

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

May 3, 2011

President Brophy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. Lathrop High School's Orchestra led the Pledge of Allegiance and performed for the Board under the guidance of Jaren Peterlin, orchestra director.

Present:

Kristina Brophy, President
Sharon McConnell, Vice President
Sue Hull, Treasurer
Sean Rice, Clerk
Wendy Dominique, Member
Jesse Johnson, Base Representative
Timothy A. Jones, Post Representative
Danielle Wilson, Outgoing Student Representative
Brooke Wilson, Incoming Student Representative

Absent:

Silver Chord, Member
Leslie Hajdukovich, Member

Staff Present:

Pete Lewis, Superintendent
Roxa Hawkins, Assistant Superintendent – Elementary
Wayne Gerke, Assistant Superintendent – Secondary
Dave Ferree, Assistant Superintendent – Facilities Management
Kathy Hughes, Executive Director of Alternative Instruction & Accountability
Peggy Carlson, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Clarence Bolden, Executive Director of Human Resources
Bill Bailey, Director of Public Relations
Elizabeth Schaffhauser, Director of Employment & Educational Opportunity
Louise Anderl, Director of Federal Programs
Gayle Pierce, Director of Labor Relations
Katherine Sanders, Director of Library Media Services
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

State Skills USA and Health Occupational Students of America Leadership Conference Winners

Hutchison High School Students were recognized for their first place finish in the State Skills USA and Health Occupational Students of America Leadership Conference. Hutchison Principal Jeanette Hayden and Steve Ratzlaff, Skills USA co-sponsor, made the presentations.

Skills USA Winners	
Dustin Elsberry Christian Kootuk Paden Henze-Nelson Matthew Cryer	1 st Place – Team Works Carpentry

**State Skills USA and Health Occupational Students of America Leadership Conference
Winners (continued)**

Skills USA Winners	
Joshua Congleton	1 st Place – Carpentry - Single
Clay Easterling	1 st Place – Automotive Service
Lynette Thompson Julie Teegardin	1 st Place – Chapter Display Board
Lynette Thompson	1 st Place – State Pin Design

Health Occupational Students of America Winners	
Courtney McKillican	1 st Place – Nursing Assistant (CNA)
Jordan Deering Sky Roehl	1 st Place Team – First Aide & CPR
Jordan Deering Ashley Elsberry Sky Roehl	1 st Place Team – Medical Reading
Amanda Hamilton Maxwell Delzer	1 st Place Team – (CERT) Community Emergency Response Team
Ashley Elsberry	1 st Place – Pathophysiology 1 st Place – Extemporaneous Speaking 1 st Place – Bio-Technology

2011 State History Day Winners

District students were recognized for their achievement at the state level in the 2011 History Day Contest. All of their projects were eligible to continue on to compete at the national level. Peggy Carlson, executive director of curriculum and instruction, made the presentations.

Krishna Nautiyal (Barnette Magnet School)
Junior Division Paper Category – 1st Place
“From Prisoner to President: ‘The Rainbow Nation Starts Here’”

Jonathan Koenig (Barnette Magnet School)
Junior Division Paper Category – 2nd Place
“Cuban Missile Crisis”

Faith Vander Jagt (Barnette Magnet School)
Junior Division Individual Performance Category – 1st Place
“Alamasuntha – Slowly Fading”

Esther Kugzruk, Maya Yoshikawa, Analicia Raugh (Barnette Magnet School)
Junior Division Group Performance Category – 1st Place
“Debate over an Englishwoman’s Education”

Rachel Bateman, Laura Padgett, Genevieve Griffin (Barnette Magnet School)
Junior Division Group Performance Category – 2nd Place
“John and Abigail Adams”

Caitlin Elliott (North Pole High School)
Senior Division Individual Exhibit Category – 1st Place
“‘I am Become Death...’ – J. Robert Oppenheimer: Debate & Diplomacy in the Age of Nuclear Warfare”

2011 State History Day Winners (continued)

Dalton Rowland (West Valley High School)
Senior Division History Paper – 1st Place
“Brown v. Board of Education”

Mikko Sayre, Sam Kendall, Neil Magnuson (West Valley High School)
Senior Division Group Documentary – 1st Place
“Alaska Pipeline”

Alaska School Activities Association’s (ASAA) All-State High School Art Competition, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Up With Art, & Alaska Scholastic Art and Writing Award Winners

Students from local secondary schools were recognized for their outstanding achievements in the Alaska School Activities Association’s (ASAA) All-State High School Art Competition, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Up With Art, and the Alaska Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Karen Stomberg, district art coordinator, made the presentations.

Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) All-State Art Competition		
Name	School	Award
Juanita Esmailka	West Valley High School	Best of Show – “Doll Maker” First Place – Multicultural Art
Shawna Zusi-Cobb	West Valley High School	Congressional Award – “Revealed” First Place – Drawing
Mallory Dixon	West Valley High School	First Place – Photography
Dorian Granger	Lathrop High School	First Place – Sculpture
Erich Hoefler	West Valley High School	First Place – Jewelry/Metalsmithing
Jason Kim	Lathrop High School	First Place – Communication Art/ Graphic Design
Jade Phillips	West Valley High School	First Place – Mixed Media

Alaska Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Sponsored by the National Alliance for Young Artists and Writers		
Name	School	Award
Matthew Ellegard	Lathrop High School	Gold Key – Digital Art
Emma Funk	West Valley High School	Gold Key – Poetry
Deanna Strait	Lathrop High School	Gold Key – Photography

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Up With Art Show		
Name	School	Award
Katie Antal	West Valley High School	Best of Show – Beaded Purse
Dorian Granger	Lathrop High School	Best of Show - Sculpture

ESP of the Month

Lee Fulmer, facilities management maintenance mechanic, was recognized as the Extra Special Support Staff Person for May 2011. Dave Norum, facilities management construction and maintenance manager, made the presentation.

Recognition of Retiring Staff for 2010-2011

Staff members who retired this school year, as of April 28, 2011 were honored by the school board. A favorite memory was shared about each retiree in attendance.

James Alonzo	Lyn Gilbert	Janice Ott
Jeanne Armstrong	Susan Greif	Gary Patterson
Darwin Backlund	Cindy Harrison	Janet Patterson
Roberta Barnes	Michelle Hawkins	Geraldine Peterson
Darlene Bishop	Carole Hess	Melinda Pfrimmer
Patricia Boertje	John Hiltenbrand Jr.	Barbara Pile
Dave Boyd	Joyce Hilyard	Mary Ramsaur
Jesse Brazel Jr.	Alice Hoffman	Linda Robertson
Shirley Brazel	Anita Holmes	Pamela Rogers
Don Churchill	Nancy Hummel	David Schmitz
Thomas Clemmer Jr.	Susan Isaacson	Francine Stredny
Sung Cole	Janet Jahn	Elizabeth Stroup
Cynthia Collins	Susan Jones	Heidi Trubacz
Marlin Collins	Becky Lessley	Anita Veazey
Kathie Cook	Bridget Loudon	Joseph Wagner
Thomas Dolan	Michael McArdle	Allyson Williams
Judith Farnham	Kathleen Meckel	Kathleen Wright
Andrea Gelvin	Karen Novy	

The board took a short break at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Board's Student Representative Recognition and Introduction of New Student Representative

Danielle Wilson, the board's student representative, was recognized for her service on the Board for the 2010-11 school year, and Brooke Wilson, West Valley student, was seated as the new student representative. Kathy Hughes, executive director of alternative instruction and accountability, made the presentations.

Spotlight: School Volunteer Recognition

In recognition of the important role school volunteers played throughout the district, principals Karen Gaborik, Bridget Lewis, and Greg Platt shared their appreciation and spotlighted a few volunteers from each of their respective schools.

AGENDA

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

The following consent items were moved:

approved the minutes from the special meeting April 18 and the work sessions April 18 and April 21, 2011, as submitted.

approved Budget Transfer 2011-232: Effie Kokrine Charter School in the amount of \$42,343.

approved Budget Transfer 2011-233: Watershed Charter School in the amount of \$111,590.

Consent Agenda (continued)

approved Budget Transfer 2011-240: RTI Program in the amount of \$35,705.

approved Budget Transfer 2011-251: Hutchison High School in the amount of \$23,500.

awarded IFB 11-F0022 for Pearl Creek Flooring Replacement to Alaskan Industries, Inc. for \$77,450.

awarded IFB 11-F0030 for a Horizontal Flow Wrapper for food service to Bosch Packaging Technology for \$52,276.

accepted the gift of \$1,622.63 from Weller Elementary PTA to Weller Elementary School for the purchase of library books.

accepted the gift of \$2,400 from Woodriver Elementary PTA to Woodriver Elementary School for technology support and the purchase of calendars and agendas.

accepted the gift of \$3,000 from the American Legion Con Miller Post 30 to Ben Eielson Junior-Senior High School to help DECA students travel to the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida.

accepted the gift of \$1,200 from the Eielson Booster Club to Ben Eielson Junior-Senior High School to help DECA students travel to the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida.

accepted the gift of \$5,999.13 from the Lathrop Boys' Basketball Booster Club to Lathrop High School for the boys' basketball program.

approved the Personnel Action Report for the period April 13-25, 2011.

acknowledged the Personnel Information Report for the period April 13-25, 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

Tammy Smith, 2118 S. Cushman Street, FEA president-elect and current vice president filling in for Steve Laroe, gave an update on Mr. Laroe's condition. She thanked Superintendent Lewis, Gayle Pierce, and Clarence Bolden for their support and assistance during the initial days of Mr. Laroe's absence and during her transition. Ms. Smith will officially take the office of FEA president in July. She looked forward to working with the board and administration.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy 616.2: Dismissal or Non-retention of a Tenured Teacher (Second 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 and defined dismissal. The added language cited the specific Alaska state statutes that addressed dismissal. There were no changes from first reading.

Policy 616.2: Dismissal or Non-retention of a Tenured Teacher (Second Reading) (continued)

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

BOARD QUESTIONS

None

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 (Second 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. 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. There were no changes from first reading.

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

BOARD QUESTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

None

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

NEW BUSINESS

Policy 236: Committees of the Board (First Reading)

The administration forwarded to the Board a recommendation from the Board Ethnic Committee for a change to Policy 236: Committees of the Board. The Board Ethnic Committee sought to change its name to Board Diversity Committee in recognition of its vision statement, which was inclusive of the diversity of students represented in the district.

DOMINIQUE MOVED, MCCONNELL SECONDED, TO APPROVE FIRST READING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADVANCEMENT TO SECOND READING OF POLICY 236: COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

Policy 236: Committees of the Board (First Reading) (continued)

Bett Schaffhauser, employment and educational opportunity director, explained the committee's reasoning for proposing the committee's title change. The committee had received parent feedback on the committee name. The committee had recently revised their vision statement to better reflect the diversity of students represented in the district and felt it would be appropriate to change its name to also better reflect its purpose.

BOARD QUESTIONS

Mrs. Dominique supported the name change. It was time for a fresh approach.

Mr. Rice, as a previous BEC member, also supported the name change and revised vision statement. During his tenure on the committee, there were many issues brought forward.

Mrs. Brophy, who currently served on the BEC, noted there had been a lot of good conversations leading up to the revised vision statement and proposed name change. The revised vision statement encompassed more of what the committee actually did. Mrs. Brophy extended her appreciation to the committee and thanked them for their work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

None

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

2011-2012 School Calendar Adjustment

The administration proposed a revision to the 2011-2012 calendar to include three make-up days, May 22-24, 2012, in the event school was closed due to inclement weather.

MCCONNELL MOVED, RICE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT.

Bill Bailey, public relations director, explained the addition of three days at the end of the school term were snow days in the event of school closure due to inclement weather.

BOARD QUESTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Dominique was very glad for the addition of the snow days, it was a positive move.

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

2012-2013 School Calendar Adoption

A draft calendar for the 2012-2013 school year was presented to the board during the regular meeting on March 1, 2011. The proposed calendar was put out for public comment until Monday, May 2. The administration recommended adoption of the proposed 2012-2013 school calendar, as submitted.

2012-2013 School Calendar Adoption (continued)

DOMINIQUE MOVED, MCCONNELL SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Bill Bailey, public relations director, reviewed the proposed calendar. The first day for teachers would be August 14, 2012, with 180 student contact days. The semesters were balanced with approximately 90 days each.

The calendar had been put out for public comment with about six different responses. Mr. Bailey noted the calendar had been downloaded from the district's website 465 times.

BOARD QUESTIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Hull mentioned a couple of comments about conferences being on Monday and Tuesday; it made the week more difficult for the teachers. When she inquired of Mr. Bailey about the reasoning behind the Monday-Tuesday dates, he had noted President's Day was Monday, so more parents would be off to attend conferences. But when Mrs. Hull had conducted her own personal survey of principals and teachers, she found they consistently said having a holiday on a conference day did not make any difference, and in fact, it made it more likely some people might take a three-day weekend and not attend conferences. Mrs. Hull thought community employers and the military generally allowed parents' time off to attend conferences.

HULL MOVED, DOMINIQUE SECONDED, TO AMEND THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR TO MOVE THE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FROM FEBRUARY 18 AND 19, 2013 TO FEBRUARY 14 AND 15, 2013.

Superintendent Lewis noted February 14 was Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Hull amended her original amendment.

HULL MOVED, DOMINIQUE SECONDED, TO AMEND THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR TO MOVE THE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FROM FEBRUARY 18 AND 19, 2013 TO FEBRUARY 21 AND 22, 2013.

Hearing no objection, Mrs. Brophy accepted Mrs. Hull's revised amendment.

BOARD QUESTIONS ON THE AMENDMENT

Ms. McConnell and Mrs. Dominique both agreed it might be worthwhile to try the conferences on Thursday and Friday for a year.

Mrs. Brophy asked the administration if they foresaw any problem with the balancing of the quarters by moving the conferences. Mr. Bailey shared the administration had some concern about it being so close to the end of the third quarter, but it could be done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AMENDMENT

None

2012-2013 School Calendar Adoption (continued)

The board voted on the amendment

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE
AMENDMENT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

The board voted on the main motion as amended.

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE
MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

2013-2014 School Calendar Adoption

A draft calendar for the 2013-2014 school year was presented to the board during the regular meeting on March 22, 2011. The proposed calendar was put out for public comment until Monday, May 2. The administration recommended adoption of the proposed 2013-2014 school calendar, as submitted.

MCCONNELL MOVED, RICE SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE 2013-2014
SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Mr. Bailey explained the reason for bringing two calendars before the board at the same time was the fact Fairbanks would be hosting the Arctic Winter Games and having the calendar adopted would help the committee and community in the planning, specifically spring break.

BOARD QUESTIONS

Mrs. Hull asked about fall 2013 conferences. Mr. Bailey pointed out they were scheduled for October 31 and November 1, 2013 on the calendar in the board agenda. But Mr. Bailey noted there had been a change in the calendars and he had provided board members with a revised calendar which moved the October 31 and November 1 conference dates to October 28 and 29, 2013.

Mrs. Hull asked for the rationale behind moving them to October 28 and 29. Mr. Bailey explained there were many school evening events, such as fall carnivals around October 31.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Hull voiced her concerns over changing conferences to a Monday and Tuesday, as the week was already a difficult one with Halloween. She raised the same concerns as she had previously. It was exhausting for teachers to have conferences in the beginning of the week and with Halloween at the end of the week; it could cause the entire week to be lost.

Mrs. Hull asked for feedback from the administration regarding her concerns. She thought it might be beneficial to move them back a week to October 24 and 25. Wayne Gerke, assistant superintendent of secondary education, said management team had discussed when to have the conferences. The end of the quarter was October 18 and then teachers had several days to finalize grades, so it couldn't really be moved any closer to the end of the quarter. If the board was looking to move the conferences, it should probably look to moving them later.

HULL MOVED, DOMINIQUE SECONDED, TO AMEND THE 2013-2014
SCHOOL CALENDAR TO MOVE THE FEBRUARY PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES FROM FEBRUARY 17 AND 18, 2014 TO FEBRUARY 20 AND
21, 2014.

2013-2014 School Calendar Adoption (continued)

Mr. Bailey, in reviewing his historical notes, had found the board liked having conferences on President's Day. The feeling in the past was for those parents who had the day off, it would be easier for them to participate in the conferences. In going back to 2006, conferences had been held on President's Day.

BOARD QUESTIONS ON AMENDMENT

Colonel Jones seconded Mr. Bailey's comments. Although President's Day was not recognized as a formal holiday by the board for all district staff, it was unofficially recognized by students being off for parent-teacher conferences. Students were not going to school on what was considered a national holiday. Colonel Jones believed parents appreciated the ability to attend conferences on the holiday, rather than having to take time off of work.

Ms. McConnell asked if conference attendance had increased on President's Day. Mr. Gerke spoke for the secondary level, noting with the many different methods of data collection over the years, it was difficult to know for certain. He did know parents appreciated having conferences on President's Day because of childcare issues and it provided parents the opportunity to take their student with them to conferences.

Ms. McConnell thought it wouldn't hurt to change things for one year and try it. She would support the amendment.

Mrs. Dominique thought the board had already voted to try the change for one year when they voted to move the conferences to Thursday and Friday on the 2012-13 calendar. She thought the 2013-14 should be left as presented and if conferences worked on Thursday and Fridays in 2012-13, the board could always revisit the issue and make the change at a later date.

Ms. McConnell asked if there had to be a motion to accept the substituted calendar provided by Mr. Bailey. Mrs. Brophy stated if there was no objection to the substitute, it would be accepted.

Mrs. Hull would support the amendment because it would provide for fall conferences on Monday and Tuesday and spring conferences on Thursday and Friday. She understood the history of having conferences on the President's Day holiday, as Mr. Bailey had mentioned, but all the people she had spoke with consistently felt there was not a substantive difference in regards to conference attendance, and in fact, it could be detrimental. Even though the board had amended the 2012-13 calendar to move one set of conferences to Thursday and Friday, Mrs. Hull was concerned the 2013-14 might not come back to the board for revision if they found the Thursday-Friday conferences were successful, since the calendar would have been adopted, especially so far in advance.

Mrs. Hull also suggested postponing the adoption of the 2013-14 calendar until a later meeting so input could be obtained on the revised version the board received, along with the proposed change in the amendment, if it passed. Mrs. Hull wanted to know if the administration saw any problem with delaying the adoption of the 2013-14 calendar. Mr. Bailey did not see a problem and apologized for getting the board the revised version so late. But he added, it was not uncommon for the administration to make adjustments to the final version presented to the board after receiving input.

Colonel Johnson thought it would be good to see what happened in the first year. But he also thought it would be good to continue to hold conferences on President's Day because the military recognized it as a national holiday and families could more easily attend conferences. He noted the data collected for conference attendance in the fall of 2011 might be skewed due to the large number of soldiers deployed. Colonel Johnson did not believe conference decisions should be made based on emotional feelings, but rather on collected and correlated data.

2013-2014 School Calendar Adoption (continued)

Mr. Bailey suggested the board might be willing to adopt the 2013-14 calendar, knowing they would go back out for public comment with the option to revise it at a later date. He would like to see the district support the Arctic Winter Games Committee, so they could plan their events. There was nothing that would stop the board from revisiting the calendar at a later date.

At 9:57 p.m.:

MCCONNELL MOVED, RICE SECONDED, TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONTINUE THE MEETING UNTIL 10:30 P.M.

Hearing no objection, Mrs. Brophy continued the meeting.

Mrs. Brophy asked for the number of website visits the calendar received during public input. Mr. Bailey reported the 2012-13 calendar had been downloaded 465 times. The 2013-14 calendar had been downloaded 117 times, with a total of 6 comments for both calendars.

Ms. McConnell thought those visits could have been one person continually downloading the calendar. Mr. Bailey said with the way the district counted visits and downloads, it was very unlikely that it was one person, but he could certainly get that data if needed. Ms. McConnell just wanted to make the point it could have been a few visitors going back to the calendar several times.

Mrs. Brophy noted in years past, the board had received many many comments, but this year, there were about six comments, with one from a parent and the rest from teachers. That gave her a level of confidence people were not concerned about the proposed calendars. The board had adjusted one set of conferences on the 2012-13 calendar based on a couple of the comments to give it a try. Mrs. Brophy agreed with Colonel Jones' comments regarding conferences on President's Day. She was inclined to keep the calendar as it was presented.

Mrs. Dominique noted the reduced number of calendar comments might be attributed to soldiers preparing to deploy.

Mrs. Brophy thought there could be all kinds of possibilities for the low number of comments, but found it hard to believe the deployment had a huge impact, as the highest percentage of the student population was not military.

Superintendent Lewis restated, as Mr. Bailey had suggested, adopting the calendar and taking it back out for comments. The 2012-13 calendar would give the board information on the success of the Thursday-Friday conferences. The board could always revisit and revise the calendar over the course of the next year and a half. Superintendent Lewis suggested helping the Arctic Winter Games Committee by locking in the calendar noting conferences could be changed as long as enough notice was given to families.

Mrs. Hull would support Superintendent Lewis' suggestion. But she thought it might be easy to forget about revisiting the calendar since it had already been adopted. The board would have to count on Mr. Bailey to ensure the calendar came back before the board once it was known how successful the Thursday-Friday conference dates were and feedback from teachers was obtained. She had heard from teachers that conferences did not work well on Monday-Tuesdays, even though it had been done that way for many years. She thought it might be important to solicit input on the issue. Mrs. Hull would support her amendment, but was also okay with adopting the calendar and bringing it back for reconsideration at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AMENDMENT

None

2013-2014 School Calendar Adoption (continued)

BOARD COMMENTS ON AMENDMENT

None

The board voted on the amendment.

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. NAY
AMENDMENT FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 4 NAYS, 1 AYE: HULL

The board voted on the main motion.

STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE. AYE
MAIN MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. 5 AYES

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Included in the Consent Agenda.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

Colonel Jones welcomed Brooke Wilson to the board and congratulated all the awardees.

Colonel Johnson had enjoyed the events of the evening. He thanked everyone who had served the district.

Mr. Rice welcomed Ms. Wilson to the board. He extended his appreciation to all the retirees. He also thanked those who volunteered in the schools. He had really liked the recent newspaper advertisement thanking all the district's volunteers.

Ms. McConnell echoed everyone else's comments. She congratulated the many retirees and award winners. She thanked Danielle Wilson for her service over the past year and welcomed Brooke Wilson.

Mrs. Hull had attended the BP Teachers of Excellence dinner and awards. It had been a fabulous event. There were 80 nominees, which said something of the caliber of teachers in the community.

Superintendent Lewis noted the large number of spring activities, including the Mayor's Art Show, student musical performances, senior project presentations, and graduations. There would be close to 1,000 students crossing the stage this year. He thanked the Central Council of PTAs for their work over the year. Superintendent Lewis was also appreciative of the full-page ad in the Sunday edition of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner acknowledging and thanking approximately 2,000 of the many volunteers throughout the district.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

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