

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

October 6, 2014

Vice President Dominique called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The special meeting was called for discussion regarding ongoing personnel investigations, to include a possible executive session with the borough attorney's office and the interim superintendent to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege and the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the district; and if necessary, to give direction to the interim superintendent, and to hold an executive session for student discipline.

Vice President Dominique 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 (by phone at 6:15 p.m.)
Wendy Dominique, Vice President
John Thies, Treasurer
Allyson Lambert, Clerk
Sue Hull, Member
Sean Rice, Member

Absent:

Lisa Gentry, Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Interim Superintendent
Shaun Kraska, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Elizabeth Schaffhauser, Director of Employment and Educational Opportunities
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board

Others Present:

Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney

Executive Session [1:09]

An executive session was called to consider a student discipline matter.

HULL MOVED, LAMBERT SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A STUDENT DISCIPLINE ISSUE THAT COULD TEND TO PREJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON, PROVIDED THE PERSON MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC DISCUSSION; AND MATTERS WHICH BY LAW, MUNICIPAL CHARTER, OR ORDINANCE ARE REQUIRED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE CONSENT OF FOUR MEMBERS.
(HULL, LAMBERT, THIES, DOMINIQUE)

PUBLIC COMMENTS [1:26]

Vice President Dominique called for public testimony. Hearing none, public testimony was closed.

The board convened to executive session at 5:39 p.m.

Student Discipline (continued)

Mr. Rice arrived at 5:53 p.m.

The executive session recessed at 6:12 p.m. [1:40]

HULL MOVED, THIES SECONDED, TO:

MODIFY THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDENT 10-06-14-01 TO REDUCE THE LONG TERM SUSPENSION FROM TWENTY-THREE (23) SCHOOL DAYS TO THIRTEEN (13) SCHOOL DAYS AND STUDENT MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 7, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. 4 AYES: RICE, HULL, LAMBERT, THIES; 1 NAY: DOMINIQUE

Discussion Regarding Ongoing Personnel Investigations

Executive Session [2:14]

HULL MOVED, THIES SECONDED, TO RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH BOARD PRESIDENT HAAS BY TELEPHONE WITH THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT TO DISCUSS ONGOING PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND THE IMMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH WOULD CLEARLY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE FINANCES OF THE DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING IF NECESSARY, DIRECTION TO THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT.

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

The board reconvened to executive session at 6:14 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 6:40 p.m. [2:39]

Board Comments/Discussion

None

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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