

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

September 9, 2014

President Haas called the meeting to order at 12:00 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), to include a possible executive session with the borough attorney's office to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege, including to evaluate offers of judgment and give direction to the attorney on the litigation.

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
Allyson Lambert, Clerk
Lisa Gentry, Member
Sue Hull, Member

Absent:

John Thies, Treasurer
Sean Rice, Member

Staff Present:

Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board

Others Present:

Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney

Public Testimony – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:44]

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

Mrs. Hull arrived at 12:01 p.m.

Discussion regarding litigation against the district (Case No. 4FA-14-02138CI), to include a possible executive session with the borough attorney's office to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege, including to evaluate offers of judgment and give direction to the attorney on the litigation. [0:54]

Jill Dolan, assistant borough attorney, informed the board of the offer of judgment in regards to the Doe litigation: \$1 million for the student and \$200,000 for each parent for complete resolution including attorney fees and costs.

Executive Session [1:59]

LAMBERT MOVED, GENTRY SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING TO EVALUATE OFFERS OF JUDGMENT AND GIVE DIRECTION TO THE ATTORNEY ON THE LITIGATION.

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

The board convened to executive session at 12:02 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 12:44 p.m. [2:28]

President Haas stated the board declined the offer as presented, but provided borough legal with direction to move forward.

Board Comments/Discussion [2:44]

President Haas referenced the new technology use agreement for board members, pointing out a clause was added requesting a passcode be used on district owned board member devices.

Mrs. Hull asked about the timeline for board members to submit future meeting topics. President Haas would like to have the information by the end of the week, noting she was compiling a list of work session topics for the first semester.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

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