

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 2, 2008  
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Board Room - 520 Fifth Avenue  
School District Administrative Center  
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A. PRELIMINARIES

Reference Pages

- A. 1. Call to Order by President
- A. 2. Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ms. McConnell

- A. 3. Roll Call  
Leslie Hajdukovich, President  
Sharon McConnell, Vice President  
Jennifer Schmidt, Treasurer  
Wendy Dominique, Clerk  
Kristina Brophy, Member  
Sue Hull, Member  
Howard Thies, Member  
Michael Fitzgerald, Base Representative  
Timothy A. Jones, Post Representative  
Ken Sample, Student Representative

- A. 4. Introduction of New Staff  
New staff and staff assigned to new positions will be introduced to the Board.

B. AGENDA

B. 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Consent agenda items marked with an asterisk are considered routine items not requiring public discussion by the Board. Unless removed from the consent agenda, asterisked items will be automatically approved when the agenda is adopted. Questions concerning these items should be directed to the administration before the meeting.

If the superintendent or a member of the public wishes to have an item removed from the consent agenda, the request must be made to the Board at this time. Only a Board Member may remove an item from the consent agenda. Asterisked items will then be adopted by one single motion.

■ MOTION is to adopt the agenda with consent items.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisory Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

B. 2. Presentation on Agenda Items

Any person wishing to speak on an agenda item—action items or information and reports—will have three minutes to testify when that item is before the Board for discussion. There is a limit of one hour total testimony per item.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS**

Public comments on nonagenda items are limited to three minutes per person for a maximum of one hour. People on the sign-up list will be called first. If there is time, people who did not sign up may address the Board. A person testifying must state their name and address for the record. Board members may ask questions for clarification. Although there is time at the end of each meeting for Board and superintendent comments, some concerns may not be able to be addressed immediately, as additional information may need to be gathered.

**D. ACTION ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS**

**D. \* 1. Grant Acceptance: Indian Education Formula Grant Ref. Pgs. 10-11**

On April 15, 2008, the Board approved submission of the Indian Education Formula Grant. The district has been awarded \$580,322 to fund the Alaska Native Education Program.

MOTION is to accept the Indian Education Formula Grant in the amount of \$580,322, per Fiscal Note 2009-01.

**D. \* 2. Grant Acceptance: Migrant Education Summer Program Ref. Pgs. 12-13**

The district has been awarded the Migrant Education Summer Program Grant in the amount of \$66,669.

MOTION is to accept the Migrant Education Summer Program Grant in the amount of \$66,669, per Fiscal Note 2009-02.

**D. \* 3. Grant Acceptance: Statewide Alaska Teacher Mentorship Project Ref. Pgs. 14-15**

The district has been offered a grant contract in the amount of \$194,038 to support the Statewide Alaska Mentorship Project.

MOTION is to accept the Statewide Alaska Mentorship Project Grant in the amount of \$194,038, per Fiscal Note 2009-03.

**D. \* 4. Grant Acceptance: Alaska Community Learning Centers Ref. Pgs. 16-17**

The district has been awarded the Alaska Community Learning Centers Grant in the amount of \$1,323,622.

MOTION is to accept the Alaska Community Learning Centers Grant in the amount of \$1,323,622, per Fiscal Note 2009-04.

**D. \* 5. Grant Acceptance: Alaska Construction Academy Grant Ref. Pgs. 18-19**

On June 3, 2008, the Board approved submission of the Alaska Construction Academy Grant. The district has been awarded \$211,055.

MOTION is to accept the Alaska Construction Academy Grant in the amount of \$211,055, per Fiscal Note 2009-05.

**D. \* 6. Grant Acceptance: Statewide Professional Development Ref. Pgs. 20-21**

The district has been offered a grant contract in the amount of \$5,000 to support state-sponsored professional development opportunities.

MOTION is to accept the Statewide Professional Development Grant in the amount of \$5,000, per Fiscal Note 2009-06.

**D. \* 7. Minutes**

See Minutes

MOTION is to approve the minutes from the special meetings August 4, 5, 18, & 22, and regular meeting August 5, 2008, as submitted.

**E. ACTION ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS**

**E. 1. Renewal of Superintendent’s Contract**

Ref. Pgs. 22-32

The Board conducted its annual evaluation of Superintendent Nancy Wagner. It is the Board’s intention to extend a 3-year contract to Dr. Wagner for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, at an annual salary of \$145,000.

■ MOTION is to renew the 3-year employment contract for Dr. Nancy Wagner as Superintendent of Schools for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, at an annual salary of \$145,000.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisory Votes \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**E. \* 2. Renewal of Lobbyist’s Contract**

Ref. Pgs. 33-40

The one-year lobbyist contract with John Ringstad ended July 31, 2008. If it is the Board’s intent to extend the contract period for one additional year, the new contract must be approved for the period August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009, at a cost of \$38,000.

MOTION is to approve the lobbyist contract for John Ringstad for the period August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009, at a cost of \$38,000.

**E. \* 3. Budget Transfer 2009-003: Secondary Special Education Teachers**

Ref. Pg. 41

Budget Transfer 2009-003 allocates budgets for secondary special education teachers in the amount of \$312,858.

MOTION is to approve Budget Transfer 2009-003: Secondary Special Education Teachers in the amount of \$312,858.

**E. \* 4. Budget Transfer 2009-004: West Valley Consumer Science Teacher**

Ref. Pg. 42

Budget Transfer 2009-004 allocates a budget for a family consumer science teacher at West Valley High School in the amount of \$89,388.

MOTION is to approve Budget Transfer 2009-004: West Valley Consumer Science Teacher in the amount of \$89,388.

**E. \* 5. Budget Transfer 2009-005: Effie Kokrine Charter School Budget**

Ref. Pg. 43

Budget Transfer 2009-005 aligns Effie Kokrine Charter School’s budget in the amount of \$235,826.

MOTION is to approve Budget Transfer 2009-005: Effie Kokrine Charter School Budget in the amount of \$235,826.

**E. \* 6. Budget Transfer 2009-006: Districtwide Math Teachers**

Ref. Pg. 44

Budget Transfer 2009-006 allocates funds for the salary and benefits of districtwide math teachers in the amount of \$103,447.

MOTION is to approve Budget Transfer 2009-006: Districtwide Math Teachers in the amount of \$103,447.

- E. \* 7. **Budget Transfer 2009-009: Network Services' Budget** Ref. Pg. 45  
 Budget Transfer 2009-009 aligns network services' budget in the amount of \$129,000.  
 MOTION is to approve Budget Transfer 2009-009: Network Services' Budget in the amount of \$129,000.
- E. \* 8. **Budget Transfer 2009-011: Star of the North Charter School Budget** Ref. Pg. 46  
 Budget Transfer 2009-011 aligns Star of the North Charter School's budget in the amount of \$488,479.  
 MOTION is to approve Budget Transfer 2009-011: Star of the North Charter School's Budget in the amount of \$488,479.
- E. \* 9. **Budget Transfer 2009-012: Joy Speech-Language Pathology Assistant** Ref. Pg. 47  
 Budget Transfer 2009-012 aligns Joy Elementary School's budget for a speech-language pathology assistant in the amount of \$35,401.  
 MOTION is to approve Budget Transfer 2009-012: Joy Speech-Language Pathology Assistant in the amount of \$35,401.
- E. \*10. **Budget Transfer 2009-013: Secondary Assistant Superintendent's Budget** Ref. Pg. 48  
 Budget Transfer 2009-013 aligns the budget for the secondary assistant superintendent's office in the amount of \$50,000.  
 MOTION is to approve Budget Transfer 2009-013: Secondary Assistant Superintendent's Budget in the amount of \$50,000.
- E. \*11. **Fundraising/Travel Request: Ticasuk Brown Elementary School** Ref. Pg. 49  
 Ticasuk Brown Elementary School is requesting permission to raise funds to send students to the Alaska Challenger Learning Center, in Kenai, Alaska, October 8-10, 2008, to participate in interactive space-themed science and math units, at no cost to the district.  
 MOTION is to approve Ticasuk Brown Elementary School's request to raise funds to send students to the Alaska Challenger Learning Center, in Kenai, Alaska, October 8-10, 2008, to participate in interactive space-themed science and math units, at no cost to the district.
- E. \*12. **Fundraising/Travel Request: Lathrop High School** Ref. Pg. 50  
 Lathrop High School is requesting permission to raise funds to send its JROTC students to Honolulu, Hawaii, March 9-13, 2009, to compete against Hawaiian JROTC drill teams, and visit historical and cultural sites, at no cost to the district.  
 MOTION is to approve Lathrop High School's request to raise funds to send its JROTC students to Honolulu, Hawaii, March 9-13, 2009, to compete against Hawaiian JROTC drill teams, and visit historical and cultural sites, at no cost to the district.
- E. \*13. **Fundraising/Travel Request: Lathrop High School** Ref. Pg. 51  
 Lathrop High School is requesting permission to raise funds to send students to Spain, March 5-15, 2009, to build on previous foreign language and cultural knowledge, and view and learn about European art and history, at no cost to the district.  
 MOTION is to approve Lathrop High School's request to raise funds to send students to Spain, March 5-15, 2009, to build on previous foreign language and cultural knowledge, and view and learn about European art and history, at no cost to the district.

