will be working on CIP application and will need to revise our 6-Year CIP plan.
11. Business Manager Report:
Mr. Horn emailed the flash budget report to Board members. The business office is updating the software they use. There are a few employees that are part of a test group for online timesheets.
12. Legislative Liaison Report:
Board member Babcock and Superintendent Gebhart reported on the meetings they had with members of Alaska's legislature while in Juneau. The Board agreed for Board member Babcock to reach out to our representatives and extend an invitation to come to our monthly Board meetings. Discussed SB102, SB103 and SB104.
13. Superintendent Report:
Chad Parsons has been selected as a parent to be a part of the Alaska Education Challenge. Meeting date for May discussed since the Exhibitions of Learning is taking place from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on May 3rd as well. We may need to have a special meeting in order to offer non-tenured teacher contracts. No update on the Living Center loan at this time.
14. Board Committee Report:
Discussed earlier.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Board Self Evaluation/Board Goals:
President Duggar entertained a motion to adopt Nenana School Board goals as revised.
Board member Babcock made a motion to adopt Nenana School Board goals as revised.
Seconded by Board member Allen.
No further discussion
None opposed.
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 2/0)
2. NCPS 2017-2018 School Calendar:
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the 2017-2018 NCPS Calendar as presented.
Board member Allen made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 NCPS Calendar as presented.
Seconded by Board member Ulery.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 2/0)
3. Ratification of NESSA Negotiated Agreement:
President Duggar entertained a motion to ratify the July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 negotiated agreement with Nenana Education Support Staff Association as recommended by the Board's Negotiation Team.
Board member Allen made a motion to ratify the July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 negotiated agreement with Nenana Education Support Staff Association as recommended by the Board's Negotiation Team.
Seconded by Board member Ulery.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0) (Abstained: Robinson and Babcock due to conflict of interest)

ACTION ITEMS cont.

4. Board Policy Revision:
 - a. BP 6145 – Extra Curricular and Cocurricular Activities:
President Duggar entertained a motion to pass first reading of BP 6145 – Extra Curricular and Cocurricular Activities as presented.
Board member Babcock made a motion to pass first reading of BP 6145 – Extra Curricular and Cocurricular Activities as presented.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 2/0)

5. NCPS Principal Contract:
President Duggar entertained a motion to offer a two-year contract to NCPS Principal Shereyn Carattini as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.
Board member Allen made a motion to offer a two-year contract to NCPS Principal Shereyn Carattini as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.
Seconded by Board member Duggar.
No further discussion.
Motion fails. (2 Yay – Duggar, Allen /3 Nay - Forness, Robinson, Ulery) (adv 2/0)

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

President Duggar entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss Superintendent transition.
Board member Robinson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Superintendent transition.
Seconded by Board member Babcock.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 2/0)

Back from executive session at 9:53pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Filardi reminded everyone that there will be a coffee house on April 15th.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Forness commended the NSLC staff for the return rate, especially for those that are spending all four years at the NSLC.

ADJOURN

President Duggar entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:55pm.
Board member Babcock made a motion to adjourn at 9:55pm.
Seconded by Board member Robinson.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 2/0)