

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

Work Session

MINUTES

October 29, 2015

President Haas called the work session to order at 5:33 p.m. in the boardroom of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The work session was called to meet with the borough assembly for an overview of the strategic plan, and to discuss budget considerations, including fund balance practices, the lapse ordinance, in-kind contributions, local funding calculation, and payment in-lieu of taxes and Impact Aid.

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 will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society."*

Present:

Heidi Haas, President
Lisa Gentry, Vice President
Allyson Lambert, Treasurer
Michael O'Brien, Clerk
Sue Hull, Member (by phone)
Sean Rice, Member

Absent:

Wendy Dominique, Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent
Lisa Pearce, Chief Financial Officer
Sandra Kowalski, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Instruction
Dan Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction
Melanie Hadaway, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Dave Norum, Executive Director of Facilities Management
Janet Cobb, Executive Director of Technology
Colleen Fitzgerald, Director of Accounting
Sharice Walker, Director of Public Relations
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Assembly Members & Staff Present:

Kathryn Dodge, Assembly Member
Janice Golub, Assembly Member
Diane Hutchison, Assembly Member
Van Lawrence, Assembly Member
Christopher Quist, Assembly Member
Guy Sattley, Assembly Member
Karl Kassel, Mayor
Rene Broker, Borough Attorney
Jeff Jacobson, Chief of Staff

Strategic Plan Overview [0:02:20]

President Haas provided a very brief overview of the board's work on the FNSBSD FY15-FY19 Strategic Plan.

Budget Considerations [0:08:26]

Superintendent Dr. Gaborik and Lisa Pearce, school district chief financial officer, facilitated board and assembly member discussions on:

- fund balance practices [0:09:27]
- the lapse ordinance [0:25:28]
- in-kind contributions [0:36:50]
- the local funding calculation [0:47:34]
- payment in-lieu of taxes and Impact Aid [0:53:31]

Mr. Rice arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Board and Assembly Member Comments/Questions [1:04:57]

Board and assembly member discussions ensued. Agenda topics for discussion only; no action required.

Board and assembly members expressed interest in continued discussions and meetings, as well as looking at efficiencies that might result from consolidating and/or sharing services between the two entities.

Board Comments/Announcements [2:19:37]

None

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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