

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

Special Meeting

MINUTES

May 4, 2015

Mrs. Lambert, board treasurer, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the boardroom of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue. The special meeting was called to discuss student discipline matters and Education Support Staff Association (ESSA) negotiations.

Mrs. Lambert 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:

Wendy Dominique, Vice President
Allyson Lambert, Treasurer
Lisa Gentry, Clerk
Sue Hull, Member
Michael O'Brien, Member

Absent:

Heidi Haas, President
Sean Rice, Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent
Shaun Kraska, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Ivory McDaniel, Investigation Specialist & Hearing Officer
Mario Gatto, Principal on Special Assignment/Acting Head Negotiator
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Others:

John Sedor, Outside Counsel, Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans, Filippi
Rene' Broker, Borough Attorney
Jill Dolan, Assistant Borough Attorney

Public Testimony – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:00:52]

Irene Matheis, 2118 South Cushman, ESSA president, appreciated the board's work on the budget, but hoped the board did not intent to balance the budget on the backs of ESSA staff. She spoke to the bargaining delays and hoped the board would honor the bargaining process. Ms. Matheis encouraged the board to begin bargaining before the end of the school year.

Executive Session for Student Discipline [0:03:41]

An executive session was called to hear student discipline matters.

HULL MOVED, O'BRIEN SECONDED, TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO HEAR STUDENT DISCIPLINE MATTERS 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
(O'BRIEN, HULL, GENTRY, LAMBERT)

The board convened to executive session at 5:37 p.m.

Vice President Dominique arrived at 5:38 p.m. and joined the executive session.

The executive session recessed at 6:29 p.m. with Vice President Dominique presiding. [0:04:07]

Student Discipline [0:04:15]

HULL MOVED, LAMBERT SECONDED, TO:

PLACE STUDENT 05-04-15-01 ON LONG-TERM SUSPENSION FOR THIRTY (30) SCHOOL DAYS; FURTHER STUDENT SHOULD ENROLL IN THE SMART PROGRAM AND STUDENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR, AUGUST 19, 2015.

PLACE STUDENT 05-04-15-02 ON LONG-TERM SUSPENSION FOR THIRTY (30) SCHOOL DAYS; FURTHER STUDENT SHOULD ENROLL IN THE SMART PROGRAM AND STUDENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MAY 20, 2015.

PLACE STUDENT 05-04-15-03 ON LONG-TERM SUSPENSION FOR THIRTY (30) SCHOOL DAYS; FURTHER STUDENT SHOULD ENROLL IN THE SMART PROGRAM AND STUDENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR, AUGUST 19, 2015.

PLACE STUDENT 05-04-15-04 ON LONG-TERM SUSPENSION FOR THIRTY (30) SCHOOL DAYS; FURTHER STUDENT SHOULD ENROLL IN THE SMART PROGRAM AND STUDENT MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR, AUGUST 19, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. 5 AYES
(O'BRIEN, HULL, GENTRY, LAMBERT, DOMINIQUE)

ESSA Negotiations [0:04:52]

Vice President Dominique recused herself from the ESSA negotiations matter and executive session due to her son's affiliation with ESSA and handed the gavel to Mrs. Lambert.

Executive Session for ESSA Update [0:05:03]

An executive session was called to receive an update on ESSA negotiations and provide direction to the negotiator.

GENTRY MOVED, HULL SECONDED, TO RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE REGARDING ESSA NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE BOARD'S GOALS TO THE NEGOTIATOR, TO INCLUDE THE CFO FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING SALARY AND BENEFIT INFORMATION.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE CONSENT OF FOUR MEMBERS
(O'BRIEN, HULL, GENTRY, LAMBERT) (DOMINIQUE RECUSED)

The board reconvened to executive session at 6:32 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 6:55 p.m. [0:05:30]

Mrs. Lambert turned the gavel back to Vice President Dominique.

Board Comments/Discussion

None

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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