

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

August 11, 2014

President Haas called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The special meeting was called for discussion regarding litigation against the district (Case No. 4FA-14-02138CI); ongoing personnel investigations; and, the former superintendent's request for arbitration, to include a possible executive session with the borough attorney's office and outside counsel to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege, including liability exposure, and if necessary, to give direction to the interim superintendent and if needed, an executive session for student discipline.

President Haas read the district's mission statement: *"Our mission is to provide an excellent and equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students can become productive members of a diverse and changing society."*

Present:

Heidi Haas, President
Wendy Dominique, Vice President (phone)
John Thies, Treasurer
Allyson Lambert, Clerk
Lisa Gentry, Member
Sue Hull, Member

Absent:

Sean Rice, Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Interim Superintendent
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board

Others Present:

Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney

Student Discipline [0:53]

There were no student discipline matters requiring board action.

Discussion regarding litigation against the district (Case No. 4FA-14-02138CI); ongoing personnel investigations; and, the former superintendent's request for arbitration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Executive Session [1:00]

HULL MOVED, GENTRY SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE BOARD MEMBER DOMINIQUE IN THE DISCUSSION VIA TELEPHONIC MEANS WITH THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE REGARDING LITIGATION AGAINST THE DISTRICT (CASE NO. 4FA-14-02138CI); ONGOING PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS; THE FORMER SUPERINTENDENT'S REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION; DIRECTION TO THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT, IF NECESSARY; AND LIABILITY EXPOSURE, THE IMMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH WOULD CLEARLY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE FINANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE CONSENT OF FIVE MEMBERS (HAAS, THIES, LAMBERT, GENTRY, HULL).

The board convened to executive session at 5:36 p.m. [1:36]

The executive session adjourned at 7:10 p.m. [1:39]

Board Comments/Discussion [1:47]

President Haas announced the board would need to notice a special meeting for Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. to continue their discussions. She announced the upcoming Back to School Event for Teachers scheduled for Thursday, August 14 at 8:00 a.m. at Hering Auditorium. All board members were welcome. President Haas asked for a volunteer to cover the upcoming Borough Assembly meeting on Thursday. Mr. Thies volunteered to attend the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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