

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FY 2016– 2017 Citizens Budget Review Committee**

Thursday, November 5, 2015 ~ 5:30 – 7:00 PM Administrative Center – Boardroom

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Board Committee Member

Allyson Lambert (Chair)

Michael O'Brien (Board Member)

Citizen Committee Members (appointed by Board Member):

Joe Hayes (Dominique)

Chris Dean (Gentry)

Joseph Blanchard (Haas)

Becky Williams (Hull)

TBA (Rice)

Tammy Dauma (Col. Sean Williams)

Ms. Noelle Hohnecker (Col. Richard Cole)

Dawson Mann (Regional Student Council ~ Lathrop)

Staff Members

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent

Robin Mullins, Director of Business Services

Lisa Pearce, Chief Financial Officer

Sandra Weaver, Budget Specialist

III. Adoption November 5, 2015 agenda

IV. Approval of minutes from the October 22, 2015 meeting


V. AGENDA


VI. **Old Business:**

 **Priorities** – Consider status of community priorities.

VII.

New Business:

 **Activities** – CFO Lisa Pearce and Districtwide Activity Coordinator Steve Zanazzo will give an overview of the activities in the district and will be available for questions.

 **Curriculum** - Executive Director Melanie Hadaway will share the requested information regarding curriculum books solely on-line.

 Continued Work on the Report that the CBRC will present to the Board of Education on Monday, November 16, 2015.

VIII. Comments

IX. Adjourn

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Citizens' Budget Review Committee - Meeting Minutes

Administrative Center - Board Room

520 Fifth Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska

October 22, 2015

A. Preliminaries

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Michael O'Brien, School Board Member and FY 15-16 Citizens' Budget Review Committee Board Member called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Citizens' Budget Review Committee meetings are being recorded and will be available on the district's website.

Board Committee Members Present:

Michael O'Brien (Board Member)

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Allyson Lambert (Chair)

Citizen Committee Members Present:

Tammy Dauma (Col. Zemp)

Joseph Blanchard (Haas)

Becky Williams (Hull)

Joe Hayes (Dominique)

Dawson Mann (Regional Student Council Member)

Citizen Committee Members Absent:

Noelle Hohnecker (Col. Rice)

Chris Dean (Gentry)

TBA (Rice)

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent

Sandra Weaver, Budget Specialist

Lisa Pearce, Chief Financial Officer

Staff Absent:

Robin Mullins, Director of Business Services

3. Adoption of the October 22, 2015 Agenda

Joe Blanchard made a motion to adopt the October 15, 2015 Minutes, Joe Hayes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Adoption of the October 15, 2015 Minutes

Joe Blanchard made a motion to adopt the October 15, 2015 Minutes, Becky Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Director Janet Cobb presented an overview of the Technology Department.

Handouts:

- Technology Department Organizational Chart
- System Integration Graph

Comments:

- Computers: District owns all of the computers (7000)
 - Owning v.s. Lease Agreement
 - Good idea
 - Leasing: After four years, turn back in or pay per device
 - Advantage is the offsetting of the cost
- Org chart – 7 positions cut recent years
- Major initiatives
 - Website conversion went smooth
 - Teacher pages implementing soon
 - E-mail server switch changes went well
 - Security: Safety 3.2 million grant; re-cabled schools: intercom system upgrades, keyless entry (all but two schools), VOIP, video access, school connect activity; fiber improved access for outlying schools
 - Instructional: Piloting chrome books worked well for on-line assessment
 - Bring your own device: Tanana Middle School is piloting a program feedback is good.
 - Canvas: 100 teachers using (learning management system) online learning; teachers communicate with students
 - Tanana: Can we save on devices? Yes
 - Cyber Center Pilot: BYOD to be part of it
- DODEA Grant– 1.5 million over 5 years (1 to 1 computers for 5 military schools, grades 1-3)
- Students without technology: What are they doing in comparison to students that do? There is flexibility while they're at school (use of computers from the cart). In regards to students taking home computers, families that don't have access to internet at home would pose a problem.
- Threats to the school; can the calls be blocked? Yes, all but two schools ~ there are a few tech challenges with the blocking of numbers (VOIP, ACS lines, blocking all calls)
- Cutting the ITT's from Curriculum – Has that effected technology in the schools? Receiving information from Melanie Hadaway will be asked of her
- Tech cuts: backlog of work orders; teachers complaining; some computers 5th year so high maintenance
- Daily struggles with staff computer/printer issues. Suggestion for a binder for low level tech support issues, students helping and getting paid – perhaps a job afterschool
- Is the district prepared for this year student's assessment? Chromebooks work well; the district should be ready AAI; local caching device last year gave heartache to the process last year
- Distant Delivery – what are the benefits? Dr. Gaborik – students receive classes they wouldn't have had access to; the cost savings is very little because the teacher is already teaching the class at the physical location
- BYOD - Is the KITE software secure? Yes, the assessment application locks the device.

Board Member Michael O'Brien continued discussion for priorities and the style of the committee's report that will be presented to the School Board:

The committee agreed to individually work on preparing a paragraph or two of the Red (stop/change/restructure), and Yellow (Second Priorities) issues brought forward at the October 15, 2015 work session.

Homework Task for the Committee Members: Committee members will prepare the paragraph/statement for the Red & Yellow focus items:

- The task "homework" assignment for Committee Members: Committee members will prepare the paragraph/statement for the Red & Yellow focus items:
 - Sandy Weaver will send a Google Document to the committee so that they can reply with their "homework" information.
- **Curriculum** – Is there cost savings? Eliminate books and go strictly on-line? **Becky Williams**
- **Activities** – General statement: tight times - what is our core statement? **Joe Blanchard**
- **Library Media:** **Michael O'Brien**
- **Teen Options:** Karen asked the staff to look at the program – If only daycare assist the students? **Becky Williams**
- **Schools** – Number of schools: combining K-8, reducing schools, etc. **Dawson Mann**
- **Changing the hours of operation:** **Tammy Dauma**
- **Maintaining class size:** Keep the class size lower, but if cuts are taken, start at the higher grade levels – looking at options. **Becky Williams**
- **Job Class:** Can positions/duties combine to be more of a generalist? **Joe Hayes**

Topics for the following meetings:

- ✚ Activities – Chief Financial Officer Lisa Pearce will present the requested information of the funding of the activities and also invite **Districtwide Activity Coordinator Steve Zanazzo** to attend the November 5th CBRC meeting.
- ✚ What happened with the cuts from 15-16? Nursing, secretaries, RTI, etc. – Superintendent Dr. Karen Gaborik will invite **Assistant Superintendent Sandy Kowalski** on November 12th to speak of the 2015/16 mentioned cuts.
- ✚ Is there a cost saving by purchasing 100% on-line curriculum, not books with on-line supplements? Information will be requested from **Curriculum Executive Director Melanie Hadaway**.

Monday, November 16, 2015, the CBRC members will present the priorities to the Board of Education; preparation is ongoing for the report to the Board of Education.

Audio of the Citizen Budget Review Committee meetings can be heard on the following site:

<http://www.k12northstar.org/boe/meeting-minutes>

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandra Weaver