

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

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

April 19, 2011

President Brophy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. Lathrop High School's Jazz Band led the Pledge of Allegiance and performed for the Board under the guidance of Dennis Degnan, band director.

Present:

Kristina Brophy, President  
Sharon McConnell, Vice President  
Sue Hull, Treasurer  
Silver Chord, Member  
Wendy Dominique, Member  
Danielle Wilson, Student Representative

Absent:

Sean Rice, Clerk  
Leslie Hajdukovich, Member  
Jesse Johnson, Base Representative  
Timothy A. Jones, Post Representative

Staff Present:

Pete Lewis, Superintendent  
Wayne Gerke, Assistant Superintendent – Secondary  
Roxa Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent – Elementary  
Dave Ferree, Assistant Superintendent – Facilities Management  
Mike Fisher, Chief Financial Officer  
Kathy Hughes, Executive Director of Alternative Instruction & Accountability  
Peggy Carlson, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction  
Bob Hadaway, Executive Director of Special Education  
Clarence Bolden, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Bill Bailey, Director of Public Relations  
Traci Gatewood, Director of Grants & Special Projects  
Elizabeth Schaffhauser, Director of Employment & Educational Opportunity  
Gayle Pierce, Director of Labor Relations  
Katherine Sanders, Director of Library Media Services  
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board

**PRELIMINARY ITEMS**

**2011 Interior Alaska Science Fair Winners**

The Interior Alaska Science Fair was held March 23-26, 2011, at Pioneer Park Civic Center. There were 441 projects with 634 students involved and approximately 70 judges. Board Treasurer Sue Hull and Stephanie Rudig, retired teacher, were coordinators for the event. Mrs. Hull presented the recipients of the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and Director's Awards.

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Awards

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Project Title</u>
Marlene Bond	Randy Smith Middle	Dwarf Arctic Birch & Climate Change
Davida Drvenkar	Two Rivers Elementary	Seasonal Variation in Moisture Content
Daphny Dunn	Denali Elementary	Leukemia
Logan Lockwood	Weller Elementary	Twirl n Hurl?
Jacob Stern	Weller Elementary	Microtia Repair
Shia Walloe	Denali Elementary	Is A Dog's Mouth Cleaner Than a Human's?
Julia Sweet	Anderson Elementary	Ways to Classify Rocks
Sam Hiltenbrand	Randy Smith Middle	Hard Core About Rings

## 2011 Interior Alaska Science Fair Winners (continued)

### 2011 Interior Alaska Science Fair Winners

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Project Title</u>
Nathan Cagwin & Carlee Marques	Ryan Middle	Hydrogen Generator
Cameron Kjellerson	Ryan Middle	Tough Experiment
Drew Rizk	Anne Wien Elementary	Determining the Efficiency of Wood Pellets
Linnea Schultz	Pearl Creek Elementary	A Burning Question: When Should I Cut My Firewood?
Mrs. Tellep's Class & Mrs. Villano's Class	Denali Elementary	Can Light Bulbs Save the Polar Bear?
Jaden Littell	Denali Elementary	Saving a Natural Resource

### **State Cross Country Ski Champions**

Logan Hanneman, Lathrop senior, was state champion in the Boy's 7.5k classic and 10k Freestyle and this year's Boys' Skimeister. Hannah Boyer, West Valley junior, was state champion in the Girls' 5k Freestyle and this year's Girl's Skimeister. The Skimeister award was given to the overall top boy's and girl's skier of both races. This was the first time since 1982 that Fairbanks swept the Skimeister awards. Davya Flaherty, West Valley coach, made the presentations.

### **Presentation of the 2011 AASB June Nelson Scholarship Recipient**

Each year, the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) awarded the June Nelson Memorial Scholarship to students throughout the state of Alaska. The June Nelson Memorial Scholarship was named in honor of the late June Nelson, longtime school board member from Kotzebue. Ms. Nelson contributed much to the cause of education, and would be remembered for her outstanding service on behalf of Alaska's children. The scholarship was funded by individual contributions of school board members and administrators from across the state. AASB Board Member and School Board Treasurer Sue Hull made the presentation to Dianna Durbin from Ben Eielson High School.

### **Alaska State Science Symposium Winners**

Dr. Bult-Ito, Alaska Statewide High School Science Symposium regional director, presented the award winning students from the Alaska Statewide High School Science Symposium. Dr. Bult-Ito also provided an awards summary and information on each of the local winners and the titles of their papers.

