

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

June 6, 2016

President Haas called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The meeting was called to administer the Oath of Office to the newly selected appointee to Seat A and for the board's election of a new vice president.

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
Michael O'Brien, Vice President
Allyson Lambert, Treasurer
Thomas Bartels, Clerk
Wendy Dominique, Member
Sean Rice, Member

Absent:

Sue Hull, Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent
Sandra Kowalski, Assistant Superintendent – Elementary
Dan Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent – Secondary
Traci Gatewood, Executive Director of Human Resources
Wendy Tisland, Executive Director of Human Resources (Incoming)
Kathie Wassmann, Executive Director of Special Education
Dave Norum, Executive Director of Facilities Management
Sharice Walker, Director of Public Relations
Sharon Tuttle, School Board Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Honorable Paul R. Lyle, Superior Court Judge

Public Testimony – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:00:37]

President Haas called for public testimony.

Ronald Arnold, PO Box 74512, was interested in how the questions for the Seat A interviews were determined and if the candidates had access to the questions prior to their interviews. Mr. Arnold had attended the interviews and noted the great field of candidates. He also took the opportunity to thank Muhammad Ali for the joys, spirit, and fight he gave the United States of America.

President Haas explained the process for determining the Seat A interview questions. Each board member was asked to submit three possible questions for the interviews. President Haas and Mrs. Lambert then met and reviewed the questions and selected seven questions for the interviews. The candidates did not have access to the questions prior to their interviews. President Haas did point out it was possible some candidates could have contacted current board members for information on what being a board member entailed.

Oath of Office [0:03:00]

The Honorable Paul R. Lyle, Superior Court Judge, administered the oath of office to the new appointee to Seat A, Thomas S. Bartels.

President Haas thanked Judge Lyle for administering the Oath of Office.

The board took a break at 12:08 p.m. The board reconvened at 12:14 p.m.

Reorganization of the Board of Education [0:07:30]

Due to the recent resignation of Lisa Gentry, previous board vice president, the board elected a new vice president.

President Haas called for nominations for the office of vice president.

DOMINIQUE MOVED, RICE SECONDED, TO NOMINATE MICHAEL O'BRIEN FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT OBJECTION BY ACCLAMATION.

Due to Mr. O'Brien being elected as vice president, the office of clerk was now vacant.

President Haas called for nominations for the office of clerk. [0:08:17]

LAMBERT MOVED, O'BRIEN SECONDED, TO NOMINATE THOMAS BARTELS FOR CLERK OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT OBJECTION BY ACCLAMATION.

Board Comments/Announcements [0:09:15]

President Haas announced the board's upcoming meetings:

- Monday, June 6 at 5:30 pm – Special Meeting: Student Discipline & Negotiations
- Monday, June 6 at 6:30 pm – Work Session: Boreal Sun Charter School & K-8 Options
- Tuesday, June 7 at 6:00 pm – Special Meeting: Personnel/Legal Matters & Present Superintendent Evaluation
- Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm – Regular Meeting
- Thursday, June 9 at 4:00 pm – Joint Work Session with Assembly Capital Projects Committee in Borough Chambers
- Thursday, June 9 at 5:30 pm – Work Session: 2016-17 Budget
- Thursday, June 9 at 6:30 pm – Adoption of the 2016-17 Budget

On behalf of the entire board, President Haas congratulated and welcomed Mr. Bartels; board members looked forward to working with him.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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