

Nenana City Public School District
Regular School Board
Meeting Minutes

March 8, 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 Forness.

ROLL CALL

Marilyn Duggar – present	Cherrie Forness – present
Rebecca Ulery – present (via telephone)	Rosemary Allen – absent (excused)
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 Babcock.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 1, 2017 as presented.
Board member Babcock made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2017 as presented.
Seconded by Board member Robinson.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Gebhart informed the Board of the birth of Finnley Jacobsen. He also shared the latest book from his wife, Cathie Gebhart. Denali Borough School District sent a “Thank you” card for the Board and staff regarding projector donation.

Mr. Filardi informed the Board of the next Coffee House, which is planned for April 15, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Taylor Burkett spoke to the board regarding the Unstoppable trip request. A conflict with music festival date was mentioned.

Mr. Eric Filardi, Ms. Hannah Filardi and Mr. Joe Digrande (via Hannah Filardi) read letters to the Board in support of individuals up for administrator contracts.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Strategic Plan:
 - a. Vision/Mission Statements:
A few wording options were discussed prior to the Vision and Mission statements being completed.
2. Board Self-Evaluation:
The Board will meet on March 29th to discuss the self-evaluation.
3. NCPS 2017-2018 School Calendar:
Draft calendar was reviewed and revised based on received public/Board input. Board members are encouraged to share and get feedback from the public.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION cont.

4. FY18 Working 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.
5. Resolution Affirming Local Control of Schools:
Superintendent Gebhart read the resolution which, reaffirms the desire for local control and not forced in to another school district.
6. Ratification of NEA Negotiated Agreement:
The teachers have ratified the agreement. The Board will discuss changes to the agreement in executive session prior to action.
7. Contracts:
 - a. Administrator Contracts: The following individuals are recommended for two year contracts. Finance Director, Carl Horn; NCPS Principal, Sherelyn Carattini; CyberLynx Principal, Brian Rozell; NSCL Director, Joseph Digrande; NSLC Associate Director, Hannah Filardi.
 - b. Tenured Teacher Contracts:
The following tenured teachers have been recommended to me by Principals Sherri Carattini and Brian Rozell for contracts to the 2017 – 2018 school year: Annalee Coy - SPED Director (District), Wanda Haken (NCPS), Donna Mather (NCPS), Darren Mudge (NCPS), Mindy Jacobsen (NCPS), Jens Jacobsen (NCPS), Blain Morris (NCPS), Jimmie Putman (NCPS), Collin Stone (NCPS), Kathy Abrams (NCPS), Tricia Barnett (CL), Sue Button (CL), Katrina Cooper (CL), Ann Slabaugh (CL), Steve Stringfellow (CL & DTC), Jeanette Dementi (NCPS).
8. Out of State Travel - Unstoppables:
Discussed during public comment. Details of the trip was discussed during this time, including funding.
9. Board Policy Review:
 - a. BP 6145 – Extra Curricular and Cocurricular Activities:
This will be tabled until Mr. Calkin can be at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Nenana City Public School:
Ms. Carattini spoke to the Board about a revision to the Center of Excellence (Friday) schedule for next school year; this revision was led by staff. Exercise time was also discussed.
2. ANE Grant Report:
Mr. Jacobsen was not able to be at the meeting, but his report was in the packet.
3. 21st CCLC Grant Report:
Ms. Norman was not able to attend this meeting.
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 discussed the collaboration with Denali Education Center, this will be Nenana's version of RAHI; it will be a two week program where students can earn high school credit. Discussion followed. He also mentioned and shared video from the staff recognition implementation.
Young Americans will be working with students March 9th and 10th; there will be a community performance at 1pm on the 10th showcasing our students.
6. Student Representative Report:
Ms. Wright discussed upcoming student events, including spirit week, prom and prom after party. Student council has been looking into ways to help curb student tardiness and the food complaint from last meeting.
7. CyberLynx/Special Education Report:
Mr. Rozell talked about the CyberLynx retreat that took place in February. The new CyberLynx database was rolled out today.

CONSENT AGENDA cont.

8. Special Education Report:
Ms. Coy and CyberLynx special education teacher, Sue Button attended a transition conference in February. She also mentioned the amazing things that are happening out of the Anchorage office helping students transition from high school. Ms. Coy attended one day of the CyberLynx retreat; she wished she would have gone both days because it was so beneficial.
9. Nenana Student Living Center Report:
Ms. Filardi showed the Board the NSLC online calendar; this includes activities during spring break. She also mentioned that students in the Unstoppables spent two months at the beginning of the school year trying to recruit local students to be a part of this service organization. If anyone has advice on how to encourage local students to participate, it would be appreciated.
There is skiing at the NSLC every Tuesday and Thursday; all ages and levels are welcome to come.
President Duggar commended the NSLC for the retention rate this school year.
10. Maintenance Report:
The maintenance department has been busy with snow removal. They have been working on issues with the digital controls for the heating system. Overhead Door was here today to look at the doors for the warehouse and auto-shop.
11. Business Manager Report:
Mr. Horn emailed the flash budget report to Board members. The business office will be doing software upgrades very soon; everything is going well.
12. Legislative Liaison Report:
Board member Babcock discussed the worst case scenario of a 5% decrease in BSA funding.
13. Superintendent Report:
Superintendent Gebhart received a resignation letter from Natalie Chong. Jessica Shaw, Tribal Administrator for Nenana Native Council, and Superintendent Gebhart had a teleconference with Resource Associates regarding writing of ANE grant.
The science fair is going on in the pit; please go look at the exhibitions. The award ceremony will take place tomorrow, March 9th at 3pm.
14. Board Committee Report:
Board member Babcock shared information he has gathered regarding the food service issue; he will have more data/suggestions at the next meeting.