<u>Student</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>School</u>
Anna Quist	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – National Speaker #1	West Valley High School
Emma Funk	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – National Speaker #2	West Valley High School
Kieran O'Neil	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Alternate National Speaker, Poster Presenter	West Valley High School
Julia Covell	4 <sup>th</sup> Place – Alternate National Poster Group Supporter	West Valley High School
Dolma Ombadykow	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	West Valley High School
Jessica Lingaas	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	West Valley High School

## Presentation of the 2011 John Kelly Scholarship Recipients

Chuck Lemke, with the Fairbanks North Star Education Foundation, presented the recipients of a \$1,000 John Kelly Scholarship.

John Adank .....	Star of the North	Nicholas Mailander .....	Hutchison
Valerie Holderby .....	Star of the North	Jessica Lundy .....	Hutchison
Teshia Ehrhardt .....	Star of the North	Breanne Meath .....	Lathrop
Nicole Frey .....	Star of the North	Quinn Marshall .....	CEC
Amanda Garncarz .....	Star of the North	Kian Harper .....	CEC
Brittney Ward .....	North Pole High	Mindona Grunin .....	CEC
Chynna Sandgren .....	Eielson	Cynara Galbreath .....	CEC
Hannah Soland .....	Hutchison	Aurora Trojan-Kline .....	CEC
Lexus Hughes .....	Hutchison	Sean Denton .....	CEC
Russell Pike .....	Hutchison	Jessica Jensen .....	CEC
Ashley Nicolai .....	Hutchison	Phillip Martinez .....	CEC
Taylor Tompkins .....	Hutchison		
John Bungart II .....	Hutchison		

### Spotlight: Ryan Middle School Cyclone Energy Audit Team

The Ryan Cyclone Energy Audit Team presented the results and recommendations from their school energy audit. Ryan students had conducted an energy audit on the school's energy consumption, including vampire (appliances plugged in, even when not in use) and accessory appliances. Their calculations determined they could save \$1,818 in annual savings by unplugging vampire appliances, such as electronics when not in use.

By unplugging accessory appliances, such as coffee makers, vending machines, soda machines, grow lights, etc. the school could save \$4,743. Overall, by making a few minor changes, the school could see a savings of approximately \$6,600 in energy savings in a year. If that was multiplied by 32 schools throughout the district, the savings could add up to approximately \$211,200 per year.

### AGENDA

MCCONNELL MOVED, DOMINIQUE SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH CONSENT ITEMS.

The following consent items were moved:

accepted the Monthly Management Reports for March 2011.

approved the minutes from the special meeting April 4 and the regular meeting April 5, 2011, as submitted.

approved Budget Transfer 2011-202: Network Services in the amount of \$48,876.

approved Budget Transfer 2011-203: Star of the North Charter School in the amount of \$35,500.

approved Budget Transfer 2011-205: VoIP Project in the amount of \$63,000.

## **Consent Agenda (continued)**

approved Randy Smith Middle School's request to send their "We the People" team to Anchorage, Alaska, May 5-6, 2011 to participate in the Alaska State Showcase of the "We the People" Congressional Hearings, at no cost to the district.

approved Ryan Middle School's request to send students to Washington, D.C., May 4-8, 2011 to participate in the National Math Counts Competition, at no cost to the district.

accepted the gift of \$1,350 from the Anne Wien Elementary School PTA to Anne Wien Elementary School for classroom field trips.

accepted the gift of \$1,500 from Susan Stitham to Lathrop High School for the Susan Stitham Scholarship.

accepted the gift of \$10,000 from Alaska Neuroscience Associates, LLC to North Pole High School to upgrade the school's weight training facilities.

approved the Personnel Action Report for the period March 29-April 12, 2011.

acknowledged the Personnel Information Report for the period March 29-April 12, 2011.

acknowledged the Superintendent's Budget Transfer Report for April 19, 2011.

acknowledged the Expulsions for the 2010-2011 school year, as of April 14, 2011.

acknowledged the Board's Reading File.

acknowledged the Coming Events and Meeting Announcements.

