

Valdez City School District  
Board of Education

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
School Board Room

**MINUTES**

Thursday, July 15, 2010, Noon

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Hull-Engles called the Valdez Board of Education Special Meeting to order on Thursday, July 15, 2010 at noon.

B. **ROLL CALL**

**Board members in attendance:**

Laurie Hull-Engles, President  
Dolores Gard, Treasurer  
Duane Edelman, Board Member  
David Lawrence, Board Member

**Administration in attendance:**

Jacob Jensen Ed.S., Superintendent  
Ben Olds, Facilities Director  
Doug Johnson, Technology Director

Grace Huhndorf, Vice President will be attending by telephone conference and Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk and Dan Walker will be arriving soon.

C. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 15, 2010 AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY DOLORES GARD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 4 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.**

D. **NEW BUSINESS: ACTION ITEM**

1. Approve Funding For Valdez High School Sound Systems

**MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR VALDEZ HIGH SCHOOL SOUND SYSTEMS WAS MADE BY DOLORES GARD AND SECONDED.**

Grace Huhndorf, Vice President joined the meeting by telephone conference at 12:03 p.m. and Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk arrived at 12:04 p.m.

Superintendent Jensen gave an overview of the request and informed the Board he had spoken with Business Manager Cockerham and \$793,000 would be available in the Reserve Fund Account at the end of the 2010-2011 fiscal year. He also

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informed the Board that although the request contained four items one or any combination of items could be approved for funding.

Dan Walker arrived at 12:09.

Ben Olds Facilities Director reviewed his memorandum and the request. He said VHS has a 30 plus year old sound system which does not support today's technology and consequently the quality and clarity of sound is very bad. The Gym and Cafetorium are used for student activities and assemblies. Those are important areas for consideration. Mr. Olds noted that the same people who upgraded the sound system at Hermon Hutchens Elementary School (HHES) would be upgrading Valdez High School (VHS). The quality and brand of equipment would be the same. The upgrade at HHES works very efficiently. This is an opportunity for the District because the cost would be less if completed now. The VHS Sprinkler and Fire Alarm projects are in process and the VHS sound system upgrade would use the same areas for installation. Additionally, it was suggested that the funding might be able to come out of the money in the ADA Account.

There was discussion about the bidding process. Mr. Olds explained since the Purchase Order for the Sound Systems is a "change order" to an existing City of Valdez construction contract the City followed their procurement procedure for the competitive quoting on these items.

Board member Edelman expressed concern about spending money on sound system upgrades and would have preferred money to be spent differently on needs of students.

The Board did not vote on the original motion. The following friendly amendment to the original motion was made:

**MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FROM RESERVES FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- **VALDEZ HIGH SCHOOL CAFETORIUM SOUND SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,915.88 AND;**
- **VALDEZ HIGH SCHOOL GYM SOUND SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,403.00**

**WAS MADE BY DOLORES GARD AND SECONDED.**

**VOTE: 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (DUANE EDELMAN), MOTION PASSED.**

Vice President Huhndorf disconnected from the conference call.

E. DISCUSSION ITEM

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1. Possible Change From First Class Email and Meeting Maker to Microsoft Outlook

Superintendent Jensen gave an overview of the discussion topic noting Valdez City School District is currently using two separate products "First Class" email service and Meeting Maker Calendar program. First Class email has not been efficient and does not interact with Meeting Maker Calendar Program. The VCSD Technology Department recommends VCSD change to Microsoft Outlook Email which also has a calendar program. Mr. Jensen said he has experience with Microsoft's Outlook Email and the Calendar Program and they are very efficient.

Doug Johnson VCSD Technology Director recommended VCSD change from First Class email and Meeting Maker Calendar Program to Microsoft's Outlook and Calendar Program. There have been problems with keeping the existing First Class Email available to users and retention of information. The present First Class Email is outdated and needs to be upgraded. A new server which has been included in the FY'11 budget will need to be purchased whether the District decides to purchase an upgrade for First Class email or changes to Microsoft's Outlook and Calendar Program. Providing student emails has been considered and Outlook email service would be more cost effective for the District.

Superintendent Jensen and the Board agreed to place the approval of the email and calendar change on the July 26, 2010 regular agenda. Administrations recommendation and costs will be provided.

Superintendent Jensen informed the Board there would be a Surplus Sale Saturday, August 7, 2010 at the Warehouse beside the Junior High School from 10:00 am. To 1:00 p.m.

F. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 12:20 P.M. WAS MADE BY DOLORES GARD AND SECONDED. VOTE: 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.**

Submitted by,

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D. Flynn Stuparich  
Administrative Assistant to the Board  
and Superintendent

Board Approval Date: July 26, 2010

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Laurie Hull-Engles, President

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Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk