

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Work Session

MINUTES

November 4, 2008

President Hajdukovich called the work session to order at 5:58 p.m. in the Board Room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue to discuss Legislative Priorities and Association of Alaska School Board (AASB) Resolutions.

Present:

Leslie Hajdukovich, President  
Wendy Dominique, Vice President  
Sue Hull, Treasurer  
Patrick Lee, Clerk  
Kristina Brophy, Member  
Sean Rice, Member  
Howard Thies, Member

Absent:

Michael Fitzgerald, Base Representative  
Timothy A. Jones, Post Representative  
Ken Sample, Student Representative

Staff Present:

Nancy Wagner, Superintendent  
Roxa Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent – Elementary  
Wayne Gerke, Assistant Superintendent - Secondary  
Dave Ferree, Assistant Superintendent – Facilities Management  
Mike Fisher, Chief Financial Officer  
Ron Gherman, Executive Director of Instructional Technology & Library Media  
Jim Cobb, Executive Director of Technology & Information Services  
Clarence Bolden, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the School Board

Others:

John Ringstad, Lobbyist

**Legislative Priorities**

The Board, administration, and Mr. Ringstad, district lobbyist, discussed legislative issues that might be of interest to the district in the upcoming legislative session, including the Boys' & Girls' Home, intensive needs, the PERS/TRS defined contribution retirement program, the Institute of Social & Economic Research (ISER) study, and technology.

Mr. Ringstad and the Board agreed it would be prudent to review topics to determine if the district should take positions on any specific topics. They discussed the possibility of a couple of work sessions – one for determining priorities and one for orientating new board members on the legislative process. The Board also suggested and discussed visits with the individual legislators.

The Board has tentatively scheduled their annual Interior Delegation Briefing with the Interior Delegation for Thursday, December 4, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Ringstad was working with legislators and their schedules to determine if the date would work.

## **Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Resolutions**

Mrs. Hajdukovich asked Mrs. Hull to briefly explain AASB's resolution process. Mrs. Hull explained the process to the Board. Mrs. Hull led the Board through a review of the resolutions, including those on child advocacy, civic responsibility, the Pledge of Allegiance, distribution of allocated funds, school improvement and student achievement (NCLB), compulsory attendance, increasing the 20 percent block grant for special needs, capital improvements, and supporting the recommendations and urging consideration of the issues raised by the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force, capital improvements,

Six Board members, along with Dr. Wagner, would be attending the AASB Annual Conference in Anchorage scheduled for November 6-9, where the resolutions would be presented and discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Tuttle, executive assistant to the Board.