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS**

Lance Roberts, PO Box 83449, spoke to fiscal responsibility within the school district. He had provided the board with a spreadsheet of information and other data compiled from the district's fingertip facts and would be providing additional information based on cost of living index to show how costs would have risen based strictly on cost of living. The federal government could not continue spending as it had been; it would eventually have to stop. In regards to state government, there was a pipeline running out of oil and a senate that was doing absolutely nothing about it. At some point in the years to come, there would be funding hits, as had happened in the past. In these times of economic uncertainty, he urged the board to look ahead and prepare for future budget reductions by slowly and gradually decreasing the size of the school district, specifically in the staffing and administrative areas, although there may be other areas. The district and its budget needed to be decreased to a more realistic and sustainable level. If steps were not taken now to begin work on gradually reducing costs, the district would be faced with drastic layoffs and reductions in the future, which no one wanted. Mr. Roberts urged the board to look ahead, recognize the problems coming, and realizing the need to decrease the budget. The district was on an incredible upward slope that was not sustainable at any level. Mr. Roberts pointed out education did not correlate to money; throwing more money at the problem did not make for a better education. It was not the solution to the problem. He hoped the board would be fiscally response in preparing for the future. Mr. Roberts hoped to participate in the budget process more in the future.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS (continued)**

Mrs. Brophy thanked Mr. Roberts for his comments and Mrs. Hull invited him to attend the budget review committee meeting the following evening. Mr. Roberts would be unable to attend the budget meeting, but hoped to become more involved in the future.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Policy 162: Lowering Flags in Commemoration (Second Reading)**

In response to public testimony, the administration reviewed Policy 162: Lowering Flags in Commemoration and presented the proposed revision to the school board with a recommendation for adoption. There were no changes from first reading.

MCCONNELL MOVED, CHORD SECONDED, TO APPROVE SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION OF POLICY 162: LOWERING FLAGS IN COMMEMORATION.

Superintendent Lewis recommended the board approve the policy. Mr. Ferree was working on ways to correctly illuminate the flags to eliminate the need for the daily raising and lowering of flags.

## **BOARD QUESTIONS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mrs. Dominique noted the revision of the policy had originated from public input and testimony and encouraged the public to get involved. The board was always interested in hearing from the public.

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Policy 616.2: Dismissal or Non-retention of a Tenured Teacher (First Reading)**

The administration recommended Policy 616.2: Dismissal or Non-retention of a Tenured Teacher be approved as revised. The proposed changes in policy clarified the policy addressed dismissal only. Dismissal was defined. The added language cited the specific Alaska state statutes that addressed dismissal.

HULL MOVED, MCCONNELL SECONDED, TO APPROVE FIRST READING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADVANCEMENT TO SECOND READING OF POLICY 616.2: DISMISSAL OR NON-RETENTION OF A TENURED TEACHER.

Gayle Pierce, director of labor relations, explained the revisions clarified the policy addressed dismissal only, defined dismissal, and added language to cite applicable state statutes.

## **BOARD QUESTIONS**

None

## **Policy 616.2: Dismissal or Non-retention of a Tenured Teacher (First Reading)**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### BOARD COMMENTS

None

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

## **Policy 616.3: Dismissal or Non-retention of Nontenured Teachers (First Reading)**

The administration recommended Policy 616.3: Dismissal or Non-retention of Nontenured Teachers be approved as revised. The proposed changes in policy clarified the policy addressed non-retention only. Non-retention and layoff were defined in the policy. The additional language cited the specific Alaska state statutes that addressed non-retention of a tenured or a nontenured teacher. The FEA negotiated agreement also contained provisions addressing non-retention of teachers.

MCCONNELL MOVED, DOMINIQUE SECONDED, TO APPROVE FIRST READING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADVANCEMENT TO SECOND READING OF POLICY 616.3: DISMISSAL OR NON-RETENTION OF NONTENURED TEACHERS.

Gayle Pierce, director of labor relations, explained the revisions clarified the policy addressed non-retention only, defined non-retention and lay-off, and cited applicable state statutes.

### BOARD QUESTIONS

None

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### BOARD COMMENTS

None

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

## **Language Arts Textbook Adoption**

Information about the language arts materials under consideration for adoption and a summary of the selection process were provided to the school board at the April 5, 2011 meeting. The recommended elementary language arts textbook was provided for the school board's consideration. The administration recommended adoption of the textbook as proposed.

DOMINIQUE MOVED, MCCONNELL SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOK, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

Peggy Carlson, executive director of curriculum and instruction, stated the recommended textbook was *2009 Story Town* by Harcourt. Six different programs had been considered. The curriculum materials had received a thorough review over the past three months by staff, members of the public, the Board Curriculum Advisory Committee, and the curriculum department.

