

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

**November 30, 2015**

**Legislative Committee Meeting**

**11:00 a.m.**

Board Room, Administrative Center  
520 Fifth Avenue

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **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.
3. **Roll Call**  
Heidi Haas, Legislative Chair & Board President  
Lisa Gentry, Board Vice President  
Sue Hull, Board Member
4. **Adoption of the Agenda with Consent Items**  
Move to adopt the agenda with consent items.  
Consent Items:  
\*\*1. October 14, 2015 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
5. **Public Comments:** *Comments limited to items on the agenda only*
6. **Funding**
7. **Education Legislation/Strategies/Communication**
8. **Legislative Priorities/Strategies/Communication**
9. **Board Comments/Announcements**
10. **Adjournment**

**Executive Session:** The board reserves the right to enter into executive session on any agenda item as and to the extent allowed for in State law. Executive sessions will be entered into by motion for the following subjects as permitted by law: (1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the District; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided that the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential; (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure. Motions to go into executive session should specify the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private. Reference: AS 44.62.310 and Board Policy 264, D.

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Committee of the Whole

MINUTES

October 14, 2015

Legislative Chair Dominique called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue.

Chair Dominique 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:

Wendy Dominique, Chair & Board Vice President  
Allyson Lambert, Board Treasurer  
Lisa Gentry, Board Clerk  
Michael O'Brien, Member  
Sean Rice, Member

Absent:

Heidi Haas, Board President  
Sue Hull, Board Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent  
Dan Schmidt, Secondary Assistant Superintendent  
Sandra Kowalski, Elementary Assistant Superintendent  
Lisa Pearce, Chief Financial Officer  
Janet Cobb, Executive Director of Technology  
Dave Norum, Executive Director of Facilities Maintenance  
Sharice Walker, Director of Public Relations  
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board

Others:

John Ringstad

**Agenda Adoption with Consent Agenda Item** [0:00:37]

\*\*1. April 8, 2015 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

GENTRY MOVED, LAMBERT SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH CONSENT AGENDA ITEM.

MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

4 AYES: O'BRIEN, GENTRY, LAMBERT, DOMINIQUE

**Public Testimony** – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:01:02]

Chair Dominique called for public testimony. Hearing none, testimony was closed.

**Funding** [0:01:07]

Dr. Gaborik drew the committee's attention to the budget PowerPoint that was presented to the Citizen Budget Review Committee on October 1. Committee members had seen the presentation at a previous school board work session. A copy was provided in the agenda for the committee's reference.

### **Educational Legislation/Strategies** [0:01:35]

The district's Strategic Plan Communication Document was the committee and school board's roadmap for budget priorities. The committee was asked about a leave-behind for legislators and if interested, what they wanted the document to look like. Committee discussion ensued. The committee reviewed last year's document and the priorities. Mr. Ringstad stated the district's document worked fine as a leave behind with legislators. The dialogue was the most important aspect of any legislative visit, but it was good to have a leave behind. While the committee was in general agreement about the importance of a leave-behind legislative document, there were several different suggestions offered on the structure of the document. The administration would draft a document for the committee's consideration.

### **Capital Projects** [0:17:15]

Committee members reviewed the FY 2016 Capital Budget Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Norum noted all the items on the CIP list were issues that needed to be addressed.

Mr. Rice arrived at 5:56 p.m.

Committee discussion ensued. Committee members had questions and comments regarding the CIP approval process, legislative grants, and the completion of Barnette Magnet School's renovation.

### **Legislative/Budget Priorities**

Included in the discussion regarding educational legislation and strategies.

### **Strategies** [0:39:38]

The school board's work session with the Interior Delegation was scheduled for November 2. The board would also be meeting with the borough assembly on October 29. Topics of discussion would include funding, the lapse fund, and fund balance.

Mrs. Lambert left the committee meeting at 6:23 p.m., due to a prior commitment.

Committee discussion ensued. Committee members agreed with the discussion topics for the board's meeting with the borough assembly. They discussed strategies for the presentation. The committee discussed the pros and cons of contracting with John Ringstad, as the district's lobbyist. The lobbyist contract would be on the November 3 agenda for the board's consideration.

### **Communication & Implementation**

Included in the discussion of strategies.

### **Board Legislative Travel** [0:52:40]

Mrs. Dominique did not think it was prudent to set travel until the board reorganized.

### **Board Comments/Announcements** [0:53:36]

None

The committee meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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