

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

April 27 & May 2, 2016

President Haas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The special meeting was called for an update regarding the former superintendent's employment termination action, to include a possible executive session with the borough attorney's office and outside counsel to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege, including to provide direction to the attorney in the handling of the litigation

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 (By Phone)
Allyson Lambert, Treasurer
Michael O'Brien, Clerk
Wendy Dominique, Member
Sue Hull, Member
Sean Rice, Member

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Others Present:

Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney
Brewster Jamieson, Lane and Powell LLC

Public Testimony – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:00:46]

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

Former Superintendent's Employment Termination Action [April 27 Audio - 0:00:54]

Jill Dolan, assistant borough attorney, announced arbitration regarding the former superintendent's employment termination was scheduled to begin soon and she and Mr. Jamieson needed the board's direction in the handling of the litigation. Ms. Dolan recommended the board provide direction to the attorneys in executive session to maintain the attorney client privilege.

Executive Session [April 27 Audio - 0:01:27]

An executive session was called with the borough attorney's office and outside counsel to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege regarding the former superintendent's employment termination action and to provide direction to the attorney.

HULL MOVED, LAMBERT SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE REGARDING THE FORMER SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION ACTION, INCLUDING TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE ATTORNEY IN THE HANDLING OF THE LITIGATION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE CONSENT OF SIX MEMBERS
(HULL, DOMINIQUE, O'BRIEN, LAMBERT, GENTRY, HAAS)

The board convened to executive session at 5:01 p.m.

Mr. Rice arrived at 5:43 p.m. and joined the executive session.

Mrs. Hull left the executive session and meeting at 6:10 p.m.

The executive session recessed at 6:12 p.m. [April 27 Audio - 0:01:50]

President noted for the record that Mrs. Hull had left the executive session and Mrs. Gentry was no longer on the phone.

Board Comments/Discussion [April 27 Audio - 0:02:09]

President Haas announced the board's next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 2 at noon, to hear student discipline and negotiation matters.

LAMBERT MOVED, O'BRIEN MOVED TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING AT
NOON

The meeting recessed at 6:13 p.m. and would reconvene on Monday, May 2, 2016, immediately following the special meeting at noon.

On Monday, May 2, 2016, at 1:17 p.m., President Haas reconvened the special meeting from April 27, 2016, in the boardroom of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The special meeting was reconvened to continue the board's discussion regarding the former superintendent's employment termination action, to include a possible executive session with the borough attorney's office and outside counsel to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege, including to provide direction to the attorney in the handling of the litigation.

Present:

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

Absent:

Lisa Gentry
Sue Hull, Member
Sean Rice, Member

Staff Present:

Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Others Present:

Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney
Brewster Jamieson, Lane and Powell LLC

Former Superintendent's Employment Termination Action (continued) [0:00:48]

Executive Session [May 2 Audio - 0:00:47]

An executive session was reconvened with the borough attorney's office and outside counsel to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege regarding the former superintendent's employment termination action and to provide direction to the attorney.

Executive Session (continued)

O'BRIEN MOVED, LAMBERT SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE REGARDING THE FORMER SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION ACTION, INCLUDING TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE ATTORNEY IN THE HANDLING OF THE LITIGATION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE CONSENT OF FOUR MEMBERS (DOMINIQUE, O'BRIEN, LAMBERT, HAAS)

The board reconvened to executive session at 1:18 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 1:27 p.m. [May 2 Audio - 0:01:03]

Board Comments/Discussion [May 2 Audio - 0:01:11]

None

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

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