

School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 10, 2005

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Valdez City Council Chambers
MINUTES

Monday, October 10, 2005, 7:30 P.M.

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order:

Treasurer Gard called the regular meeting of Monday, October 10, 2005, to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Treasurer Gard led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Board members in attendance:

Dolores Gard, Treasurer
Douglas Johnson, Leg. Liaison
Kathleen Todd, Board Member

Administration in attendance:

Lance S. Bowie EdD, Superintendent
Amber Cockerham, Business Manager
Dave McCahan, Facilities Director
Terry Gregory, Technology Director
Roz Strang, Principal HHES

Duane Edelman, President attended via telephone.

Kelly Walker, Student Board Representative was in attendance.

The approximate number of the other people in attendance was 12.

4. Oath of Office for New School Board Members

Sheri Pierce, Valdez City Clerk, swore in reelected School Board Member Melodie Mackey and newly elected Laurie Hull-Engles. She congratulated them, and they took their seats with the other Board members.

5. School Board Officer Elections

The gavel was passed to Lance S. Bowie EdD, Superintendent of Valdez City School District, to conduct the election of president.

Superintendent Bowie called for nominations for Valdez City School Board President. Board member Mackey nominated Duane Edelman, second by Board member Johnson. Board member Gard moved to close the nominations, second by Board member Mackey. The Board members voted. **VOTE: 6 YEAS.** Board

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member Duane Edelman will serve as the president of the school board for the next year.

Superintendent Bowie passed the gavel to reelected President Edelman.

President Edelman passed the gavel to Treasurer Gard.

Treasurer Gard called for nominations for Valdez City School Board Vice President. Board member Johnson nominated Dolores Gard, second by Board member Todd. Board member Mackey moved to close the nominations, second by Board member Johnson. The Board members voted. **VOTE: 6 YEAS.** Board member Dolores Gard will serve as the vice president of the school board for the next year.

Vice President Gard called for nominations for Valdez City School Board Treasurer. Board member Mackey nominated Laurie Hull-Engles, second by Board member Johnson. Board member Johnson moved to close the nominations, second by Board member Mackey. The Board members voted. **VOTE: 6 YEAS.** Board member Laurie Hull-Engles will serve as the treasurer of the school board for the next year.

Vice President Gard called for nominations for Valdez City School Board Clerk. Board member Todd nominated Melodie Mackey, second by Board member Johnson. Board member Johnson moved to close the nominations, second by Board member Mackey. The Board members voted. **VOTE: 6 YEAS.** Board member Melodie Mackey will serve as the board clerk of the school board for the next year.

B. AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: REMOVE THE PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA, AND ADD PERSONNEL MATTERS AS NUMBER TWO UNDER EXECUTIVE SESSION, WAS MADE BY MELODIE MACKEY, SECOND BY DOUGLAS JOHNSON. VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

2. Presentation of Agenda Items

Treasurer Gard read the agenda to the Board and public.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, September 26, 2005

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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN
TODD, SECOND BY DOUGLAS JOHNSON. VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION
PASSED.**

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

There was no special presentation this evening.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

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

Superintendent Bowie reported:

District Vans: Two white school vans have been repaired and are now road-worthy. The other two white vans are being auctioned by the District. Presently, there is an "Invitation to Bid" advertised in the community. The bidding process will continue until October 21, 2005. One new truck was ordered and the district is waiting for delivery. When the new truck arrives the 1979 Ford 4x4 Pick Up Truck, purchased by the district on January 1, 1979, will be auctioned by Invitation to Bid.

School Schedules: The Board received a copy of the Hermon Hutchens schedule this evening. Please disregard the schedule in the Board reading file, it has been replaced.

D.I.T.E.P. Training: The D.I.T.E.P. Training was given on October 11th and 12th, 2005. It was exceptional. The information and trainers were very helpful and informative. This training program was a success. Many of the staff members thanked administration for presenting this training.

Student Enrollment: The student enrollment is 799, 3 students withdrew from Hermon Hutchens Elementary School last week. The official student count for the State of Alaska is in process and will continue until October 28, 2005. The district projected 800 as the student enrollment count. Administration is hoping to receive more students soon.

President Edelman reported:

D.I.T.E.P. Training: President Edelman said he has received phone calls and comments from parents and staff thanking the district for the D.I.T.E.P. training. The response has been very positive.

Bus Driving Skills: President Edelman received a telephone call from a concerned parent. The parent said that there were some parents and teachers being trained to drive the activity buses. There was concern because the newly trained and licensed drivers were immediately transporting students to activities in other communities. The concern

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was for student safety during winter weather conditions. President Edelman told the parent, public and Board that the small activity buses are only a little larger than the vans that were formerly driven and are much safer, and very easy to drive. The drivers are trained and the district has been pleased with the training and the driving abilities thus far.

Wrestling Meet: There will be a home Wrestling Meet "Throw Down in Snow Town", October 14th and 15th, 2005, Friday and Saturday. There will be wrestlers coming from other communities to compete. Volunteers are needed. Please call Barb Lyons (835-4767) or Duane Edelman (255-7624) if you are available to help.

Kelly Walker, Student Board Representative reported:

The Student Council set goals. This is the first time this has been done for at least six years. The following four goals were set: 1. To learn and practice Parliamentary Procedure at meetings; 2. Increase participation in running and voting for class officers; 3. Have more than \$4,000.00 in Student Council Activities Account by the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

Student Council Activities: There will be a Halloween Costume Dance with the Teen Center. Fire Chief George Keeney was a guest speaker at the Student Council meeting last Wednesday. He asked for volunteers for the Mass Flu Drill on October 25, 2005. This week the Student Council landscaped and did yard work for Dorothy Moore who donated money to the Student Council. The Student Council is available and looking for odd jobs to do for community members, in hopes of receiving donations. Please contact Joe Tapangco at Valdez High School (835-4767).

Student Body: Intramural Standings are: Sophomores 1st, Juniors 2nd Seniors 3rd and Freshman 4th. This week they are finishing the Ultimate Frisbee and starting on the Ping Pong Tournament. Students are excited to participate. The Intramural Coordinator, a newly elected position on the Student Council, is keeping the Intramural Activities on track this year. Clubs, NHS and BPA are doing the Red Ribbon Coffeeshouse with Mrs. Riddle's assistance. This will happen November 1st through the 7th, 2005. School Board members are invited. There will be hot drinks, desserts, comedy acts and musicians from Valdez High School. The Drama Club is performing the play "12 Angry Jurors". Battle of the Books is putting on a Food Drive this month. The Small Business Management Class/NHS has the school store up and running. The Yearbook Club had sales last week and they will be busy in the evenings working on the yearbook. The Travel Club is working on various fundraisers.

Sports: Swimming traveled this weekend to Palmer and Wasilla. They swam very well. The Wrestling Team attended their first meet in Huston. They did very well for their first meet of the season. The Valdez runners were assisted by their war-paint. They ran a good race. Football finished their season after they went to Delta last weekend. They have continued to improve over the last three years. They are a young team.

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Foreign Exchange Students: We have six foreign exchange students this year. This is the most in the history of Valdez High School. They all came to this meeting to introduce themselves to the Board and public.

The six foreign exchange students introduced themselves and expressed that they were pleased to be in Valdez, Alaska. Many of them said they like snow very much and are looking forward to the winter season.

Douglas Desorcie called in to the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and attended the meeting by phone.

Vice President Gard swore in reelected Douglas Desorcie as a School Board Member.

G. ACTION ITEMS: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of the DFCS Coalition – Hermon Hutchens All Time Blast Grant

There was discussion among the Board regarding why more funds were given than the submission amount on the form. Business Manager Cockerham told the Board there were more funds available for distribution than originally expected. The funds received matched a larger dollar request that was made earlier when more funds were thought to be available for distribution to the Valdez community.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE VALDEZ DRUG FREE COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM COALITION – HERMON HUTCHENS ALL TIME BLAST GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,788.00 WAS MADE BY MELODIE MACKEY, SECOND BY DOUGLAS JOHNSON. VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED

2. Acceptance of the DFCS Coalition – Gilson After The Bell Grant

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE VALDEZ DRUG FREE COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM COALITION – GILSON AFTER THE BELL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,216.20 WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD, SECOND BY DOUGLAS JOHNSON. VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED

H. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Appointments 2005-2006
 - a. Certified Sick Leave Bank Committee – Appoint Two Board Members

There was discussion among the Board. Board members Douglas Johnson and Duane Edelman were appointed to serve on the Certified Sick Leave Bank Committee.

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b. Classified Sick Leave Committee – Appoint Two Board Members

There was discussion among the Board. Board members and Melodie Mackey and Laurie Hull-Engles were appointed to serve on the Classified Sick Leave Bank Committee.

c. Legislative Liaison – Appoint One Board Member

There was discussion among the Board. Board member Douglas Johnson was appointed to serve as the Legislative Liaison.

I. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1. FY'07 Budget Calendar

Superintendent Bowie and Business Manager Cockerham gave a copy of the ` FY'07 Budget Calendar to the Board. The calendar was reviewed. Dr. Bowie noted that it will be important to keep the staff, public and administration involved throughout the entire budget process. All departments are developing goals that align with the Valdez City School District Goals, recently approved by the Board. The budget should reflect the goals that have been established. Administration asked the Board to review the calendar and give input between now and the next board meeting, October 24, 2005, when it will appear as a new business action item for approval.

The Board was very interested in the goals of the departments. Superintendent Bowie told the Board he would include a copy of the department goals in the board packet next regular meeting.

Business Manager Cockerham asked the Board to please recruit community members to serve on the Budget Committee.

Board member Johnson suggested the Board consider having another work session to discuss 2006 Legislative Priorities, which would help board members lobby efficiently for Valdez City School District.

2. Technology Director's Report (Consent Agenda)

3. Dean of Students Report (Consent Agenda)

4. Personnel Action Report

There was discussion among the Board about the need for an additional special education paraprofessional. Business Manager Cockerham explained there was a need for services regarding an intensive needs student. Federal money will pay for a portion of this position.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED OCTOBER 10, 2005 WAS MADE BY MELODIE MACKEY, SECOND BY DOUGLAS JOHNSON. VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

J. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

Vice President Gard thanked everyone for attending in person and by radio. She asked drivers to be careful and cautious, and to please watch for students on the streets. Winter weather is fast approaching and driving speeds should be reduced.

There were no further comments from Superintendent Bowie or the Board.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Student Matters

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (8:55 P.M.) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING STUDENT MATTERS, A SUBJECT THAT TENDS TO PRJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD, SECOND BY DOUGLAS JOHNSON. VOTE: 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

Board member Desorcie left the meeting (8:56 p.m.).

MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:15 P.M.) WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD, SECOND BY LAURIE HULL-ENGLES. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 ABSENT AND EXCUSED (DOUGLAS DESORCIE), MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO APPROVE REQUESTS, WAIVING THE TIME-LINE, FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS COMPLETED IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE APPLIED TO STUDENT NUMBER: 10.10.05.02, 10.10.05.03, 10.10.05.04, 10.10.06 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, PER BOARD POLICY BP 6146.11, B, WAS MADE BY MELODIE MACKEY, SECOND BY KATHLEEN TODD. VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 ABSENT AND EXCUSED (DOUGLAS DESORCIE), MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS, WAIVING THE TIME-LINE, FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS COMPLETED IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, EXCLUDING MATH CREDITS, TO BE APPLIED TO STUDENT NUMBER: 10.10.05.05 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, AND REGARDING STUDENT NUMBER: 10.10.05.01 TO APPROVE ALL CREDITS COMPLETED IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, NOT TO EXCLUDE MATH CREDIT WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR, TO BE INCLUDED ON THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, PER BOARD POLICY BP 6146.11, A PARAGRAPH 3, WAS MADE BY MELODIE MACKEY, SECOND BY DOUGLAS JOHNSON. VOTE: 4 YEAS, 2 NAYS (KATHLEEN TODD AND LAURIE

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**HULL-ENGLES), 1 ABSENT AND EXCUSED (DOUGLAS DESORCIE),
MOTION PASSED.**

President Edelman left the meeting (9:25 p.m.)

2. Personnel Matters

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:26 P.M.) FOR THE
PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS, A SUBJECT
THAT TENDS TO PRJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER
OF ANY PERSON WAS MADE BY DOUGLAS JOHNSON, SECOND BY
MELODIE MACKEY. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 2 ABSENT AND EXCUSED
(DOUGLAS DESORCIE AND DUANE EDELMAN), MOTION PASSED.**

There was no action taken regarding personnel matters.

**MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:45 P.M.) WAS MADE BY
KATHLEEN TODD, SECOND BY LAURIE HULL-ENGLES. VOTE: 5
YEAS, 2 ABSENT AND EXCUSED (DOUGLAS DESORCIE AND DUANE
EDELMAN), MOTION PASSED.**

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN (9:46 P.M.) WAS MADE BY DOUGLAS
JOHNSON, SECOND BY MELODIE MACKEY. VOTE: 5 YEAS, 2
ABSENT AND EXCUSED (DOUGLAS DESORCIE AND DUANE
EDELMAN), MOTION PASSED.**

Submitted by,

D. Flynn Stuparich
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Board Approval Date: October 24, 2005

Duane Edelman, Board President

Melodie Mackey, Board Clerk