

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Board Room

MINUTES

Monday, November 8, 2010 6:30 P.M.

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order

President Dan Walker called the regular meeting of Monday, November 8, 2010, to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

President Walker led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Board members in attendance:

Dan Walker, President
David Lawrence, Board Member
Toni Balowski, Board Member
Anita Fannin, Board Member

Administration in attendance:

Jacob Jensen Ed.S., Superintendent
Roz Strang, Principal Hermon Hutchens Elementary

Vice President Brockman; Treasurer Huhndorf and Board Clerk Todd were absent and excused.

Teanna Hutchison, Student Board Representative was absent and excused.

Other people in attendance: 2

B. AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAVID LAWRENCE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- **REMOVE AGENDA ITEM C 1 SPECIAL PRESENTATION (2009-2010 VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TEST RESULTS – TRACY PRESSLEY DISTRICT TEST COORDINATOR) AND;**
- **REMOVE DISCUSSION ITEM 2 BOARD MEETING AGENDA AND;**
- **ADD DISCUSSION ITEM 2 VALDEZ HIGH SCHOOL GYM BLEACHERS.**

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VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. 2009 – 2010 Valdez City School District Test Results – Tracy Pressley District Test Coordinator

This agenda item was removed. The special presentation will be given at the next regular meeting of the Board on November 22, 2010 - when there are more members of the Board in attendance.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Dolores Gard asked the following questions:

- She asked what the status was regarding the outside lighting around Hermon Hutchens Elementary School – she said the City was going to upgrade the lighting. Ms. Gard noted it is very dark on the east end of the school.
- Ms. Gard noted that Administrative monthly reports were replaced by “Friday Notes” to the Board from the Superintendent which are included in the board reading file. Ms. Gard said she can read the school bulletins but she would like to receive additional information of the type that would be included in an Administrative monthly report.

President Walker informed Ms. Gard Superintendent Jensen would contact her with the answers to her questions.

E. REPORTS

1. Student Board Representative

Student Board Representative Teanna Hutchison was absent and excused.

2. Board – Members of the Board

There were no reports from the Board.

3. District – Superintendent Jacob Jensen Ed.S.

Superintendent Jensen reported the following to the Board:

- Valdez City Budget Hearing: Last week Superintendent Jensen attended the City of Valdez Budget Hearing. He noted that VCSD asked for 9.6 million which was less than the total of the 3% raise and cost of living (step and column) figure which equaled 9.8 million. The Valdez City Council decided to provide VCSD with 9.194 million stating VCSD reserves are too high and should be spent down. It is however, up to the school board whether to make cuts or spend money from the reserves. The

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Budget Hearing went well and members of the City Council expressed their pleasure regarding Superintendent Jensen's willingness to answer questions of the Council and remain transparent.

- Board Priorities: The Board needs to complete the priorities from the Saturday, October 30, 2010 Board Meeting/Retreat. The first goal is to put into place a two year budget plan and ultimately a three year budget plan.
- Sped Response to Intervention: Dr. Gary Nun a Special Education Consultant gave an Inservice last week on Response to Intervention (RTI). This program helps students with any degree of learning discrepancy without labeling a student Special Education. The program has been very successful nationally in helping students with specific learning needs and allowing them to move forward into a normal classroom learning mode. Additionally, Dr. Nun spent three days with VCSD Special Education Director Clarence Haugan and conducted an overall Sped audit.
- Employee Surgery: One of the VCSD employees received significant surgery and is in the recovery process.
- Student Board Representative: Teanna Hutchison was not available to attend the meeting tonight because she was required to attend a mandatory play rehearsal.
- AASB Student Travel: Superintendent Jensen met with the four students that will be traveling to Anchorage to attend the AASB Youth Leadership Conference and talked with them about appropriate dress and behavior as representatives of VCSD. He will be their chaperon. They are leaving on Wednesday, November 10th and will be returning on Sunday, November 14th, 2010.
- Swimming went to State in Anchorage last weekend and Hannah Norris took 5th place overall in the 100 Freestyle and 3rd place in the 50 Freestyle.
- Last weekend Valdez hosted the Volleyball Regional Tournament.

Board member Fannin asked Superintendent Jensen if the Board would be scheduling a work session to complete the work from the retreat. Superintendent Jensen said he would be addressing that subject later this evening - during agenda item I Board Business and Future Agenda Items.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Bylaws of the Board BB 9323 (c) Meeting Conduct - Adjournment
2. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 0530 (a-c) Discontinuation or Closure of Schools
3. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 3515.4 Recovery for Property Loss or Damage
4. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 4030 (a-b) Nondiscrimination in Employment
5. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 4111.2 (a-b) Legal Status Requirement
6. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 5118 Transfers
7. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 5119 Children of Military Families

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8. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 5125.3 (a-b) Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts
9. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 5131.5 Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti
10. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 5138 (a-c) Portable Electronic Devices, Including Cellular Phones (new policy)
11. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 6114.4 (a-b) Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies (new policy)
12. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 6159 (a-b) Individualized Education Program
13. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 6163.1 (a-b) Libraries/Media Centers
14. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 6164.4 (a-c) Child Find
15. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 6145 (a-b) ExtraCurricular and CoCurricular Activities
16. Approve Second Reading of VCSD Board Policy BP 6111 School Calendar

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF ACTION ITEMS 1 THROUGH 16 WAS MADE BY DAVE LAWRENCE AND SECONDED. VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Items 1 through 3 were approved by consent agenda.

Superintendent Jensen noted that the Finance Report had been condensed into a summary from the past 16 page print out. He asked the Board to let him know if they wanted any additional detail.

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Baseball; Track & Field: Scheduling; Costs; Transportation & Liability

Superintendent Jensen met with VCSD Activities Director Rhonda Wegner and Principal Cantrell regarding Outsourced Sports. There is concern because the District is paying for transportation – which is the greatest expense - but has no authority and is not able to make any decisions regarding those sports. Additionally, the liability is a concern. It has been suggested that Outsourced Sports carry a liability insurance policy of one million dollars as well as an accident / personal injury insurance policy. The total cost of these policies would be approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000 per season.

There was discussion among the Board. It was suggested the Board consider changing the Outsourced Sports to VCSD Insourced Sports. There are no sports after spring break. Insourcing Track & Field and Baseball would open opportunities for students to participate. Administration will put this item on the agenda as an action item for discussion and possible approval.

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Please Note: Discussion number 2 was removed from the agenda and replaced (Board Meeting Agenda). It will be placed on the Board's agenda at a later date.

2. Valdez High School Bleachers

Board member Lawrence expressed concern about the disrepair (cracks in the boards) of the bleachers in the Valdez High School Gym and the possible liability to Valdez City School District if someone was injured or an accident occurred. It was also noted that the VHS roof is in disrepair and leaks onto the VHS Gym floor as well as into many of the classrooms. If the replacement of the VHS roof is postponed much longer there is concern that it may become a health and safety issue.

Superintendent Jensen said the replacement of the VHS Gym floor and VHS Gym bleachers was considered for this year however, the City of Valdez made it very clear to the Valdez City School District that the school buildings are owned by the City of Valdez and they do not want Valdez City School District doing any more improvements to the school facilities. It was noted that the City of Valdez is working on their Strategic Plan and the Valdez City Council feels VCSD has not adequately communicated their needs. The question was asked if someone sues for an accident that happens on VCSD facilities who would be liable – Superintendent Jensen replied VCSD.

Dolores Gard, former member of the school board, suggested VCSD lobby the City with pictures of the damage and items of disrepair – noting the City Council needs to “see” the needs to make them a priority.

I. BOARD BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board decided to schedule a Board Work Session next Monday, November 15, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Room to discuss a formal approval of the Board regarding a K-8 / 7-12 / 7-8 / 6-7-8 school facility to be used as a recommendation to the Valdez City Council. Additional Board Work Session dates will be set during this meeting to complete the Board Prioritization.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. District Finances
2. Personnel Matter

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10 P.M. TO DISCUSS DISTRICT FINANCES, MATTERS THE IMMEDIATE KNOWLEDGE OF WHICH WOULD CLEARLY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE FINANCES OF THE DISTRICT WAS MADE BY DAVID LAWRENCE AND SECONDED. VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 P.M. WAS MADE BY DAVID LAWRENCE AND SECONDED. VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

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There was no action taken by the Board.

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:51 P.M. WAS MADE BY ANITA FANNIN AND SECONDED. VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

Submitted by,

Board Approval Date: November 22, 2010

Flynn Stuparich
Administrative Assistant to the Board
and Superintendent

Dan Walker, President

Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk