

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
School District Board Room

MINUTES

Monday, November 9, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order

Board Treasurer Dolores Gard called the Valdez Board of Education regular meeting of Monday, November 9, 2009, to order at 6:31 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Treasurer Gard led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

**Board members in attendance:**

Dolores Gard, Board Treasurer  
Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk  
Dan Walker, Board Member  
David Lawrence, Board Member

**Administration in attendance:**

Lance S. Bowie, EdD, Superintendent  
Rod Morrison, Principal GJH  
Amber Cockerham, Business Manager

Laurie Hull-Engles, President, Grace Huhndorf, Vice President, Duane Edelman, Board Member, and Quinn Verfaillie, Student Representative, were absent and excused.

No other persons were present for the meeting.

B. AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda:

**MOTION WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:**

- **ACCEPTANCE OF A REVISED RECOMMENDATION FOR ITEM G.1. – APPROVE TWO-YEAR CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS;**
- **DEFERMENT OF ITEM G.2 – APPROVE FUNDS FOR IMPACT SOFTWARE TEST PROGRAM \$500.00 – TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING;**
- **ACCEPTANCE OF A REVISED PERSONNEL REPORT (ITEM H.4.); and**
- **REMOVAL OF ITEM K. – EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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**VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.**

Upon adoption of the agenda and therefore acceptance by consent of the Personnel Report, Dolores Gard welcomed Cynthia Shidner and Nina Kraft to the staff of Valdez City Schools.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Gilson Junior High School Technology – Principal Rod Morrison

Principal Morrison reported

- Junior high students use their laptops every day across the curriculum;
- The computer commons area sees high usage every day;
- The maintenance and technology departments are working towards a solution for improved charging stations;
- The district is awaiting clearance from the fire marshal regarding the computer commons area. The final report has a direct impact on whether or not additional funds are available for equipment in the Commons.
- Bandwidth appears to handle multiple simultaneous log-ons;
- The desktop computers that previously occupied the commons space had been moved to the high school; and
- Future training needs are being evaluated.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

E. REPORTS

1. Student Board Representative – no report.

2. Superintendent

Superintendent Bowie

- provided Board Members with copies of the most current Alaska Department of Education and Early Development rankings for FY2011 Capital Improvement Projects under both the School Construction Grant Fund and the Major Maintenance Grant Fund and reported that Ben Olds would be present at the next regular meeting to discuss the reports with board members;
- reported that the Alaska Commissioner of Education had asked him to serve on the Virtual Schools Committee which will require Dr. Bowie to be in Juneau for 2-3 days in the coming weeks. Dr. Bowie will advise board members of the exact dates when they are made known.

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3. Members of the Board

Board Treasurer Gard

- presented Board Clerk Todd with a Distinguished Service Award from the National School Board Association for “commitment to American children through school leadership.”
- reported that Board Member Edelman had been re-elected to a three-year term as a Director on the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Board.

F. ACTION ITEMS: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

G. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Two-Year Calendar Committee Members

**MOTION MADE BY DAN WALKER AND SECONDED TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBER KATHLEEN TODD, BOARD MEMBER DOLORES GARD, AND RAY SUTTON TO THE TWO-YEAR CALENDAR COMMITTEE WITH A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED TO ALLOW ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO ALSO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.**

**VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.**

H. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved by consent with the adoption of the agenda:

1. Minutes: Regular Board Meeting, October 26, 2009
2. Minutes: Special Board Meeting, October 26, 2009
3. Minutes: Special Board Meeting, November 2, 2009
4. Personnel Action Report
5. Financial Report
6. Maintenance and Operations Report
7. Technology Report
8. Valdez High School Report
9. Gilson Junior High School Report
10. Hermon Hutchens Elementary School Report
11. Special Education Report
12. Activities Report
13. Approve Second Reading of Bylaws of the Board BB 9110 Board Membership
14. Approve Second Reading of Bilingual-Bicultural Education/Limited English Proficiency BP 6174(a-f)

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I. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Valdez City School District Request to the City of Valdez

Business Manager Amber Cockerham reported that the City Manager has budgeted approximately \$9.2 million for Valdez City Schools for 2010 and that the City Council members indicated they would unanimously support this request. Additionally the City Manager has budgeted for the establishment of a Stabilization Fund to bridge the difference between the City's and School District's fiscal years allowing the City and District budget numbers to match.

Dan Walker left the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

J. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Board Treasurer Gard commented that due to a change in the City Council's meeting schedule, the next regular school board meeting is scheduled at the same time as the City Council's next meeting which is also their final budget hearing. Treasurer Gard commented that the School Board may wish to consider changing meeting times if it is determined to be necessary or beneficial to attend the City's meeting.

Board Treasurer Gard asked how changes in enrollment during the official count period affected the District budget. Business Manager Cockerham replied that the decrease in regular enrollment was offset by an increase in intensive needs enrollment and that the dollar amounts involved result in a zero net change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

This item was removed during adoption of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M. by unanimous consent of the Board Members present.

Submitted by

Board Approval Date: November 23, 2009

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Anita Franciosi  
Administrative Secretary

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Dolores Gard, Board Treasurer

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Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk