

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

March 13, 2015

President Haas called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The special meeting was called for an update regarding the former superintendent's employment termination action to address a time sensitive order from the arbitrator, to include a possible executive session with the borough attorney's office and outside counsel to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege, including to provide direction to the attorney in the handling of 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
Lisa Gentry, Clerk
Sue Hull, Member (By Phone)
Michael O'Brien, Member
Sean Rice, Member

Absent:

Allyson Lambert, Treasurer

Staff Present:

Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Others:

Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney (By Phone)
Brewster Jamieson, Attorney, Lane Powell PC (By Phone)

Public Testimony – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:00:44]

With no members of the public present, President Haas did not call for public testimony.

Update regarding the former superintendent's employment termination action [0:00:51]

President Haas stated the arbitrator in the Lewis matter had ordered the production of documents the board had asserted were protected by the attorney client privilege. The board needed to decide how to proceed in light of the order; whether the board would comply and the risks of doing so, or whether the board would appeal, or another option in which the board could provide direction to the attorney. President Haas suggested the board move into executive session to receive legal advice and hear the available options and the risks or benefits of each.

Executive Session [0:01:22]

GENTRY MOVED, RICE SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, OUTSIDE COUNSEL, AND BOARD MEMBER HULL, ALL VIA TELEPHONIC MEANS, TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE REGARDING THE FORMER SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION ACTION TO ADDRESS A TIME SENSITIVE ORDER FROM THE ARBITRATOR, AND TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE ATTORNEY IN THE HANDLING OF THE LITIGATION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE CONSENT OF FOUR MEMBERS
(RICE, GENTRY, DOMINIQUE, HAAS)

Executive Session (continued)

The board convened to executive session at 1:01 p.m.

Mr. O'Brien arrived at 1:02 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 1:35 p.m. [0:01:47]

Board Comments/Discussion

None

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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