

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Board Room, Valdez City School District Office

MINUTES

Monday, July 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Laurie Hull-Engles called the special meeting of Wednesday, July 8, 2009 to order at 6:46 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Hul-Engles.

C. ROLL CALL

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| Board members in attendance: Laurie Hull-Engles, President Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk | Administration in attendance: Lance S. Bowie, Superintendent by phone |
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Grace Huhndorf, Board Member attended by telephone
Dolores Gard, Treasurer attended by telephone

Brad Schell, Vice President was absent and excused
Duane Edelman, Board Member was absent and excused
Dan Walker, Board Member were absent and excused

Others in attendance: None

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 8, 2009 WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

E. ACTION ITEM: NEW BUSINESS

1. Funding of Junior High School Life Safety Items

MOTION TO APPROVE UP TO \$53,000 TO COMPLETE THE JUNIOR HIGH COMMONS WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED.

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Superintendent Bowie said it is not uncommon for the Fire Marshall to review a property/project and require life safety items that have not been addressed. He recommended the Board approve the motion and allow the Junior High School Commons Project to move forward towards completion.

Facilities Director Ben Olds reviewed the code deficiencies that appeared on the plans from Keystone Engineering LLC. He explained the Fire Marshall reviewed the property and project plans with the Engineer, Bill Wilcox. The Board received a copy of the plans and a copy of a detailed email from Mr. Olds to Superintendent Bowie containing a detailed breakdown of the life safety issues and estimated costs. Mr. Olds said this is a beginning and the Fire Marshall was fair and lenient. The District is waiting on the final approval of the plans from the City of Valdez.

Principal of Gilson Junior High School Rod Morrison addressed the Board. He expressed his concern about correcting the life safety items because of students, especially those who “over-night” at the junior high.

The Board did not vote on the original motion. The Board decided to make the following directive to the District.

By consensus of the Board the District was directed to focus on the life safety items first while continuing the approval process of the plans for the Junior High Commons Project. The Board directed Administration to place “Approve Funding for Completion of the Junior High Commons Project” on the July 27, 2009 school board agenda – noting, by that time the final approval of the plans should be received and the list of code deficiencies would be definite cost figures instead of estimates.

Superintendent Bowie stated that the Junior High must be made ready for the students by the beginning of school and recommended the Board allow the project to go forward.

F. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:20 P.M. WAS MADE BY DUANE EDELMAN, SECONDED BY BRAD SCHELL. VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

Submitted by,

D. Flynn Stuparich
Administrative Assistant to
Superintendent and Board

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Board Approval Date: July 27, 2009

Laurie Hull-Engles, President

Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk