

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

January 4, 2016

President Haas called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. in the boardroom of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The special meeting was called to discuss 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 will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society."*

Present:

Heidi Haas, President
Allyson Lambert, Treasurer
Michael O'Brien, Clerk
Wendy Dominique Member

Absent:

Lisa Gentry, Vice President
Sue Hull, Member
Sean Rice, Member

Staff Present:

Sandra Kowalski, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
Dan Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Dana Evans, Barnette Magnet School Principal
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the School Board

Others:

Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney
John Sedor, Sedor, Sedor Wendlandt Evans & Filippi, LLC

Public Testimony – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:00:29]

President Haas called for public testimony. Hearing none, testimony was closed.

Student Discipline

Executive Session for Student Discipline [0:00:35]

An executive session was called to hear a student discipline matter.

O'BRIEN MOVED, DOMINIQUE SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT AND THE STUDENT AND THE STUDENT'S REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER A STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTER 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
(DOMINIQUE, O'BRIEN, LAMBERT, HAAS)

The board convened to executive session at 12:05 p.m.

The executive session recessed at 12:17 p.m. [0:01:05]

Student Discipline [0:01:21]

O'BRIEN MOVED, LAMBERT SECONDED, TO

READMIT STUDENT 11-16-15-01 TO LATHROP HIGH SCHOOL ON
JANUARY 5, 2016.

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

The board took a brief recess to reconfigure the board room to allow the executive session to be held in the main meeting room.

Another executive session was called to hear an additional student discipline matter. [0:02:05]

LAMBERT MOVED, O'BRIEN SECONDED, TO RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, THE ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT WITH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES, THE ATTORNEY FOR THE STUDENT WITH THE STUDENT'S REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE SCHOOL BOARD'S HEARING OFFICER FOR THE PROCEEDINGS TO HEAR A STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTER 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
(DOMINIQUE, O'BRIEN, LAMBERT, HAAS)

The board room was cleared for the executive session. The board reconvened to executive session at 12:22 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 1:26 p.m. [0:03:11]

LAMBERT MOVED, O'BRIEN SECONDED, TO

PLACE STUDENT 11-30-15-01 ON A LONG-TERM SUSPENSION FOR TWENTY-SEVEN (27) SCHOOL DAYS; FURTHER, STUDENT SHOULD ENROLL IN THE SMART PROGRAM; STUDENT MUST OBTAIN A THREAT ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO READMISSION TO DISTRICT SCHOOLS AND COMPLY WITH ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE ASSESSMENT; AND STUDENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE THIRD QUARTER, JANUARY 5, 2016.

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

Board Comments/Discussion [0:03:49]

Mr. Sedor stated a written decision and summary would be forthcoming.

President Haas announced the board's next regular meeting would be January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The special meeting scheduled right before the regular meeting for student discipline and negotiations would begin at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

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