## Language Arts Textbook Adoption (continued)

### BOARD QUESTIONS

Mrs. Brophy asked if anything in particular stood out with the recommended textbook over the others. Mrs. Carlson explained there were two programs that stood out above the others. After working with the elementary principals, along with all the other input, there was a unanimous decision to go with the recommended textbook, *2009 Story Town*. The textbook was the updated version of what the district was currently using. The current 2003 version the district was using was no longer available, but the district had already received permission, if the textbook was adopted, to continue using the reproducible take-home books which were a part of the earlier program and teachers wanted to continue using.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Hull thanked everyone who reviewed the curriculum materials. It was an overwhelming task.

Mrs. Brophy also extended her appreciation to everyone who reviewed and worked on the curriculum materials. She had been happy to see there was a clear and unanimous choice.

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

### **Suspend Policy 264: Reschedule June 7, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting**

Several board members and administrators would be unavailable for the June 7, 2011 meeting. The administration recommended the June 7, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting be rescheduled to Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

MCCONNELL MOVED, HULL SECONDED, TO SUSPEND THE RULES, POLICY 264: TYPES OF MEETINGS, AND RESCHEDULE THE JUNE 7, 2011 REGULAR MEETING TO JUNE 22, 2011.

Superintendent Lewis explained in order to have a board quorum and appropriate administrative representation, the administration had proposed the June 7, 2011 regular meeting be moved to Wednesday, June 22, 2011.

### BOARD QUESTIONS

None

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### BOARD COMMENTS

None

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

## **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

### **Lobbyist Report**

District Lobbyist John Ringstad presented an overview of the 2011 Legislative Session to-date. Mr. Ringstad noted the Governor had called a special session to address ten bills. Of those ten bills, two had passed, one was in conference committee, one had passed the senate committee, and the other six were in senate finance. Four of the ten bills were of interest to the board and school district. SB84 had started with an increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA), but it was removed. Current career technical education (CTE) funding was a part of the bill and would be calculated as part of the DEED formula. SB1, requiring the education department to send an annual report on education to the legislature, had passed. Mr. Ringstad believed the driving force behind SB1 was legislators wanted more information and accountability.

Although the BSA was not increased, Mr. Ringstad reported there had been up and down talk about one-time money, without increasing the BSA. The bill addressing student questionnaires moved a little, but there had not been any recent activity on it.

The major issue was funding. The CTE money had passed and Mr. Ringstad believed there would be some sort of one-time funding provided. He understood there was an agreement between the finance leaderships to put something into the operating budget. The downside to the one-time funding was it would not help next year, giving the district a double hit, in not having the one-time money or the increase in the BSA.

In regards to the capital budget, the district was originally hopeful they would fare better in the current year than last year. The administration and board has had several conversations over several months with legislators regarding major maintenance. The senate had included \$9.5 million for Barnette; there was a strong sense amongst the interior delegation it was time to get the next phase of Barnette's renovation completed. Barnette was included as full cash funding, as well as \$110,000 for technology upgrades. The senate proposed funding the department's major maintenance list of approximately \$275 million for the state's 70 percent share of the projects. What would happen with the proposal was still unknown. What the legislature did with the major maintenance list would have an impact on the board's 2011 bond proposal request. There may not be an answer to the funding before the board meets with the assembly finance committee on Thursday evening.

The Barnette renovation was not part of the bond piece and hopefully it would remain fully funded and not become part of the major maintenance list. Mr. Ringstad believed there were nine projects from Fairbanks on the major maintenance list.

### **BOARD QUESTIONS**

Mrs. Dominique asked for clarification on the \$9.5 million for Barnette. Mr. Ringstad explained Barnette was not part of the major maintenance list, but rather listed as fully-funded on a separate list.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mrs. Hull thought the legislative session had been an interesting ride. She thought it was good the \$9.5 million for Barnette was separate – fully funding it would be fabulous. Although it would be good to have some definitive information before Thursday's meeting with the borough, it wasn't likely. She would keep hoping for some form of an increase in the BSA.

Mrs. Brophy thanked Mr. Ringstad and Superintendent Lewis for their work during the legislative session.



### **Bond Resolution Discussion**

Dave Ferree, assistant superintendent of facilities management, led a discussion on the bond resolution in preparation for the school board's work session with the borough finance committee, scheduled for April 21, 2011, in assembly chambers. The administration wanted the bond discussion on the board agenda so everyone would have time to review the current status of school projects and plan for Thursday's discussion.

At the current time, the legislature had not completed their business. One of the big unknowns was the capital budget. The Thursday work session was originally scheduled with the belief the administration and borough would know the legislature's intention and would only have to await the governor's pen prior to making decisions on the bond projects.

Mr. Ferree had prepared a handout on the proposed bond projects to try to frame the major possibilities and options available. Most projects were followed by Senate Bill 46 (SB), which was the vehicle used for addressing major maintenance in the legislature. If passed, with the Fairbanks projects included, it could possibly reduce the bond request.

<b>2011 BOND PROJECTS</b>		
<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE &amp; DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COST</b>
New North Pole Area Elementary School	Construct New 600 Student Elementary School (not part of the legislative discussions)	\$30,000,000
<i>Alternate Option</i>	<i>600 Student Elementary School Phase I – purchase land, engineer &amp; design school, site preparations (70/30 bond cost split)</i>	<i>\$9,500,000</i>
Ryan Middle School	Renovation Phase I - Phase I will concentrate on renovation of the gym wing.	\$9,900,000
<i>SB 46 Option</i>	<i>Renovation – bond for all or part of the local 30% share of the renovation based on up-front state funding of up to \$35.2 million share. (100% local share)</i>	<i>\$3,000,000 to \$15,100,000</i>
Barnette Magnet School	Renovation/Reconstruction – Phase 3 of the renovation as outlined in the Educational Specifications.	\$9,000,000
<i>SB 46 Option</i>	<i>Renovation/Reconstruction Phase 3 – state grant would cover the entire cost of phase 3.</i>	<i>0</i>
Pearl Creek Elementary	Replace Septic System & Upgrade Plumbing System	\$680,000
<i>SB 46 Option</i>	<i>Replace Septic System &amp; Upgrade Plumbing System – bond for only the local share (30%) of the construction costs.</i>	<i>\$204,000</i>
North Pole High School	Renovate Vocational Wing	\$3,740,000
<i>SB 46 Option</i>	<i>Renovate Vocational Wing - bond for only the local share (30%) of the construction costs.</i>	<i>\$1,089,000</i>
North Pole Middle School	Roof and Clearstory Replacement	\$3,890,000
<i>SB 46 Option</i>	<i>Roof and Clearstory Replacement- bond for only the local share (30%) of the construction costs.</i>	<i>\$1,166,000</i>
Weller Elementary	Septic System Replacement	\$330,000

## Bond Resolution Discussion (continued)

2011 BOND PROJECTS		
FACILITY	PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	COST
SB 46 Option	Septic System Replacement - bond for only the local share (30%) of the construction costs.	\$98,000
Salcha Elementary	Roof and Building Envelope Replacement and Upgrades	\$1,140,000
SB 46 Option	Roof and Building Envelope Replacement and Upgrades -bond for only the local share (30%) of the construction costs.	\$350,000
Woodriver Elementary	Gymnasium Upgrade	\$1,620,000
SB 46 Option	Gymnasium Upgrade- bond for only the local share (30%) of the construction costs.	\$472,000
Administrative Center	Rooftop Air Conditioning Units Replacement & Energy Efficiency Upgrades	\$1,560,000
SB 46 Option	Rooftop Air Conditioning Units Replacement & Energy Efficiency Upgrades- bond for only the local share (30%) of the construction costs.	\$469,000
Arctic Light Elementary	Lighting Replacement & Energy Efficiency Upgrades - bond for only the local share (30%) of the construction costs. (This project was not in the original bond package, but is currently included in SB 46.) Total project cost is \$1,810,000.	\$543,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>?</b>

One big question was how long the board could wait to make a final decision on the amount of the bond request. Borough legal had advised an ordinance probably had to be introduced at the first assembly meeting in June in order to make the October ballot. That was consistent with Mr. Ferree's memory of prior years.

Another point of discussion might be everyone's philosophy on the size and shape of a bond package. While that was still largely dependent on the legislature's actions, there were some points worth making:

1. The school board forwarded a large resolution (\$61.8 million) because all of the projects were important and timely. But there were ways to make progress on all of the projects at a reduced cost by phasing the larger projects.
2. The question of a new elementary school in North Pole was important and needed to be addressed. It needed to be noted the administration had been making difficult but prudent decisions for several years now to address crowding in that area and had run out of other options.
3. The two major renovation projects on the list, Barnette and Ryan, were critically important to the district, the families of students, and long term viability of the buildings themselves.
4. The district sinks operating fund resources into upkeep and maintenance in a prudent and consistent manner and should not apologize for their maintenance program. But things like roofs and other building systems must eventually be replaced. Major maintenance with operating funds was not possible or wise. The borough could not take care of their own buildings like that and neither could the district.

## **Bond Resolution Discussion (continued)**

### **BOARD QUESTIONS**

Mrs. Dominique thanked Mr. Ferree for his comment about how hard the district worked to maintain their facilities. They did work hard and did an excellent job of keeping buildings in repair and safe for everyone. The borough needed to keep up their responsibility.

Mrs. Dominique asked for an approximate amount of a revised bond request, if everything on the listed considered in SB46 was passed. Mr. Ferree thought it would be just under \$30 million.

Mrs. Hull asked if there had been any discussion about postponing the meeting with the borough on Thursday since the legislature was still in session. Superintendent Lewis stated he had not had any conversations about postponing the meeting. There was always the chance the legislature could be settled by then, not to mention taking advantage of the opportunity to talk with them.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mrs. Dominique was hopeful SB 46 would come through.

Mrs. Hull appreciated thinking outside the box in approaching the projects. She liked the phased approach. The numbers looked much better and would put the bond in better favor with the community. She hoped the funding would come through from the legislature to help reduce the amount of the bond request.

Mrs. Hull didn't necessarily support postponing the meeting far out, but did not have a problem postponing it a week or two, but didn't oppose having a philosophical discussion.

Mrs. Brophy appreciated Mr. Ferree's revised list. It made things very understandable.

Mr. Chord asked if the board would have a priority listing of the projects, since there was a limited pool of funds. Mr. Ferree noted all the projects were getting critical. He could convincingly argue for any one of the projects. Decisions in the past had brought the district to the point the projects had to be addressed.

Mrs. Brophy noted there were no glamorous projects, all were necessary.

Mrs. Dominique asked if phase three was the last phase of renovation for Barnette. Mr. Ferree stated there was one more.

### **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Chord enjoyed Lathrop's Jazz Band's performance. He had found Ryan's energy audit presentation very informative. He congratulated all the award winners recognized through the evening.

Ms. McConnell had also enjoyed the energy audit. She extended her thanks to everyone who had worked on the textbook materials adoption. She announced the next Policy Review Committee meeting would be April 25. Ms. McConnell thought all the awards were testimony of all the great students, staff, and families in the district.

Mrs. Hull announced the Budget Review Committee would be meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30 with a presentation on special education. The Career Technical Education Advisory Committee had met with the board on the previous evening in a work session on CTE. She was very pleased with the direction to move forward with expanded offerings and was hopeful with the progress. The CTEAC would be holding their regular meeting on Thursday, April 20.

**BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS/  
COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

Mrs. Dominique congratulated all the award winners of the evening. She was watching CNN and heard Alan Greenspan on Meet the Press make a statement about the need to work harder to get students today where they need to be in the future. The energy audit was wonderful and their tips would help her personal electric bills.

Ms. Wilson reported there were 30 representatives from Region VI who had attended the Alaska Association of Student Government conference. It was an excellent conference with a strong emphasis on suicide prevention. There were many resolutions presented, with some passing and some failing. One resolution that passed was in support of the Kognito Suicide Prevention program, an interactive program. Another resolution that passed was asking teachers and counselors to participate in the Kognito program. A resolution that did not pass was asking for school board student representatives to have a legitimate vote in board decisions, rather than an advisory vote. There were 30 days of school left, even less for seniors. Ms. Wilson had started her tenure on the board with a "rap" and since this would be her last meeting where she would be able to give comments, she finished her tenure with a departing rap.

Mrs. Brophy also extended her congratulations to all the award winners and she too had enjoyed the audit presentation. She reported the Board Ethnic Committee had been working hard and there had been conversations about changing the name of the committee to better reflect its role, as well as having a student representative to the committee. Mrs. Brophy thought it was good to see and hear of all the great student accomplishments.

Superintendent Lewis had many things to report, as the end of the school year quickly approached. There were upcoming graduations, sports events, award and recognition ceremonies, and many other end-of-the-year events and celebrations. He reported there had been a great turn out at the American Cultures Potluck and Barnette Magnet School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. He had visited Hutchison High School, where two students, as their senior project, had organized a training exercise for law enforcement. The students had done an excellent job and it was a valuable training event for all. There were a lot of great things happening throughout the district.

Superintendent Lewis also sent best wishes for a speedy and full recovery to Steve Laroe, FEA president, who has recovering from a medical issue. Mr. Laroe was a great leader to FEA and a great contributor to education and the Fairbanks community.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Tuttle, executive assistant to the Board.