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

President Duggar entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss negotiations and administration contracts.

Board member Robinson made a motion to go into executive session at 8:44pm to discuss negotiations and administration contracts.

Seconded by Board member Babcock.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

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

Back from executive session at 9:28pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Strategic Plan:
 - a. Vision/Mission Statements:
President Duggar entertained a motion to adopt the new Mission and Vision statements of the Nenana City School District as revised.
Board member Babcock made a motion to adopt the new Mission and Vision statements of the Nenana City School District as revised.
Seconded by Board member Robinson.
No further discussion
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

ACTION ITEMS cont.

2. NCPS 2017-2018 School Calendar:
This will be discussed at the next meeting.
3. Resolution Affirming Local Control of Schools:
President Duggar entertained a motion to adopt Resolution Number 01-2017, "Resolution Affirming Local Control of Schools" as presented.
Board member Babcock made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 01-2017, "Resolution Affirming Local Control of Schools" as presented.
Seconded by Board member Forness.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)
4. Ratification of NEA Negotiated Agreement:
President Duggar entertained a motion to ratify the July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 negotiated agreement with Nenana Education Association as recommended by the Board's Negotiation Team.
Board member Robinson made a motion to ratify the July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 negotiated agreement with Nenana Education Association as recommended by the Board's Negotiation Team.
Seconded by Board member Forness.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)
5. Contracts:
 - a. Administration:
President Duggar entertained a motion to offer a two-year contract to Finance Director, Carl Horn as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.
Board member Robinson made a motion to offer a two-year contract to Finance Director, Carl Horn as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.
Seconded by Board member Forness.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

Board member Robinson made a motion to table NCPS Principal Sherelyn Carattini contract until the next school board meeting.
Seconded by Board member Forness.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (3 Yay – Forness, Robinson, Ulery /1 Nay - Duggar) (adv 1/0)

President Duggar entertained a motion to offer a two-year contract to CyberLynx Principal, Brian Rozell as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.
Board member Robinson made a motion to offer a two-year contract to CyberLynx Principal, Brian Rozell as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.
Seconded by Board member Forness.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

President Duggar entertained a motion to offer a two-year contract to NSLC Director, Joe Digrande as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.
Board member Robinson made a motion to offer a two-year contract to NSLC Director, Joe Digrande as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.
Seconded by Board member Forness.
No further discussion.
None opposed.
Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

ACTION ITEMS cont.

President Duggar entertained a motion to offer a two-year contract to NSLC Associate Director, Hannah Filardi as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.

Board member Robinson made a motion to offer a two-year contract to NSLC Associate Director, Hannah Filardi as recommended by Superintendent, Eric Gebhart.

Seconded by Board member Forness.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

President Duggar entertained a motion to offer a contract to Superintendent, Eric Gebhart for the 2017-2018 school year.

Board member Robinson made a motion to offer a contract to Superintendent, Eric Gebhart for the 2017-2018 school year.

Seconded by Board member Forness.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

a. Tenured Teachers:

President Duggar entertained a motion to offer tenured teacher contracts to Annalee Coy - SPED Director, Wanda Haken, Donna Mather, Darren Mudge, Mindy Jacobsen, Jens Jacobsen, Blain Morris, Jimmie Putman, Collin Stone, Kathy Abrams, Tricia Barnett, Sue Button, Katrina Cooper, Ann Slabaugh, Steve Stringfellow and Jeanette Dementi as recommended by Superintendent Gebhart, Principal Carattini and Principal Brian Rozell.

Board member Robinson made a motion to offer tenured teacher contracts to Annalee Coy - SPED Director, Wanda Haken, Donna Mather, Darren Mudge, Mindy Jacobsen, Jens Jacobsen, Blain Morris, Jimmie Putman, Collin Stone, Kathy Abrams, Tricia Barnett, Sue Button, Katrina Cooper, Ann Slabaugh, Steve Stringfellow and Jeanette Dementi as recommended by Superintendent Gebhart, Principal Carattini and Principal Brian Rozell.

Seconded by Board member Forness.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

6. Out of State Travel – Unstoppables:

President Duggar entertained a motion to approve the out-of-state travel for the Unstoppables, to Portland, OR and Seattle, WA.

Board member Forness made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel for the Unstoppables, to Portland, OR and Seattle, WA.

Seconded by Board member Robinson.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)

7. Board Policy Revision:

a. BP 6145 – Extra Curricular and Cocurricular Activities:

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Gebhart noted that he will not accept a pay increase.

BOARD COMMENTS

None noted.

ADJOURN

President Duggar entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:39pm.

Board member Babcock made a motion to adjourn at 9:39pm.

Seconded by Board member Robinson.

No further discussion.

None opposed.

Motion carries. (4/0) (adv 1/0)