

**Fairbanks North Star Borough School District  
Board of Education  
Curriculum Advisory Committee**

**Minutes of: September 3, 2015**

Mrs. Hadaway called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Board Room, 520 Fifth Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska.

**Members Present:**

Paula Addis	Earnest Kincade
Christina Carlson	Svetlana Nuss
Octavia Harris	Earl Peterson
Aldean Kilbourn	Fé Seymour

**Members Absent:**

Sean Rice (excused)  
Dr. Ute Kaden (excused)  
Dr. Heather Willis (excused)  
Felicia Jackson (excused)  
John Williams

**Staff Present:**

Melanie Hadaway	Michelle Daml
Kimberly Gatto	

**Guests:**

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Carlson moved to accept the September 3, 2015 agenda as submitted; Mr. Kincade seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Peterson moved to accept the minutes for the April 23, 2015 meeting as submitted; Mrs. Harris seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

**CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT**

Mrs. Hadaway introduced herself as the new Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, as former director, Peggy Carlson, retired last year. She reported that the Curriculum Department had been reorganized over the summer. The curriculum offices moved into the Library Media Services (LMS) suite on the second floor, where LMS, Response to Intervention (RTI), and the Career & Technical Education (CTE) departments are now under the direction of the Curriculum Department. Mrs. Hadaway summarized the changes and transitions made throughout the department. Discussion ensued.

**CURRICULUM UPDATES**

Mrs. Daml reported that the district has begun revision on the Science, Health, and Physical Education (PE) curricula. Revisers worked over the summer to align the curricula with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and the Alaska State Standards (AKSS). The Health and PE curricula were also aligned with the National Health & Physical Education Standards. The first drafts were reviewed by teachers during the August 14 districtwide Inservice. Mrs. Daml anticipates that the second draft will be completed for review in early October. Discussion ensued.

### **CHALLENGING COURSES UPDATE**

Challenging courses is an option designed to provide students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery through exam. Mrs. Hadaway reported that last spring, the State had required school districts to have a plan in place by July 1 allowing students to challenge core courses for credit. Over the summer, the district completed work on the *Alaska Studies* exam. The first test date was scheduled in August, but there were no applicants. The next testing date is scheduled for November 14, and students must register by November 6. Discussion ensued.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Mrs. Harris congratulated Mrs. Hadaway on her new position.

Ms. Seymour is looking forward to reviewing the new curriculum revisions.

Ms. Addis appreciates the revisers for contributing their time and knowledge that was spent on the curriculums over the summer.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Kincade moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Addis seconded. With no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.