

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Board Room

MINUTES

Monday, April 18, 2011, 6:30 P.M.

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order

President Walker called the regular meeting of Monday, April 18, 2011, 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
Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk
Toni Balowski, Board Member
Anita Fannin, Board Member

Administration in attendance:

Jacob Jensen Ed.S., Superintendent
Amber Cockerham, VCSD Business Manager
Doug Johnson, Technology Director
Rod Morrison, Principal of GJH & VHS

Vice President Steve Brockman; Treasurer Grace Huhndorf; and Board member David Lawrence were absent and excused.

Student Board Representative Teanna Hutchison was present.

Other people in attendance: 10

B. AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- **DELETE SPECIAL PRESENTATION NUMBER 1 “SECONDARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH” AND;**
- **ADD NUMBER 2 “PERSONNEL MATTERS” TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BOARD VOTE: 4 YEAS, STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE: YEA, MOTION PASSED.

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C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Valdez High School Business Professionals of America – Presentation to the Board

Melissa Reese VHS Advisor of BPA and her BPA Students made a presentation of certificates of recognition to the members of the Board; Superintendent; and Board Administrative Assistant in honor of the time and work they provide for the Valdez students and community. Additionally, a brief report was given highlighting VHS BPA's participation in the State Competition in Anchorage. Many of the members placed and will be going to compete at BPA National's in Washington D.C. the first week in May. Students noted that BPA competition provides a good learning opportunity. Ms. Reese said this year they would tour the White House.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Dolores Gard asked the Board what the status was of the Superintendent Evaluation. Ms. Gard asked if there was a summary of the input of the Budget Work Session – she said she did not see it in the board packet materials. The Board directed Superintendent Jensen to contact Ms. Gard and answer her questions.

E. REPORTS

1. Student Board Representative

Student Board Representative Teanna Hutchison reported to the Board.

AASG: Students attended the Alaska Association of Student Government Conference in Cordova and it went well.

VHS Track and Field Team: The Track and Field Team is really doing well. Many of the students have broken records and have done very well in competition.

VHS BPA: The VHS Business Professional of America (BPA) will be traveling to Washington D.C. in May to compete in national competition and tour the sites.

Wax Museum: The students at Gilson Junior High School will be having the Wax Museum activity in the GJH Gym on May 6, 2011.

2. Board – Members of the Board

Board member Todd attended a Legislative Session at the Valdez Legislative Information Office (LIO). She reported that a raise to the Student Base Allocation was not a consideration until the graduation percentages increase. There may be funds received for Career Technical Education (CTE). There was discussion about a voucher system whereby parents/guardians of students would be allotted a certain amount of money per student and would have the ability to choose where that child would be educated – the House Bill is written very vaguely.

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President Dan Walker reported on the National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference he attended in San Francisco, California. He said he learned a lot from excellent Key Note Speakers. President Walker offered to write up his notes and share them with the Board.

3. District – Superintendent Jacob Jensen Ed.S.

Superintendent Jensen reported the following to the Board.

NSBA Conference: He attended the National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference in San Francisco, California and noted there were good meetings. The Conference was very informative and beneficial.

Budget Request: This year the City of Valdez has requested the VCSD FY'12 Budget in a detailed form different from the previous years. The official approval of the VCSD FY'12 Budget will be on the April 25, 2011 agenda.

Eric Feige Call: Superintendent Jensen received a call from Eric Feige regarding VCSD building and schools maintenance issues noting the roof on Valdez High School.

Teacher Sabbatical: A teacher has asked about taking a Sabbatical. The action item will be included on the April 25, 2011 agenda.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve First Reading VCSD Board Policy BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements – Credit for Participation in Sports

MOTION: I MOVE TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD POLICY BP 6146.1 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS WAS MADE BY ANITA FANNIN AND SECONDED.

There was discussion among the members of the Board and public expressing concern about the language of the policy but overall there was positive support for credit being given for sanctioned sports. Ruthie Knight VCSD Curriculum Coordinator will write language giving the Board multiple policy options from which to choose. The Board decided to vote down the first reading of Board Policy 6146.1 and bring it back again for a first reading at the next regular meeting of the Board on April 25, 2011. The following vote was taken.

VOTE: 4 NAYS, STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE: NAY. MOTION FAILED.

2. Approve Valdez High School Full-Time Culinary Arts Position

MOTION TO APPROVE VALDEZ HIGH SCHOOL FULL-TIME CULINARY ARTS POSTION IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$3,100 WAS MADE BY TONI BALOWSKI AND SECONDED.

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There was public comment expressing concern regarding increased costs for additional food and supplies for more class time; and there was a suggestion about the Culinary Arts Curriculum including the costing out of food as related to the expense of living. Superintendent Jensen said the increased cost should not be significant because one of the additional classes will be Introduction to Foods, which does not include a lot of kitchen/cooking time.

VOTE: 4 YEAS, STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE YEA, MOTION PASSED.

3. Approve Network Virtualization Request for Proposal Award

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AWARD TO INTEGRATED LOGIC FOR THE VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NETWORK VIRTUALIZATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000 WAS MADE BY TONI BALOWSKI AND SECONDED.

