

**Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Board Of Education**

**Legislative Committee Meeting
Committee of the Whole
November 11, 2014**

MINUTES

Legislative Chair Dominique called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue.

Present:

Wendy Dominique, Chair & Board Vice President
Heidi Haas, Board President
Allyson Lambert, Treasurer
Sue Hull, Member
Sean Rice, Member

Absent:

Lisa Gentry, Board Clerk
Michael O'Brien, Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent of Schools
Sandy Kowalski, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
Dave Norum, Executive Director of Facilities Maintenance
Janet Cobb, Executive Director of Technology
Johanna Carson, Director of Public Relations
Elizabeth Schaffhauser, Director of Employment & Educational Opportunity
Katie Sanders, Director of Library Media Services
Heather Rauenhorst, Director of Grants and Special Programs
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board

Others:

John Ringstad

Legislative Priorities [0:00:48]

The administration presented two flyers, "6 Key Points for Parents" and the board's "2015 Legislative Priorities" for the committee's review. Discussion ensued. It was determined the administration would make minor tweaks to both documents based on committee discussion and bring the 2015 Legislative Priorities before the school board for approval at the December 2 Regular Meeting. After finalizing the 6 Key Points for Parents flyer, it would be disseminated to parents and the community.

Education Legislation/Capital Projects/Funding [0:48:58]

The administration and committee reviewed legislation, capital projects, and funding prospects. Discussion ensued. It was determined the capital projects should be prioritized, with the Barnette Magnet School Renovation Phase IV being the top priority.

Strategies/Communication [1:00:50]

In addition to the previously mentioned flyers, the administration was preparing a legislative/budget webpage with pertinent information for the public. They would also push information to the district's front webpage as warranted. The administration was also preparing packets for the board's upcoming work session with the Interior Delegation. Board members would also be able to use the packets during their visits with legislators. Discussion ensued.

Strategies/Communication (continued)

In regards to mobilizing parents and community members, one suggestion was to provide legislative updates to 2-3 appointed representatives from each school (PTA members, parents, others, etc) through regular conference calls. It was also suggested it might be helpful to have a more personalized approach with how legislators could help their home schools in regards to grant requests.

It was noted the committee should add the topic of Juneau travel and legislative visits to their next committee meeting.

The committee meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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