

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Special Meeting

MINUTES

June 8, 2015

President Haas called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The special meeting was called to discuss the superintendent evaluation and for an update regarding the former superintendent's arbitration matter, to include a possible executive session with the borough attorney's office and outside counsel to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege, including to provide direction to the attorney in the handling of the litigation.

President Haas read the district's mission statement: *"Our mission is to provide an excellent and equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students can become productive members of a diverse and changing society."*

Present:

Heidi Haas, President
Wendy Dominique, Vice President
Allyson Lambert, Treasurer
Lisa Gentry, Clerk
Sue Hull, Member

Absent:

Michael O'Brien, Member
Sean Rice, Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent of Schools
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Others:

Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney
Brewster Jamieson, Attorney, Lane Powell PC (By Phone)

Public Testimony – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:00:44]

President Haas called for public testimony; hearing none, public testimony was closed.

Mrs. Hull arrived at 12:01 p.m.

Update regarding the former superintendent's arbitration matter [0:00:55]

Jill Dolan, assistant borough attorney, stated the arbitration was currently scheduled for October 2015. Brewster Jamieson, outside counsel with Lane Powell PC, had an update for the board within the attorney client privilege as it related to the recent depositions and the impact on the case, the likelihood of the case's success, any settlement proposals, and input regarding some strategic decisions. Ms. Dolan suggested the board move into executive session to receive the update and provide direction.

Executive Session [0:01:45]

GENTRY MOVED, HULL SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH OUTSIDE COUNSEL VIA TELEPHONIC MEANS AND THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE REGARDING THE FORMER SUPERINTENDENT'S ARBITRATION MATTER AND TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE ATTORNEY IN THE HANDLING OF THE LITIGATION.

Executive Session (continued)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE CONSENT OF FIVE MEMBERS
(HULL, GENTRY, LAMBERT, DOMINIQUE, HAAS)

The board convened to executive session at 12:02 p.m.

Mrs. Lambert left the executive session and meeting at 12:42 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 12:59 p.m. [0:02:03]

Superintendent Evaluation Discussion [0:02:14]

President Haas stated she had four general questions to send to board members to seek their input about the superintendent's performance over the past year. The board would then schedule a meeting to review the input with Dr. Gaborik. It was determined since the evaluation would be an informal discussion, written board member input prior to the meeting was not necessary. President Haas would still forward the questions to board members for their consideration before the meeting. The board would meet on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to have an informal discussion with the superintendent to review the past year and talk about upcoming goals for next year.

Board Comments/Discussion [0:05:18]

None

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Tuttle, executive assistant to the Board of Education.