

Valdez City School District
Board of Education

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Board Room

MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2010, 6:30 P.M.

A. **PRELIMINARIES**

1. Call to Order

President Hull-Engles called the regular meeting of Monday, February 10, 2010, to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

President Hull-Engles led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Board members in attendance:

Laurie Hull-Engles, President
Dolores Gard, Treasurer
Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk
Duane Edelman, Board Member
Dan Walker, Board Member

Administration in attendance:

Amber Cockerham, Business Manager

Grace Huhndorf, Vice President and Dave Lawrence, Board Member were absent and excused.

Student Board Representative Quinn Verfaillie was absent and excused.

Lance S. Bowie EdD, Superintendent was absent and excused.

Other people in attendance: None

B. **AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY DOLORES GARD AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2010 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

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- **REMOVE: EXECUTIVE SESSION NUMBER ONE, TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS;**
 - **ADD: LANUGAGE TO ITEM TWO UNDER H. ACTION ITEMS; NEW BUSINESS TO READ: APPROVE THE OFFERING OF 2010-2011 VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS;**
 - **ADD: THE WORD “REVISED” BEFORE ITEM ONE AND TWO UNDER I CONSENT AGENDA TO READ: REVISED MINUTES : REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 25, 2010 AND REVISED PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT;**
- VOTE: 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.**

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

There was no special presentation this evening.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no comment by the public.

E. REPORTS

1. Student Board Representative – Quinn Verfaillie

There was no report given.

2. District – Superintendent Lance S. Bowie EdD

There was no report given.

3. Board – Members of the Board

President Hull-Engles reported the following to the Board:

- **AASB Conference/Legislative News:** The AASB Legislative Fly In Conference was very beneficial. Copies of the Initiatives of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and 2010 Education Priorities for AASB were made available for the Board and will be sent out via email. Additionally, a copy will be put in the February 22, 2010 Board Reading File. President Hull-Engles noted the climate of education finances was positive in Juneau. The status of Bills were discussed. According to Eddy Jeans the status of the Valdez Bond of 2003 is alive and well and more information will be given to the Board during the next regular meeting, February 22, 2010.
- **AASB Conference/Students:** The students were very sharp and spoke well. They will be doing a written report of their experiences.
- The following legislative information handouts will be included in the February 22, 2010 Board Reading File:

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- *Key Legislative Issues & Bill Review by Carl Rose* (AASB power point presentation)
- *An Initiative Creating an Alaska Anti-Corruption Act*
- *Alaska Municipal League Resolution # 2010-08*
- *Memorandum from Representative Jay Ramras re: 07ANCO (Anti-Corruption Initiative)*
- *Summary of high school curriculum and performance variables from "The Toolbox Revisited"*

Board member Duane Edelman suggested the members of the Board keep in touch with the progress of the Bills as they move through the legislative process. He noted the process can move very quickly this time of year.

F. ACTION ITEMS: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approve Second Reading of AASB Board Policy Update
 - a. Education of Native/Indian Children BP 6174.1 (a-e)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF EDUCATION OF NATIVE/INDIAN CHILDREN BP 6174.7 (A-E) WAS MADE BY DOLORES GARD AND SECONDED.

VOTE: 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

G. ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve 2010 Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Dues

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2010 ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA SCHOOL BOARDS DUES FOR VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,215.00 WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED.

VOTE: 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

2. Approve Valdez City School District Certified and Classified Voluntary Severance Plans

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE PLANS WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED.

The VCSD's Attorney at Law, John Sedor, joined the meeting by telephone conference.

The VCSD Certified and Classified Voluntary Severance Plans (VSP) were reviewed. The Board directed Mr. Sedor to include language that would recognize part time employment that cumulatively would be equivalent to 15 or more years. Additionally,

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the Board agreed that a certified employee who takes the VSP would not be allowed employment with VCSD in a certified position but would be allowed to be employed in a classified position. The classified employee who takes the VSP will not be allowed employment again in a VCSD classified position. It was noted that all individuals who take the VSP could work at VCSD in substitute positions. Mr. Sedor noted that when the Severance Plans are completed and distributed, the employees are given 45 days to consider the agreement and then 7 days after the signing to revoke the agreement. The employee can voluntarily agree to a time period less than 45 days to consider.

Board member David Lawrence joined the meeting by telephone conference.

A review of all of the Board members positions were given to Board member Lawrence and the vote was taken.

VOTE: 5 YEAS, 1 NAY (DOLORES GARD), MOTION PASSED.

Board member David Lawrence disconnected from the meeting.

3. Approve the Offering of 2010-2011 Valdez City School District Tenure Teacher Contracts

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OFFERING OF 2010-2011 VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS ON FEBRUARY 11, 2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,491,708 WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED.

VOTE: 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

4. Approve Cancellation of the March 22, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board

It was noted that this date was during Spring Break and members of the Board; Staff; and the Valdez community would be on vacation.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF THE MARCH 22, 2010 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WAS MADE BY DUANE EDELMAN AND SECONDED.

VOTE: 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

5. Approve Superintendent Search Brochure

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CORRECTED SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH BROCHURE WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED.

VOTE: 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

H. CONSENT AGENDA: INFORMATION AND REPORTS

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Items 1 through 10 were approved by the consent agenda.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Valdez City School District 2010-2011 & 2011-2012 Calendars

Board member Gard Co-Chairperson of the Calendar Committee referred the members of the Board to the six calendars distributed to the Board. Board members Gard and Todd will create a page of calendar(s) explanation to accompany the six calendars. The explanation sheet and the six calendars will be put up on the VCSD Website for comment when received. The approval of the VCSD calendars will be on the March 8, 2010 regular meeting agenda.

2. Set VCSD FY'11 Public Budget Hearing Dates

The Board decided to hold VCSD FY'11 Public Budget Hearings/Work Sessions on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the School Board Room. The Board asked that the VCSD Administrators attend the March 10, 2010 meeting.

3. Designate Board Representative for Teacher Negotiation Team

By consensus of the Board and preference of the Valdez American Federation of Teachers (VAFT), Board member Todd was chosen to be the representative from the Valdez Board of Education for the Teacher Negotiation Team. Board member Huhndorf was chosen as an alternative. Business Manager Cockerham said she agreed with the decision of the Board because it creates a good working relationship with VAFT to have given them a choice with whom they would like to work. The next meeting of the Negotiation Team is tentatively set for February 18, 2010. Additionally, the Board decided to have an executive session for a Teacher Negotiations Update at the next regular meeting of the Board, February 22, 2010.

4. Identify Superintendent Search Team

President Hull-Engles suggested an Inclusive Approach regarding the makeup of the Superintendent Search Team; 7 Board Members; 1 Administrator; 1 Teacher and 1 Student. She noted that other Alaska school districts have found this Inclusive Approach to be positive. There was not a consensus among the members of the Board. The Superintendent Search Team will consist of the 7 members of the Board. There will be opportunity for staff and community input as there has been in the past.

J. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Board member Todd informed the Board that Prince William Sound Community College (PWSCC) may soon be in the process of hiring a replacement teacher to teach College

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English 111 and 211. She suggested this may be the time to consider the possibility of VCSD teaching AP classes. It was noted that VCSD students who take classes at PWSCC pay tuition and other class related costs.

President Hull-Engles suggested now may be the time to take the opportunity for VCSD to offer an AP International Baccalaureate Program.

President Hull-Engles said she would meet with Superintendent Bowie and suggest he meet with PWSCC as soon as possible to discuss the future of college classes.

President Hull-Engles asked Business Manager Cockerham who was funding costs of the National Technology Conference Superintendent Bowie and Technology Director Doug Johnson are planning to attend. Ms. Cockerham said she had not received any information about a Technology Conference. President Hull-Engles said she would follow up with Superintendent Bowie regarding the answer to this question.

Board member Dan Walker was recently informed that Gilson Junior High School wants to change from using Dell PC's to Apple Computers. He expressed concern with the change students may experience when they go to Valdez High School and there are Dell PC's. President Hull-Engles said she would follow up with Gilson Junior High School Principal Rod Morrison.

Board member Gard asked for the Board to receive the status of the VCSD Light Upgrade Project in Facilities Manager Ben Olds March 8, 2010 written report. The Board asked Administration to inform Mr. Olds of the request.

President Hull-Engles said tentatively there will be a Special Presentation on Vertical Teaming the next regular meeting of the Board, February 22, 2010.

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:50 P.M. WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.

Submitted by,

Board Approval Date: February 22, 2010

Flynn Stuparich
Administrative Assistant to the Board
and Superintendent

Laurie Hull-Engles, President

Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk