

**UNALASKA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2000
7:00 P.M. -- SCHOOL LIBRARY**

MINUTES

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

2. **ROLL CALL** –

Joanna Aldridge	Present
Don Graves	Present
Rick Kniaziowski	Present
Bobbie Lekanoff	Absent
Tammy Pound	Present
Jolee Ramos	Present (7:02 p.m.)

3. **RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND VISITORS** – John Conwell, Roberta Larsen, Jeff Richardson, Jane Ruckman, Don Hofstra, Marcia Hofstra, Lisa McConnell, Frank Kelty, and Sandra Sandness.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick Kniaziowski.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – There was no correspondence.

6. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** - There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Mayor Kelty announced that absentee ballots for the recent bond election would be counted on Friday.

8. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – Don Graves made and Joanna Aldridge seconded a motion to establish a curriculum committee that is an administrative committee. The motion passed with all ayes.

B. FY 01 BUDGET APPROVAL – Don Graves made and Tammy Pound seconded a motion to approve the FY 01 Budget. Steve asked the board about their commitment to the Curriculum Coordinator position; would the board be willing to wait on hiring the 6th grade position. Joanna answered that she is very much in favor of the Curriculum Coordinator position, but would not be willing to give up the 6th grade position instead. Mayor Kelty asked about the increase in the district administration function area. Rick answered that it was due to the elimination of the contract with Aleutian Region School District. The mayor asked if it would be possible to eliminate the superintendent position. Joanna and Rick both said that the board discussed that option and decided against it. Joanna asked if we could eliminate the superintendent position entirely. Rick answered that with SB36, the district would still be required to have someone in charge, so if the position was eliminated, the district would need two positions. Steve mentioned that the board has the unique opportunity to hire a superintendent that has a curriculum development background. Mayor Kelty advocated the Curriculum Coordinator position. The board gave direction to leave everything as is in the budget and to hope for the best with the grant funding for the curriculum position. Also, hire all the positions at the job fair, but hold off on hiring the curriculum position until we know if we have been awarded the grant. Joanna asked about cutting travel to fund the position. Rick pointed out that travel has been cut already. Steve said that the board could use the cut list from the budget committee, then an additional \$10,000 from Regular Instruction Professional Services to fund the position. Mayor Kelty said he feels confident that the school will get the entire amount requested from the city again, and encouraged the school board to use the cut list. Rick said that if the board used the cut list now, are they telling Steve not to write the grant. Steve said we could implement the cut list and then reinstate those cuts if we receive the grant. Mayor Kelty asked if we could use our fund balance to fund the position. Joanna answered that we would not want to do that. The board came to a consensus to use the cut list and \$10,000 from professional services to fund the curriculum position. They also directed administration to increase preschool tuition and the request to the city in the preschool budget to fund the projected deficit. A friendly amendment was made by Don and seconded by Tammy to amend the motion with the changes discussed. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

C. APRIL FLY-IN – The AASB Legislative Fly-In is scheduled for April 16-18 in Juneau. Rick Kniazowski, Board President and Don Graves, Legislative Liaison, will attend. John Conwell encouraged the board to take a student.

D. TEACHER CONTRACTS – Don Graves made and Tammy Pound seconded a motion to approve teacher contracts for the 2000-2001 school year for Galena Roraback in the amount of \$54,753.95, Teresa Sweenhart in the amount of \$51,469.74, Carol Norstadt in the amount of \$27,428.29, Lynn Norstadt in the amount of \$27,428.29, and Moses Dirks in the amount of \$56,550.00. Steve

reported that Moses Dirks will be tenured with the contract. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:40 p.m., a break was taken. At 8:45 p.m., the meeting resumed.

9. FINANCIALS - Steve Cathers described the recent accounting software conversion. Don Graves made and Tammy Pound seconded a motion to approve the February and March Financials. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS - John Conwell announced the regional basketball games schedule. Rick Kniazowski will be out of town next Tuesday until April 10th. Tammy Pound will be out of town April 8-13. Don Graves will be out of town April 10-13. Rick Kniazowski reminded everyone that the school budget will be presented to the council on April 4th. Jane Ruckman announced a Citizens for Child Care meeting on Sunday at 6:00 p.m.; they will make a request before the council on April 4th.

11. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.