

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

August 21, 2014

President Haas called the meeting to order at 5:30 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  
John Thies, Treasurer  
Allyson Lambert, Clerk  
Lisa Gentry, Member  
Sue Hull, Member  
Sean Rice, Member

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney

**Student Discipline** [0:52]

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.**

**Executive Session** [1:02]

HULL MOVED, DOMINIQUE SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION 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 SIX MEMBERS (HAAS, DOMINIQUE, THIES, LAMBERT, GENTRY, HULL)

PUBLIC COMMENTS [1:43]

President Haas called for public testimony. Hearing none, public testimony was closed.

The board convened to executive session at 5:31 p.m. [1:55]

Mr. Rice arrived at 5:46 p.m.

The administrative center experienced a power outage from approximately 7:27 p.m. to 7:42 p.m. Audio was not affected as the board was already in, and continued in, executive session during the power outage.

Mr. Thies left the meeting at 7:53 p.m. due to a previous commitment.

The executive session adjourned at 8:49 p.m. [1:56]

Board Comments/Discussion

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. [2:02]

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