

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
School Board Room

MINUTES

Monday, November 29, 2010 6:30 P.M.

The Work Session began at 6:30 p.m. Monday November 29, 2010 with President Dan Walker presiding.

Board members in attendance:

Dan Walker, President
Grace Huhndorf, Treasurer
Kathleen Todd, Board Clerk
Toni Balowski, Board Member
Anita Fannin, Board Member

Administration in attendance:

Jacob Jensen Ed.S., Superintendent
Rod Morrison, Principal Gilson Junior High School
Dennis Murphy, Acting VCSD Tech Director

Steve Brockman, Vice President attended by telephone call.

Dave Lawrence was absent and excused.

Other people in attendance: 0

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

1. Board Prioritization

Superintendent Jensen led the discussion. Administration is in the process of working on a three year budget. The Board's priorities for Valdez City School District (VCSD) need to be established to make sure funds are used per the Board's direction. A list of Priorities from the 10-30-10 retreat/meeting of the Board was distributed.

The following data was provided:

- K-6 14.2 students to 1 teacher
- 7-12 15.8 students to 1 teacher

The above figures do not include Sped Teachers or Counselors. The number of teachers considered was 44. There are 55.07 paid certified personnel – not counting Administration.

- 19 VCSD Teachers can retire this year with full benefits
- 2 VCSD Principals can retire this year with full benefits
- 2010-2011 Budget is 14.6 million
- AASB Conference info: The most effective intervention you can make in a child's life is Pre-K

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The Board reviewed the priority list from the 10-30-10 meeting and formed a list of 19 items. The following lists the Board's top priorities with the number of votes reflecting the interest level. There are two groupings of topics that formed the Board's priorities.

- Core (Four Subjects) English Language Arts; Science; Math; Social Studies/History **4**
- Evaluation (improve the staff evaluation process) **4**
- Bullying/Harassment **2**
- Drugs & Alcohol **3**

The Board considered the topics Evaluation; Bullying/Harassment; and Drugs & Alcohol as being one broad subject dealing with a needed change in VCSD culture.

- Tech CTE – Build Trades: Welding; Culinary Arts; Plumbing; Framing; Administrative Assistant **3**

The Board said Tech CTE should be integrated into Core (Four Subjects) to be dealt with at the same time.

The complete list with votes follows as a part of the record. There were two Board Priority groups established: a combination of #'s 1 and 5; a combination of #'s 19, 2 and 3.

1. Core (Four Subjects) English Language Arts; Science; Math; Social Studies/History **4**
2. Bullying / Harassment **2**
3. Drugs & Alcohol **3**
4. Technology Teaching (teacher) **0**
5. Tech CTE – Build Trades: Welding; Culinary Arts; Plumbing; Framing; Administrative Assistant **3**
6. Activities **3**
7. Foreign Language K-12 **0**
8. Fine Arts **1**
9. Pre-K **1**
10. Student Achievement **3**
11. Mentoring **1**
12. Staff Development **3**
13. Physical Education **1**
14. Facilities **3**
15. Alternative Programs **0**
Block; Four-Day School Week; Extended
16. Home School **2**
17. School Pride **0**
18. Differentiated Instruction **2**
19. Evaluation (improve the staff evaluation process) **4**

The Work Session ended at 8:23 p.m.