

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

August 18, 2015

President Haas called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The meeting was called to consider student discipline matters.

President Haas read the district's mission statement: *"Our mission is to provide an excellent, 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  
Lisa Gentry, Clerk  
Michael O'Brien, Member

Absent:

Allyson Lambert, Treasurer  
Sue Hull, Member  
Sean Rice, Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent  
Dan Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education  
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

**Student Discipline**

**Executive Session** [0:00:31]

An executive session was called to discuss student discipline issues.

GENTRY MOVED, O'BRIEN SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STUDENT DISCIPLINE ISSUES THAT COULD TEND TO PREJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON, PROVIDED THE PERSON MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC DISCUSSION; AND MATTERS WHICH BY LAW, MUNICIPAL CHARTER, OR ORDINANCE ARE REQUIRED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE CONSENT OF FOUR MEMBERS (O'BRIEN, GENTRY, DOMINIQUE, HAAS)

The board convened to executive session at 12:03 p.m.

The executive session ended at 1:01 p.m. [0:00:51]

GENTRY MOVED, DOMINIQUE SECONDED, TO:

READMIT STUDENT 01-05-15-01 TO RANDY SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. 3 AYES (GENTRY, DOMINIQUE, HAAS); 1 NAY (O'BRIEN)

**Student Discipline (continued)**

GENTRY MOVED, DOMINIQUE SECONDED, TO:

READMIT STUDENT 05-05-14-03 TO THE YESS PROGRAM AND  
THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AT HUTCHISON HIGH  
SCHOOL

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. 4 AYES  
(O'BRIEN, GENTRY, DOMINIQUE, HAAS)

**Public Testimony** – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:01:44]  
President Haas called for public testimony.

JoAnn Borges, 1130 Vicky Lane, district parent, spoke to the need to have consistent standards for student discipline across the district. Ms. Borges did not think principals should have the ability to exercise their discretion in administering discipline, as each principal could react differently to the same situation. She spoke to the importance of having parents as part of the discipline process in and determining standards.

**Board Comments/Discussion** [0:03:54]  
President Haas reminded board members of upcoming meetings:

- Special Meeting, August 31, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
- Work Session, August 31, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting, September 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice President Dominique stated she would not be available for the August 31 meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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