

UNALASKA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 16, 2000
7:00 P.M. School Library

AGENDA

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*Unalaska City School District
Mission Statement:*

The Unalaska City School District, an educational and cultural center in the dynamic, Aleutian Island fishing and transportation hub of the Pacific Rim, will challenge and inspire all students to maximize individual potential in a changing global society by providing superior facilities, staff and programs to serve a diverse population through multi-cultural community partnerships.

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2000
7:00 P.M. -- SCHOOL LIBRARY**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by President Rick Kniazowski at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL –

Joanna Aldridge	Present
Don Graves	Present
Rick Kniazowski	Present
Bobbie Lekanoff	Present (via teleconference)
Tammy Pound	Present
Jolee Ramos	Absent

3. RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND VISITORS – Joe Draper, John Conwell, Roberta Larsen, Brittany Larsen, Jeff Richardson, Jane Ruckman, Sharon Svarny-Livingston, Marcia Hofstra, Lisa McConnell, Tom Enlow, Moses Dirks, Darlene Jeppesen, Annabelle Wilt, and Sandra Sandness.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tammy Pound.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2000 – Tammy Pound made and Joanna Aldridge seconded a motion that the Minutes of February 17th be approved. The minutes were approved by consensus.

6. REPORTS –

A. Superintendent's Report – Steve Cathers referred the school board to his written report. He also mentioned that a resignations from Lance Kraft, Tony Baylinson, and Patricia Smith had been received. Tammy Pound asked about the ARCTIC grant and if there would be any repercussions with Tony's resignation. Steve answered that there is no legal liability of which he was aware. Joanna Aldridge inquired about the school nurse contract, and Steve said that the position was in the budget that had been approved. Don Graves inquired about a drivers' education program. Joe reported that he had talked to Sergeant Betzen and the idea was still being pursued. Joanna asked about the Pathways Grant, and Steve reported that hopefully it will be completed in the next few weeks.

B. Principal's Report – Besides his written report, Joe Draper reported that the Poetry Café was yesterday and it was a great success. Joanna asked about the Art Club trip and John Conwell reported that five or six students will be traveling to Anchorage to tour museums and galleries. Don asked about the Fisheries Institute that will be held next month. Joe reported that fifteen out-of-district people would be attending.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – The District received a letter from Rick Cross approving the hiring of Chris Graves as a substitute teacher.
8. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** - There were no changes or additions to the agenda.
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.
10. **ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION** –
 - A. **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** – nominations are due by the end of April. The board directed administration to use the form was provided and to distribute it around the school. It will be on the April agenda.
 - B. **LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN REPORT** – Bobbie Lekanoff, Joanna Aldridge, and Tammy Pound gave reports on their trip to Juneau. They all agreed that it was an excellent experience and it was money well-spent. Tom Enlow asked what the major issues facing our school were. Steve and Joanna answered: the fiscal gap, pupil transportation funding, and the municipal cap issue.
 - C. **DRAFT UCSD STANDARDS AND BENCHMARKS INTRODUCTION**– Rick Kniazowski recognized the four years of hard work that went into this document. Steve Cathers reported that our document, which is on the school’s website, is pretty close to state standards. It was suggested that a curriculum committee be started. This issue will be on the April agenda.
 - D. **FY 01 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING** – Holly Holman presented the FY 01 draft budget. The board asked for the following changes to be made and brought back at the next meeting for approval: reduce the superintendent’s salary to \$82,000 and adjust the corresponding benefits, budget for the salary and benefit reductions as a result of the resignations from teachers that have been received, and then use the dollars generated by these cuts to fund a portion of the Curriculum Coordinator’s position. It is assumed that the other portion of the position will be funded by a grant. Jane Ruckman commented that we do not have as much bilingual personnel as we did in the past and it is frustrating for teachers. Rick said that maybe a solution would be to identify more aide time. Don Graves asked about utilities and asked that the year -to-date figures for this year’s utilities be reported to the board before the next meeting. Rick asked the board how they felt about eliminating student meals from student activities. The board felt that was a valid cut.

At 8:27 p.m., a break was taken. At 8:35 p.m., the meeting resumed.

- E. **TRACY MCFARLIN-PRESSLEY LEAVE REQUEST** - Tammy Pound made and Joanna Aldridge seconded a motion to grant Tracy McFarlin -Pressley a one-year leave of absence. The concerns the board expressed about Tracy’s leave request included that it would be difficult to recruit for her position for one year, and that she may not return to the district due to her family situation. The board directed Steve to negotiate the conditions of the leave with Ms. McFarlin-

Pressley and make the leave subject to those conditions. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- F. STRATEGIC PLAN** – Don Graves made and Bobbie Lekanoff seconded a motion to approve the revised committees for the Strategic Plan Review. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- G. BOARD POLICY REVIEW: COMMUNITY RELATIONS (BP 1000 – 1700)**- Rick Kniazowski recommended that this item be postponed until the next meeting. There was board consensus to do so.
- H. TEACHER CONTRACT APPROVALS** - Don Graves made and Tammy Pound seconded a motion to approve teacher contracts for the 2000-2001 school year for Rhonda Siemens in the amount of \$48,134.21, Susan Carlile in the amount of \$59,731.58, Wilma Adams in the amount of \$64,760.53, Roberta Coplan in the amount of \$64,760.53, Mary Downs in the amount of \$38,281.58, Bethine Nehus in the amount of \$61,425.00, Roger Coburn in the amount of \$46,543.42, Stephanie Richardson in the amount of \$41,668.42, Babbi Goodwin in the amount of \$44,850.00, Alan Haskins in the amount of \$46,492.11, Eric Andersen in the amount of \$38,281.58, Darlene Jeppesen in the amount of \$54,805.26, Jane Hofstra-Ruckman in the amount of \$56,447.37, Mike Duhan in the amount of \$54,856.58, Jeanne Dellinger in the amount of \$53,163.16, Shawna Rudio in the amount of \$46,697.37, and Rex Weltz in the amount of \$46,492.11. Bobbie asked which of these teachers would be tenured next year. Steve said Mike Duhan and Rhonda Siemens would both be earning tenure with this contract. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- I. SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 23, 2000** – There was Board consensus to hold a Special Meeting on March 23, 2000.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- Budget Approval
- Curriculum Committee
- Financials
- QS2
- Contracts
- April Fly-In

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS – John Conwell mentioned the basketball games this weekend.

13. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.