

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Valdez City Council Chambers
MINUTES

Monday, April 25, 2005, 6:30 P.M.

A. **PRELIMINARIES**

1. Call to Order:

Vice President Doug Desorcie called the regular meeting of Monday, April 25, 2005 to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Vice President Desorcie led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Board members in attendance:

Douglas Desorcie, Vice President
Melodie Mackey, Board Clerk
Laurie Hull-Engles, Board Member

Administration in attendance:

Dave McCahan, Facilities Director
Clarence Haugan, Special Education Coordinator
Tracy Pressley, District Test Coordinator and
Counselor

Duane Edelman, President, attended by telephone from Juneau, Alaska
Dolores Gard, Treasurer, attended by telephone from Juneau, Alaska
Douglas Johnson, Legislative Liaison, attended by telephone from Juneau, Alaska
Ernie Manzie, Superintendent, attended by telephone from Juneau, Alaska
Amber Cockerham, Business Manager, attended by telephone from Juneau, Alaska
Dr. Lance Bowie, incoming superintendent, attended by telephone from Juneau, Alaska

Kathleen Todd, Board Member, was absent and excused.

Joseph Tapangco, Student Board Representative was absent and excused.

The approximate number of the other people in attendance was two.

B. **AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Agenda:

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY
MELODIE MACKAY, SECOND BY LAURIE HULL-ENGLES. VOTE: 6 YEAS,**

1 ABSENT AND EXCUSED (KATHLEEN TODD), MOTION PASSED.

2. Presentation of Agenda Items

Vice President Desorcie read the agenda to the Board and public.

Board member Kathleen Todd arrived at 6:35 p.m.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, April 11, 2005

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 11, 2005 AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY MELODIE MACKKEY, SECOND BY LAURIE HULL-ENGLES. VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

2. Special Meeting, April 18, 2005

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING APRIL 18, 2005 AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD, SECOND BY LAURIE HULL-ENGLES. VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

There were no special presentations.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Desorcie asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

F. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT'S QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Superintendent Manzie reported:

The typing for School Board Articles 4000 and 5000 should be completed by Monday, May 2, 2005. The Board will need to schedule a public hearing for Article 5000 in the near future. Article 4000 will be reviewed by administration before coming to the Board. The second reading for Article 6000 is scheduled for the May 9, 2005 board meeting.

The Personnel Action Report was approved by consent agenda this evening. The report included the tenure teacher contracts which were signed and returned, and also a full time high school math position that was changed to a half (.5) time position. The money from

the other half of the math position will be put into reserves. The Board may decide what to do with that money at a later date.

The non tenure contracts are due to the district office on April 27, 2005. The non tenure contracts and the extra curricular activity contracts will be brought before the Board at the next regular meeting on May 9, 2005.

President Edelman gave a review of the legislative trip thus far. On Saturday and Sunday they attended the Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB) Conference where legislative strategies and agendas were discussed. On Monday they had numerous appointments with legislative Representatives and Senators. In the evening they attended a reception at the Governors' Mansion.

The school districts in attendance at the AASB conference are in agreement regarding the following issues, and have aligned their positions for presentations to legislators:

PERS/TRS: Delay final action for one year so that research is done to assure a competitive retirement program for the state of Alaska. It is important that highly qualified teachers are attracted and retained in the state of Alaska.

SEPARATE SENATE BILL 141 FROM HOUSE BILL 1: Separate the Student Base Allocation from PERS/TRS and deal with each issue separately. The allocation of \$4,919. includes PERS/TRS funding and does not allow enough money for student education funding.

DISTRICT COST STUDY: AASB and Valdez support immediate implementation of the ISER District Cost Study. Many districts have been seriously under funded. Alaska needs fair distribution of funding.

CONSTRUCTION: AASB supports building and maintaining school facilities as presented in Senate Bill 155 and House Bill 13.

Board members will meet with the City of Valdez lobbyist tomorrow morning to share the above talking points, which would benefit education in Valdez.

A report by Student Board Representative Joseph Tapangco, was read by Board member Mackey.

The Student Council finished rewriting their Constitution and By-Laws. Election of officers will be April 28th and 29th with the results announced on May 2nd. The Junior Prom "Red Carpet Affair" will be on April 30th and nominations for King and Queen are in process. The following sports are in progress: Track and Field, Baseball, Softball and Native Youth Olympics. Other happenings are the Economy Class - MarioKart: Double Dash Tournament, Career Day, Business Professionals of America (BPA) are competing

nationally in California, and Valdez City School District received superior awards at the Music Festival and for the first time; all of the large performing groups received superior awards.

G. ACTION ITEMS: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approval of School Board Article 1000 – Community Relations - Second Reading

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF SCHOOL BOARD ARTICLE 1000 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS, WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005, WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD, SECOND BY DOLORES GARD.

Vice President Desorcie asked for public comment. There was no comment from the public.

VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

2. Approval of School Board Article 7000 – New Construction - Second Reading

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF SCHOOL BOARD ARTICLE 7000 – NEW CONSTRUCTION, WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005, WAS MADE BY MELODIE MACKEY, SECOND BY DOUGLAS JOHNSON.

Vice President Desorcie asked for public comment. There was no comment from the public.

VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

H. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve FY'06 Valdez City School District Budget

MOVE TO APPROVE THE FY'06 VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD, SECOND BY MELODIE MACKEY.

Business Manager, Amber Cockerham, was available for questions.

Board member Todd asked administration to make adjustments in the area of fees and travel to reflect higher costs to the district. Administration agreed and noted the requests. There was discussion among the Board.

MOVE TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF

THE FY'06 BUDGET \$10,907,375.68, FIGURED ON A BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION OF \$4,576., WITH \$6,120,459. TO BE FUNDED BY THE CITY OF VALDEZ.

Vice President Desorcie asked for public comment on the amendment. There was no comment from the public.

Vice President Desorcie called for the vote on the amendment.

VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

Vice President Desorcie asked for public comment on the motion. There was no comment from the public.

Vice President Desorcie called for the vote on the motion.

VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

President Edelman reminded the Board that the budget figure is tentative. This figure is needed by the City of Valdez by May 2, 2005. The Board will know more when the legislature completes their session in fifteen days. Whether there will be more or less money, the Board will need to revisit the budget and make adjustment decisions.

The budget which will be presented to the City of Valdez on May 2, 2005 will be on the district website and available at the schools and the district office for public comment.

2. Approval of Submission of the Department of Education – Special Education Title VI-B Grant

MOVE TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION TITLE VI-B GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,078.80. WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD, SECOND BY MELODIE MACKEY.

Clarence Haugan, Special Education Coordinator, reviewed the grant and answered questions of the Board. Mr. Haugan said the grant is based on three factors; the child count on Individual Education Plans (IEP's) in 1998, the total student enrollment and the poverty level. The money will be used for salaries and inservice training.

Vice President Desorcie asked for public comment. There was no comment from the public.

VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

2. Approval of Submission of Department of Education – Section 619 Pre-School

Grant

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SECTION 619 PRE-SCHOOL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,399.27 WAS MADE BY MELODIE MACKEY, SECOND BY KATHLEEN TODD.

Clarence Haugan, Special Education Coordinator, reviewed the grant and answered questions of the Board. Mr. Haugan said the grant is based on three factors; the child count on Individual Education Plans (IEP's) in 1996, the total student enrollment and the poverty level. This grant is down approximately \$2,000. from last year due to lower total student enrollment. The money will be used for a paraprofessional salary and classroom supplies.

Vice President Desorcie asked for public comment. There was no comment from the public.

VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

I. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. Middle School Construction Update

Superintendent Manzie reported to the Board. The weekly meetings by telephone are continuing. Prochaska will be in Valdez for a site visit on May 9, 2005. He will give a special presentation during the board meeting that evening. The board members the opportunity to ask specific questions of Prochaska.

President Edelman said the district and Prochaska are making progress toward completing drawings to be presented to the City for discussion on action to be taken.

Board member Laurie Hull-Engles asked about an article for the newspaper Superintendent Manzie and the City were going to put together. Superintendent Manzie said he had drafted the article and sent it to the former City Manager. The article became bogged down at the City during the transition. He will follow up with the City. Ms. Engles suggested the article include the information about Prochaska being present at the May 9, 2005 board meeting in case the public would like to attend and ask questions.

2. District Test Coordinator's Report (Consent Agenda)

3. Facility Director's Report (Consent Agenda)

4. Financial Report (Consent Agenda)

5. Personnel Action Report (Consent Agenda)

J. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

Board member Todd asked Tracy Pressley, District Test Coordinator, how many total days of instruction were taken to achieve the excellent attendance of the High School Graduation Qualification Exam and Student Based Assessment. Ms. Pressley answered three days of testing and three days of make up, for a total of six days.

Superintendent Manzie thanked Flynn Stuparich, administrative assistant to the superintendent and the board of education, for scheduling the legislator appointments. He thanked Representative Harris and his staff for the use of their office for the board meeting conference call, and Melissa Reese and the members of the Valdez High School Business Professionals of America for producing the brochure they took to Juneau for lobbying purposes.

Vice President Desorcie thanked the board members in Juneau for working so hard in support of the educational services of Valdez City School District. He urged the public to contact their legislators and express their views. The last fifteen days are important and public input is recognized.

President Edelman also urged the public to contact all of the legislators to support educational funding. The public may email legislators or visit the Legislative Information Office (LIO) to give input.

The Board thanked Dr. Bowie for taking his time to attend the AASB Legislative Fly In.

There were no further comments from the Board or Superintendent.

K. ADJOURNMENT BY 10:30 P.M. UNLESS RULES SUSPENDED

**MOTION TO ADJOURN (7:28 P.M.) WAS MADE BY DOLORES GARD,
SECOND BY KATHLEEN TODD. VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.**

Submitted by,

D. Flynn Stuparich
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Board Approval Date: May 9, 2005

Douglas Desorcie, Vice President

Melodie Mackey, Board Clerk