

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
School Board Room

MINUTES

Monday, April 25, 2011, 6:30 P.M.

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order

President Walker called the regular meeting of Monday, April 25, 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
Steve Brockman, Vice President
Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk
Dave Lawrence, Board Member
Toni Balowski, Board Member
Anita Fannin, Board Member

Administration in attendance:

Jacob Jensen Ed.S., Superintendent
Amber Cockerham, VCSD Business Manager
Clarence Haugan, Sped Director
Rod Morrison, Principal of GJH & VHS

Treasurer Grace Huhndorf, Treasurer was absent and excused.

Student Board Representative Teanna Hutchison was absent and excused.

Other people in attendance: 13

B. AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011 WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITION:

- **ADD AS NUMBER 3 ACTION ITEM “APPROVE SUBMISSION OF IDEA, PART B, SECTION 619 PRESCHOOL DISABLED GRANT” ALL OTHER NUMBERS THAT FOLLOW REMAIN IN THE SAME ORDER. BOARD VOTE: 6 YEA, MOTION PASSED.**

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C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Secondary Students of the Month

Principal Rod Morrison introduced 7th Grader Alexis Woods and 8th Grader Branden Derifield who were chosen as the March 2011 Gilson Junior High School Students of the Month and Keriann Gilson who was chosen as the April 2011 Valdez High School Student of the Month. He noted many of their positive characteristics. Board President Walker presented Certificates of Recognition to the students on behalf of the Board, and they were congratulated.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jack McCay Capital Facilities Director for the City of Valdez spoke to the Board about the new Middle School project including the process and timelines.

E. REPORTS

1. Student Board Representative

Student Board Representative Teanna Hutchison was not able to attend the meeting this evening. She asked that the Board know her opinion of the VCSD Board Policy regarding receiving credit toward graduation for sports. She is in favor of passing the policy to enable students to receive graduation credit for participating in sanctioned sports.

2. Board – Members of the Board

Board member Fannin said she received comments from some members of the public that had tried, but were not able to use the VCSD Website email process to communicate with the members of the Board of Education regarding the Superintendent Evaluation. She asked Administration to have the website email function checked. President Walker agreed – he had been contacted regarding the same concern.

Board member and Legislative Liaison David Lawrence reported to the Board regarding legislative matters. The proposed raise to the Student Base Allocation did not pass. The Senate Bill 84 passed however the Governor has not signed it. At this time there is no other additional money for the schools.

3. District – Superintendent Jacob Jensen Ed.S.
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Rod Morrison
Roz Strang

Superintendent Jensen reported the following to the Board.

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Senate Bill 84: SB 84 has been passed however the Governor has not signed it. If it is signed VCSD will receive \$69,000.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Audit: The CTE Audit by the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) of VCSD was completed today. There will be an exit interview on Wednesday.

VHS Bleachers/Gym Floor/Roof: Superintendent Jensen asked the Board what they want to do regarding these items. He expressed concern about falls that have been reported because of the disrepair of the bleachers.

Special Education Director: Interviews for Special Education Director have been scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Bullying/Harassment/Alcohol at Valdez City Schools:

Roz Strang: Superintendent Jensen said he talked with Principal Strang and is relaying her message to the Board. Ms. Strang said the issues of concern are better than in the past. There were no issues to report.

Drug Dog: Superintendent Jensen reported that Valdez no longer has the use of a Drug Dog. The Drug Dog that was here is gone.

Rod Morrison: Principal Morrison said Bullying and Harassment is getting better. An aggressive stance has been taken and the sense of visibility has made a difference. More pride is being taken in the VHS building. The Maintenance Department has been fixing and painting the trim and sidewalks are being washed. All these things are tied to Climate which is a very important factor. He noted that it will never stop completely however it is better. Principal Morrison said he had a good talk with students regarding drugs and alcohol. There was concern expressed about the possible increase use of Estacy (a popular drug) because it cannot be detected – like alcohol with the detection device. The number one concern is to keep students safe. The Prom was discussed and Superintendent Jensen will check into providing additional security for the event. Vandalism was discussed. Locking the VHS Locker Rooms when not in use and opening the bathrooms was suggested as well as increased supervision around the VHS Locker Rooms when they are in use. Next year Freshman Physical Education will be scheduled separately.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Submission of Indian Education Formula Grant for 2011-2012

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE INDIAN EDUCATION FORMULA GRANT FOR 2011-2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,401 WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

2. Approve Submission of VI B Special Education Grant

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE VI B SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,714 WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

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3. Approve Submission of IDEA. Part B, Section 619 Preschool Disabled Grant

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE IDEA PART B, SECTION 619 PRESCHOOL DISABLED GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,224.56 WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED.

Special Education Director Clarence Haugan reviewed the grant and noted this is an annual grant that is based on a formula involving the number of preschoolers. The grant pays for a paraprofessional and some benefits.

VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

4. Approve Sabbatical for Jonathan Miller From January 3, 2012 to March 9, 2012

MOTION TO TABLE THE APPROVAL OF A SABBATICAL FOR JOHATHAN MILLER TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD, MAY 9, 2011 WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

The Board decided to table the motion pending the receipt of more information regarding a replacement teacher and how the programs he planned to attend would benefit VCSD. The Board requested Mr. Miller attend the May 9, 2011 meeting to present.

VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

5. Approve Final Valdez City School District FY'12 Budget

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL VALDEZ CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FY'12 BUDGET WAS MADE BY DAVID LAWRENCE AND SECONDED.

There was discussion about the need for a full time or at least a half-time counselor position. If VCSD receives the \$69,000 it was suggested that a counselor be hired. Ruthie Knight, VCSD Curriculum Coordinator spoke to the Board about the need for a full-time Junior High School Counselor – noting that Junior High students are started on a career pathway. The Board asked Superintendent Jensen to have Ms. Knight provide information and speak about the need for a counselor position at a board meeting.

VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

6. Approve Certified Contracts for 2011-2012 School Year

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CERTIFIED CONTRACTS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR WAS MADE BY DAVID LAWRENCE AND SECONDED. VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

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7. Approve Administrative Contracts for 2011-2012 School Year

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR WAS MADE BY DAVID LAWRENCE AND SECONDED. VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

8. 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 – CREDIT FOR PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS OPTION I WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: STUDENTS MAY OBTAIN .5 CREDITS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR TWO (2) FULL SEASONS OF VALDEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT SPORTS PARTICIPATION WAS MADE BY DAVID LAWRENCE AND SECONDED.

Principal Morrison said he wants to keep good students in school through their senior year. Better students provide role models for the younger ones. This policy provides a way for students to take other classes they may need towards a scholarship or career path.

VOTE: 6 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

The Personnel Action Report dated April 25, 2011 was approved by consent agenda. James Crawford and Tierney Washington were hired for the position of Custodian.

H. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. 2011-2012 VCSD Calendar -- School Board Meeting Dates

The members of the Board reviewed the draft of the VCSD 2011-2012 Calendar and made the following changes: The December 26, 2011 meeting will be removed due to winter break; The March 12, 2011 meeting will be changed to March 5, 2011 to remove a meeting scheduled during spring break; The May 28, 2011 meeting will be removed because it is a legal holiday; The June 11, 2011 meeting will be changed to June 4, 2011 to include the attendance of all the principals as they will still be on contract. Administration will inform Ms. Morton who is completing the calendar.

2. Middle School Next Steps

Superintendent Jensen spoke to the Board about the timeline of the required steps that must be taken in order for the completion date of the new middle school to be 2014. The Board must be aggressive. Additionally, the Educational Specifications would need to be completed this May. Board member Toni Balowski volunteered to be the spokesperson

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for the school board to present to the Valdez City Council a specific plan to go forward with the new middle school. Superintendent Jensen will contact John Hozey to request that the City Council put the funding for the next step on the May 2, 2011 City Council agenda for a vote. Principal Morrison said the Educational Specifications could be completed if substitutes were provided for some members of the Junior High staff for approximately 2 days.

There was also a brief discussion about the bonding process and the need for VHS Gym Floor and Bleachers replacement – referring to those items as life safety concerns.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AT 8:30 P.M. TO ALLOW TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD WAS MADE BY KATHLEEN TODD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

3. Timeline of Appointment of Interim School Board Member

The Board decided by consensus that letters of interest would be solicited from the community through newspaper ads; radio; and postings within the district and on the district's website. The deadline for submittal of letters would be May 18, 2011 at Noon. The Board would fill the board vacancy during the meeting of May 23, 2011.

By Board consensus and in the interest of time discussion items 4; 5; and 6 will be moved to the May 9, 2011 regular school board meeting agenda.

- 4. Policy Regarding Reserve Account Spending Limit for VCSD
- 5. Board Policy Review Schedule
- 6. Set Date for Board Self Evaluation Work Session

I. BOARD BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board scheduled a special meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Room for an Executive Session. The topic will be Superintendent Evaluation.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Superintendent Evaluation

By consensus of the Board the meeting rules were suspended to consolidate the information gathered from conversations with Administration, Teachers, Staff and Community members as well as the board members thoughts, and to develop a process to convey that information to the Superintendent.

MOTION: I MOVE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:37 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION, A SUBJECT THAT TENDS TO PREJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND

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CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON, PROVIDED THAT THE PERSON MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC DISCUSSION WAS MADE BY DAVID LAWRENCE AND SECONDED. BOARD VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:25 P.M. WAS MADE BY DAVID LAWRENCE AND SECONDED. BOARD VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

By consensus the Board scheduled a special meeting on April 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Room for an Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation.

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 9:26 P.M. WAS MADE BY DAVE LAWRENCE AND SECONDED. BOARD VOTE: 6 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