

Nenana City Public School District  
Regular School Board  
Meeting Minutes

February 1, 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 Board member Babcock.

**ROLL CALL**

Marilyn Duggar – present	Cherrie Forness – present
Rebecca Ulery – present	Rosemary Allen – present
Maryellen Robinson – present	Jerry Babcock – present
Kristine Knutsen – absent (excused)	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 1/0)

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Board member Robinson noted that under action items, item number 2, second reading needed to be changed to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.  
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 4, 2017 as amended.  
Board member Babcock made a motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017 as amended.  
Seconded by Board member Allen.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 1/0)

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Superintendent Gebhart informed the audience that February is Board Recognition Month. He thanked the Board for their service to students of Nenana City School District.

Mr. Filardi informed the Board the next Coffee House is planned for February 18, 2017.

Board member Babcock read an article to audience and Board members from the Arctic Guardian newspaper regarding the wrestling program and members of the Air Guard stationed at Clear that volunteered in coaching students.

Jeremy Giesler spoke to the Board about the food at NCPS and NSLC.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Students from Mr. Filardi's Global Travel and Culture Class spoke regarding a planned trip to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada.

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Strategic Plan:  
The Board set a work session date of February 8, 2017 for further discussion/work on the Strategic Plan and if there is time to also discuss the Board self-evaluation.
2. Board Self-Evaluation:  
The Board would like to discuss the self-evaluation on February 8<sup>th</sup> if there is time after working on the strategic plan.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION cont.**

3. NCPS 2017-2018 School Calendar:  
Draft calendar was discussed. Board members are encouraged to share and get feedback from the public.
4. Budget – Income Projections FY18:  
Discussed several different budget scenarios depending on student numbers.
  - Superintendent Gebhart introduced Dan Polta, Superintendent for Denali Borough School District. Superintendent Polta explained that he was here to observe the school board meeting.
5. AASB Membership Dues:  
Membership dues for Association of Alaska School Board are already in the budget for this year. The Board wants to continue using the services provided by AASB.
6. Alaska Education Challenge:  
Superintendent Gebhart explained the Alaska Education Challenge and encouraged all in attendance to go to the website to take a survey.
7. Request to Name Bingo for Books the “Ken Frye Bingo for Books”:  
A request has been made to name our Bingo for Books activities after Ken Frye. Everyone agreed with this request.
8. NEA/NESSA Negotiations:  
Superintendent Gebhart has heard back from both unions. They will be meeting on Friday, Feb 3rd to discuss dates for negotiation.
9. Out of State Travel:
  - a. All Northwest Music:  
Two students from Nenana have been selected for All Northwest Music. This is festival held in the Seattle area. Ms. Candace Mudge will chaperone the students and one student from Healy.
  - b. Global Travel & Culture Group (Mr. Filardi Class):  
Mr. Filardi talked about the class that he is doing on Friday’s this semester. Some of those students, earlier in the meeting, presented information for a trip to Canada in late spring. Discussion followed regarding possible connections that could be made with “sister schools”.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Nenana City Public School:  
Ms. Carattini informed the Board and audience of the difference between intensive schedule, Friday schedule and block schedule. Discussion followed.
2. ANE Grant Report:  
Mr. Jacobsen shared information about the book study from Polaris School and a more balanced math program. He and Mr. Acevedo will be meeting with staff from UAF drone program.
3. 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant Report:  
Ms. Norman said the schedule for after school activities is being revamped, this includes the aviation mechanics program and will hopefully be able to add some new things to the schedule this semester. The science fair is next month and there will be a spaghetti dinner.
4. Elementary Counseling Grant Report: Ms. Chong was not able to attend the meeting; her report was available at the meeting.
5. High School Counseling Grant Report:  
Mr. Filardi had nothing to add to his report.
6. Student Representative Report:  
Ms. Wright discussed upcoming student events, including spirit week, prom and after party.
7. CyberLynx/Special Education Report:  
Mr. Rozell attended a graduation for 18 students of the CL Graduation Completion Program out of the Anchorage office. CyberLynx staff will be meeting in Fairbanks February 21-22, 2017 for an in-service; Mr. Rozell invited Board members to attend any portion of the in-service they could.

### CONSENT AGENDA cont.

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 was not at the meeting, but the NSLC report is part of the board packet. Michelle DelaRosa was part of the RAHI research program at a UAA Research Fair and received a first place award for her presentation. There were only two high school students that participated, the rest were college students
10. Maintenance Report:  
The company that installed the new tile carpet this summer at the school will be here next week to repair areas where the carpet is pulling up. The plumber that was going to install the new showers in the gym locker rooms over Christmas break canceled, so that project will need to be done through the summer.
11. Business Manager Report:  
Mr. Horn emailed the flash budget report to Board members. Everything is going well; Mr. Horn had nothing to add to his report.
12. Legislative Liaison Report: Nothing to add at this time.
13. Superintendent Report:  
Superintendent Gebhart noted that our administrative regulation regarding weather was not current with our practice. He said this actually came to light when Superintendent Dan Polta from Denali Borough School District polled other interior Superintendents regarding weather policy. A resignation was received from Theresa Nelson, a paraprofessional in the Wasilla CyberLynx office.
14. Board Committee Report:  
Board member Robinson talked about the anchor café and what they are working on as a parent support group. She also discussed some concerns from the parent group. President Duggar said she would like to look into the food issue more. Everyone was in agreement. Discussion followed.  
Board member Ulery discussed some issues from the last charter bus and would like for it to be mentioned to the charter company.

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

### ACTION ITEMS

1. NCPS 2016-2017 School Calendar Revision:  
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the draft 2017-2018 NCPS Calendar for public input.  
Board member Allen made a motion to approve the draft 2017-2018 NCPS Calendar for public input.  
Seconded by Board member Forness.  
No further discussion  
None opposed.  
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 1/0)
2. AASB Membership Dues:  
President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the payment of the 2017 AASB Annual Membership Dues as invoiced by AASB.  
Board member Robinson made a motion to approve the payment of the 2017 AASB Annual Membership Dues as invoiced by AASB.  
Seconded by Board member Allen.  
No further discussion.  
None opposed.  
Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 1/0)
3. Request to Name Bingo for Books the “Ken Frye Bingo for Books”:  
President Duggar entertained a motion to officially name the Bingo for Books activities of the Nenana City Public School the ***Ken Frye Bingo for Books***, in honor of his contributions to all children of the Nenana City Public School and his tireless involvement as a volunteer caller and supporter of the NCPS bingo activities.

### **ACTION ITEMS cont.**

Board member Ulery made a motion to officially name the Bingo for Books activities of the Nenana City Public School the *Ken Frye Bingo for Books*, in honor of his contributions to all children of the Nenana City Public School and his tireless involvement as a volunteer caller and supporter of the NCPS bingo activities.

Seconded by Board member Forness.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 1/0)

4. Out of State Travel:

a. All Northwest Music:

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the out-of-state travel to the All Northwest Music event for Franklin Fudge and Breanna Nelson.

Board member Allen made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel to the All Northwest Music event for Franklin Fudge and Breanna Nelson.

Seconded by Board member Ulery.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 1/0)

b. Global Travel & Culture Group (Mr. Filardi's class):

More discussion on the travel took place prior to motion.

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the out-of-state travel request of the World Travel and Culture Class to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada as presented.

Board member Ulery made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel request of the World Travel and Culture Class to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada as presented.

Seconded by Board member Forness.

No further questions.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 1/0)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Jacobsen noted that Angel Brown interviewed for Duke University and that Sierra Robinson was starting her second semester with the AHEAD program at UAF.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Board member Ulery said that as a parent of two student council members, she wanted to mention that along with the devoted class period during school, these students volunteer a lot of hours outside of the school day.

President Duggar reiterated how important the student concern with food service is, we have thirty minutes a day devoted to student exercise and the food they eat is just as important.

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

President Duggar entertained a motion to go into executive session at 8:49pm to discuss Superintendent Transition Plan and NEA/NESSA Negotiations.

Board member Ulery made a motion to go into executive session at 8:49pm to discuss Superintendent Transition Plan and NEA/NESSA Negotiations.

Seconded by Board member Babcock.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 1/0)

### **ADJOURN**

President Duggar entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:37pm

Board member Forness made a motion to adjourn at 9:37pm.

Seconded by Board member Ulery.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (5/0) (adv 1/0)