Doug Johnson Technology Director and Dennis Murphy of the Technology Department gave a power point presentation which included explanation of action items 3 through 7. The Board was encouraged to ask questions and offer comments. Due to constant technology growth within VCSD, infrastructure as well as software and training must be updated and improved to support the needs of students as well as staff. Administration recommended the approval of action items 3 through 7.

There was some public concern regarding whether the DYKnow Software would interface with VCSD's technology systems. Mr. Johnson assured the Board that the proposed software would interface properly.

VOTE: 4 YEAS, STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE YEA, MOTION PASSED.

4. Approve Software Virtualization Request for Proposal Award
5. Approve Payment to Integrated Logic in the Amount of \$19,232.00
6. Approve Purchase of Technology Network Switch
7. Approve Purchase of DYKnow Software

The Board noted that items 4 through 7 had been addressed and discussed in the presentation earlier in the meeting. They made the following consolidated motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS 4 THROUGH 7:

- **PROPOSAL AWARD TO GCS-IT FOR THE VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SOFTWARE VIRTUALIZATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,283 AND;**
- **PAYMENT TO INTEGRATED LOGIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,232.00 FOR WORK COMPLETED IN AUGUST OF 2010 WHICH WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HERMON HUTCHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND VALDEZ HIGH SCHOOL NETWORK WIRELESS PROJECT AND;**

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- **THE PURCHASE OF A TECHNOLOGY NETWORK SWITCH FROM CDW-G IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,085.53 AND;**
- **THE PURCHASE OF DYKNOW SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,018.75.**

WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED.

VOTE: 4 YEAS, STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE YEA, MOTION PASSED.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

The following were approved by Consent Agenda: Regular School Board Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2011; Revised Personnel Action Report dated April 18, 2011; and the Financial Report dated April 18, 2011. Jennifer George was hired to fill the position of Special Education Teacher/Preschool.

H. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Review VCSD Drug and Alcohol Board Policy

Superintendent Jensen discussed the review of VCSD Drug and Alcohol Board Policy by Ruth E. Knight -- a copy of which was included in the board packet. After a brief discussion among members of the Board, Superintendent Jensen suggested a committee be formed to review the policy and bring recommendations back to the Board. It was decided that Principal Morrison and Principal Strang would talk about Bullying and Drugs and Alcohol at the next regular meeting of the Board on April 25, 2011. There was comment about the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Alcohol and Drug Policy and the differences between the VCSD Policy. Superintendent Jensen said he would look at the two policies.

There was public input regarding the use of ASAA policy when participating in sports programs; and a suggestion that it is time to review Article 5000 and 6000 of the VCSD Policy Manual.

In the interest of time and by the consensus of the Board the following discussion items 2 and 3 were carried over to the next regular meeting of the Board on April 25, 2011.

2. Policy Regarding Reserve Account Spending Limit for VCSD
3. 2011-2012 VCSD Calendar -- School Board Meeting Dates

4. Review of VCSD Hiring and Interview Timelines

Superintendent Jensen distributed a sheet to the Board with the names of the Elementary and High School Principal Interview Committee. He noted that the Elementary Principal interviews will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2011 followed by the High School Principal interviews on Friday, April 22, 2011. The committees were made up of school district Administration; Teachers; Classified Staff and Parents. The Committees will use

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Skype computer technology for Candidates interviewing from out of town. The three highest scoring Candidates will come to Valdez for in person interviews and staff and community Meet and Greet Receptions. Recommendations for hire will go before the Board on the May 9, 2011 for consideration/approval.

Superintendent Jensen told the Board that the District may need to advertise again for Candidates for the position of District Librarian/Library Media Specialist. Additionally, the District may have to consider contracting services to fill the needs of a Special Education Director.

The following motion was made to extend the meeting.

MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. FOR 30 MINUTES WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 4 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.

I. BOARD BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Amber Cockerham VCSD Business Manager distributed to, and reviewed a packet for the Board that included information regarding the Valdez City Schools FY'12 Budget. It was created in a detailed form which was asked for by the City of Valdez.

Superintendent Jensen asked for the consensus of the Board to allow that packet to be delivered to the City of Valdez. The Board unanimously agreed. The formal approval will be an action item on the April 25, 2011 regular school board meeting agenda.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Potential Litigation
2. Personnel Matters

MOTION: I MOVE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:39 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL MATTERS, SUBJECTS THAT TENDS TO PREJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON, PROVIDED THAT THE PERSON MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC DISCUSSION WAS MADE BY TONI BALOWSKI AND SECONDED. BOARD VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND EXTEND THE MEETING AT 9:00 P.M. FOR 30 MINUTES WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 4 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:25 P.M. WAS MADE BY TONI BALOWSKI AND SECONDED. BOARD VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

The Board agreed to continue gathering information from district staff and members of the community regarding the performance of the Superintendent. Each member of the

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Board will compile the information they have received and add their personal comments. The Board will meet in an Executive Session on April 25, 2011 to share their information regarding the Superintendent Evaluation.

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:30 P.M. WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED. BOARD VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

Submitted by,

Board Approval Date: May 23, 2011

Flynn Stuparich
Administrative Assistant to the Board
and Superintendent

Dan Walker, President

Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk