

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

Work Session

MINUTES

May 17, 2011

President Brophy called the work session to order at 11:00 a.m. in the superintendent's conference room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The work session was called to discuss the 2011 bond request.

Present:

Kristina Brophy, President
Sharon McConnell, Vice President
Sue Hull, Treasurer
Sean Rice, Clerk
Silver Chord, Member
Leslie Hajdukovich, Member

Absent:

Wendy Dominique, Member

Staff Present:

Pete Lewis, Superintendent
Mike Fisher, Chief Financial Officer
Dave Norum, Construction Manager
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Bond Request Discussion

Superintendent Lewis announced Mayor Hopkins had recently found a parcel of land in the North Pole area that might be suitable for a new elementary school. If the land became available and was suitable for building, it could potentially change the district's original bond request. Superintendent Lewis wanted to confer with the board regarding their direction, should the land become available.

Earlier in the week, the board and superintendent had provided the borough finance committee a packet of information in response to questions the committee had raised during their meeting with the board on April 21. Included in the packet was the board's recommendation for two ballot questions: one for approximately \$8.5 million for phase 1 of a new North Pole area elementary school; and a second one for the remaining maintenance projects, totaling approximately \$21.3 million.

In light of the new information regarding possible land, the board discussed the option of removing the bond question for the new elementary school and seek design funding from the borough's school district facilities maintenance funding. Their action would be contingent upon the land's suitability for building. The borough was expected to have an answer to its suitability by their June 2 meeting with the board.

Board members and the administration discussed the need and their desire to continue conversations with the assembly on the lapse fund ordinance. It was hoped the two bodies would be able to reach a solution mutually agreeable to both groups.

Superintendent Lewis would be meeting with the mayor and Diane Hutchison, along with a board member or two to continue their discussions on the lapse fund.

Other Discussion

None

The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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