- E. \*14. **Gift Acceptance: Ben Eielson Junior Senior High School** Ref. Pg. 52  
Ben Eielson Junior Senior High School is requesting gift acceptance of \$2,000 from Sam's Club to be used to purchase emergency backpacks.

MOTION is to accept the gift of \$2,000 from Sam's Club to Ben Eielson Junior Senior High School for the purchase of emergency backpacks.

- E. \*15. **Gift Acceptance: Hutchison High School** Ref. Pg. 53  
Hutchison High School is requesting gift acceptance of \$1,000 from BP Exploration Alaska, Inc. to be used for the school's Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) club's expenses and activities.

MOTION is to accept the gift of \$1,000 from BP Exploration Alaska, Inc. to Hutchison High School for the school's Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) club's expenses and activities.

- E. \*16. **Gift Acceptance: Ryan Middle School** Ref. Pg. 54  
Ryan Middle School is requesting gift acceptance of \$1,934 from Cheetah Learning to be used for the school's Lego Robotics Tournament.

MOTION is to accept the gift of \$1,934 from Cheetah Learning to Ryan Middle School for the school's Lego Robotics Tournament.

- E. \*17. **Personnel Action Report** Ref. Pgs. 55-60

MOTION is to approve the Personnel Action Report for the period July 31-August 27, 2008, including the list of newly tenured teachers for 2008-09.

## F. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

- F. 1. **Summer Construction & Energy Update** Ref. Pgs. 61-65  
Dave Ferree, assistant superintendent of facilities management, will give a verbal report on this summer's construction projects, upcoming construction and design projects, and a short update on the district's energy situation.

- F. 2. **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report** Separate Cover  
The *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) requires an annual determination of whether schools are making adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward having all students proficient in reading, writing, and mathematics by the 2013-14 school year. Kathy Hughes, executive director of alternative instruction and accountability, will make the presentation.

- F. \* 3. **Evaluation of the 2007-08 Math Improvement Initiative** Separate Cover  
This report summarizes both the elementary math improvement initiative implementation of *Everyday Math* curriculum and the secondary math improvement initiative implementation of the new district curriculum.

- F. \* 4. **Evaluation of the 2007-08 Elementary Reading Improvement Initiative (ERII)** Separate Cover  
This report summarizes the Elementary Reading Improvement Initiative (ERII) program for 2007-08.

- F. \* 5. **Personnel Information Report** Ref. Pgs. 66-69  
The Personnel Information Report for the period July 31-August 27, 2008 has been provided.

**F. \* 6. Board's Reading File**

- 8-06-08..... Letter from Board to Eielson Raven Football Lions  
RE: Gift Thanks
- 8-07-08..... Letter from Board to Mr. Connors  
RE: Final Determination of Vendor Appeal
- 8-18-08..... Science Curriculum Revision, Draft 1  
August 2008

**F. \* 7. Coming Events and Meeting Announcements**

- 9-11-08 5:30 pm Work Session: Watershed Charter School
- 9-15-08 Noon Special Meeting – Exec. Session for Student Discipline &  
Personnel/Contractual Issues
- 9-16-08 7:00 pm Regular Meeting

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