

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**January 22, 2015**

**Legislative Committee Meeting  
(Committee of the Whole)**

**5:30 p.m.**

Board Room, Administrative Center  
520 Fifth Avenue

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. 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.
- 3. Roll Call**
  - Wendy Dominique, Legislative Chair & Board Vice President
  - Heidi Haas, Board President
  - Allyson Lambert, Board Treasurer
  - Lisa Gentry, Board Clerk
  - Sue Hull, Board Member
  - Michael O'Brien, Board Member
  - Sean Rice, Board Member
- 4. Adoption of the Agenda with Consent Items**
  - Move to adopt the agenda with consent items.
  - Consent Items:
    - \*\*1. November 11, 2014 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
- 5. Public Comments:** *Comments limited to items on the agenda only*
- 6. Legislative Priorities**
- 7. Education Legislation**
- 8. Capital Projects**
- 9. Funding**
- 10. Juneau Travel**
- 11. Strategies**
- 12. Communication & Implementation**
- 13. Board Comments/Announcements**
- 14. Adjournment**

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**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** [0:00:00]

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** [0:00:00]

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** [0:00:00]

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.

# FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

# 2015 Legislative Priorities

The Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education presents its 2015 Legislative priorities to the Interior Delegation, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, and the 29<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature. Our priorities align with the district's vision and mission.

*Vision*  
Excellence and Equity for All

*Mission*  
Provide an excellent and equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students can become productive members of a diverse and changing society.

## Priorities

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE

- Promote Quality Instruction

### PERSONALIZE EDUCATION

- **Expanded Credit Options for High School Students:** \$2,792,311  
Distance Delivery, Online Credit Recovery, Homeschool Expansion
- **Video Surveillance and Technology Upgrades Phase II:** \$2,279,950
- **Student Laptops:** \$1,550,400
- **One-to-One Technology Initiative:** Grade K-3: \$533,710 • Grade K-5: \$824,130

### FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS

- **Capital Funding Requests**
  - **Barnette Magnet School Renovation Phase IV:** \$11,467,095
  - **Joy Roof Replacement:** \$1,102,435
  - **West Valley High School Auditorium Sprinkler System Upgrade:** \$350,000
  - **Replacement of Walk-In Coolers and Freezers District-Wide:** \$885,800
  - **Classroom Furniture Replacement:** \$500,000

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE

#### **Promote Quality Instruction**

The Board requests sustainable funding for education. The Board appreciates the increase in Base Student Allocation last year and the stability of funding in the next two years, but the future allocation is essentially flat. **In order to maintain high quality instruction for students, move forward with innovative education initiatives and keep up with cost increases, additional operating funds are necessary.**

#### **District Cost Factor: \$7,700,000**

The Board requests the legislature offset the loss of equitable funding to the Fairbanks School District that results from the District Cost Factors (DCF) found within the Foundation Formula funding. The DCF are meant to address funding inequities between districts that result from geographical cost differentials. **This year, the Board requests equitable funding through an adjustment to the Fairbanks DCF to address the disparity between high-cost districts.**

#### **Invest in Magnet Schools**

The Board requests expansion of existing one-time state grant funding for new charter schools to include new district magnet schools.

## PERSONALIZE EDUCATION

### 1. **Expanded Credit Options for High School Students: \$2,792,311**

To expand education opportunities for high school students including staffing support and equipment upgrades for the current **distance delivery program (\$1,962,500)**, expansion of **online credit recovery courses (\$493,605)**, and expansion of current **homeschool program (\$336,206)**.

### 2. **Video Surveillance and Technology Upgrades: \$2,279,950**

To complete Phase II of the district's technology infrastructure upgrades, additional funds are needed to supplement state funding provided last year. Upgrades will ensure full preparedness for online statewide tests, student and teacher internet access, access to high quality education resources, and completion of school safety initiatives. Upgrades will also include completion of wireless access points, VoIP, video surveillance, and keyless fob and security systems in all buildings.

### 3. **Student Laptops: \$1,550,400**

To ensure student access to laptops during required online state testing, the Board requests one laptop cart per school at a cost of \$45,600 per school.

### 4. **One-to-One Technology Initiative: Grade K-3: \$533,710 • Grade K-5: \$824,130**

To provide iPads for the implementation of one-to-one technology at five pilot schools both in the classroom and at home after school hours, the Board requests funding for one-to-one technology.

Grade K-3: \$533,710 • Grade K-5: \$824,130

Pilot Schools: Anderson Elementary, Badger Road Elementary, Hunter Elementary, Two Rivers, and Woodriver Elementary

## FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS

### *Priority Capital Project*

### **Barnette Magnet School Phase IV (Final Phase): \$11,467,095**

Barnett is one of the district's oldest schools. Most of the structure is more than 50 years old and major infrastructure systems are wearing out. The facility is not ADA compliant and is in violation of many fire codes. It is structurally deficient in terms of seismic and lateral loads, and the building envelope is in very poor condition. This will be the fourth and final phase to complete a much-needed renovation. Fairbanks voters twice approved expenditures for Phase I and II, and the legislature provided funding for Phase III. Phase IV of the project will complete the renovation of the original 1960's wing and demolish the 1970's addition.

### **Joy Elementary Roof Replacement: \$1,102,435**

Joy was originally built in 1961 with an addition completed in 1989. The current roof is now 11 years past the manufacturer's recommended life span, and the school experiences many leaks. Maintenance costs to the district total more than \$13,000 in the past 3 years, and the situation continues to worsen. The requested funding will provide for removal of existing roofing and insulation, inspection of roof decking for welding and structural deficiencies, and the installation of new vapor barrier, insulation, membrane and flashing.

### **West Valley High School Auditorium Sprinkler System Upgrade: \$350,000**

The West Valley High School Performing Arts Center has a fire sprinkler system that does not meet coverage as recommended by Factory Mutual, the school district's insurance carrier. Fire sprinkler coverage is obstructed by acoustical panels and will require redesign and alteration of the system in order to provide comprehensive fire system coverage.

### **Replacement of Walk-in Coolers and Freezers District-Wide: \$885,800**

The majority of the walk-in coolers and freezers in district schools are in need of replacement. Many of the existing units have been in operation since the original opening dates of schools. Inefficient units, equipment failures, and ongoing maintenance contribute to higher than necessary operating costs.

### **Classroom Furniture Replacement: \$500,000**

Schools across the district are in need of replacement furniture. Top priorities include replacing student desks and chairs, kindergarten furniture, and cafeteria tables. Schools currently work with the facilities department to repair furniture to the degree possible. The items requested have deteriorated to the point where regular maintenance and repairs are no longer successful in extending the life of the furniture.

