

UNALASKA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD HAPPENINGS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
Darrell J. Sanborn

DATE: September 25, 2000
SUBJECT: Sept. Board Meeting

The Board of Education of the Unalaska City School District met in the library of the school in Unalaska on Thursday, September 21, 2000. Board President, Rick Kniazowski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Guests were introduced.

RECOGNIZED:

For providing our School with sports' physicals to our athletes:

1. Dr. Milton Lum (IFHS M.D.)
2. Donna Detweiler (R.N. & IFHS Director)
3. Becky Nichols (EMT)

For their work on the bus stops:

4. Matt Lightner (Lions Club)
5. Rusry Sinnott (Lions Club)

The Board took the following actions:

6. Approved the August 17th Minutes as presented.
7. Confirmed the August 19^h telephone poll allowing a change in the Calendar. Administration requested that the work days scheduled for August 24 & 25 be changed to August 21 & 22, and In-service days be changed from August 21-23 to August 23-25.
8. Approved Ms. Ter] Boyles' contract for the position of Counselor in the amount of \$41, 668.42.
9. Appointed Rick Kniazowski and Darrell Sanborn to the Sick Leave Bank Committee.
10. Approved FYO I July and August Financial Reports

The Board Heard the Following Reports:

11. Superintendent's Reports (See Attached)
 12. Principal's Report (See Attached)
 13. 1999-2000 School Year Report Card
14. High school Graduation Qualifying Examination (Exit Exam), and Benchmark-Exam.
- Mr. Sanborn reported the results of the Class of 2002. Of the 26 students that took the test, 10 students passed all three sections in Reading, Writing, and Math. 8 students passed two tests, and 6 passed one test, with two students not passing any of the three. With 26 students taking the test last year, 24 students took the Reading test and 21 students passed; 25 students took the writing portion, with 20 students passing; and 25 students took the Math portion with 11 students passing. Mrs. Whitney, Mr. Sweenhart, and Ms. Wolfe shared their perspectives and support systems. The tests are scheduled for October 3- Reading, October 4 Writing, and October 5- Math. Only those Juniors who did not pass or take these individual tests will be taking it. All three teachers stressed that these were, the minimal qualifications.

15. The Benchmark results have been established by the State, other than the entire State results Mr. Sanborn shared his concerns of the reporting system of "not proficient, below proficient, proficient, and advanced." He also shared his concern that there should be a "warning label" as these benchmarks are not set with correlation to the Exit Exam other than to be developed from the same standards The question that is answered is what should a student know in a specific grade level, rather than what should a child know in this certain grade level to be on track to pass the Exit Exam.
16. Mr. Sanborn queried the Board as to their desire to participate in an audio conference with the Mc Dowell Group pertaining to the Community Survey completed in June. Mr. Kniaziowski will set a date in the near future which will accommodate the Board Members' schedules. Mr. Sanborn also discussed some of the questions that individuals had expressed. These concerns focused on "Lowest Priority Programs" and the budgetary process.
17. New School Promotional Activities: There has been some interests in doing some promotional activities for the new elementary school. Discussion lead to the possibility of doing a "video open house", allowing children to name their classroom, and having community members make suggestions via our web page for the naming of the school. The Superintendent also discussed the FFE (Furniture Fixtures and Equipment) process and importance. Also discussed were operating expenses, moving, and renovations at the existing school. Mr. Sanborn will also schedule to set a time for the Board to tour the facility.
18. Mr. Sanborn recommended the following practices for future graduation ceremonies : Continue to allow the graduation class to select their speaker on a nonsectarian criteria, utilizing an active ballot All graduating students must have input. The list of possible speakers would be prioritized by the number of votes received. The guest speaker with the higher number of votes would be contacted first. If he/she declined, the next would be contacted, and so on. Announce the particular graduation activities and speakers to the Board ahead of time, possibly March 15th of each academic year. Remove the Invocation and Benediction from the program, inserting "student selected and led opening message" and student selected and led closing message." The students would be selected to give these messages based on neutral, non religious criteria. And he also suggested adding this statement to the program, " Any presentation by participants at graduation exercises is the private expression of the individual participants and does not reflect any official position of the Unalaska City School District."
19. We also had Mrs. Whitney's reports about the Curriculum Update. She noted that the staff members are examining other school district curriculums. November 1st is the target date set for the staff to select the curriculum format This should allow enough time to have Reading, Writing, and Math ready by May, and to utilize the Strategic Planning Process, making sure requirements for Northwest Accreditation are fulfilled. Given time and funds, attempts will be made to complete the Science Curriculum during this time as well.
20. Mrs. Holman reported on her Budget Projections. The official 20 day student count will start on October 2. As of September 21, our enrollment was at 340, the resulting revenue shortfall will be minimal, and the majority of the shortfall will be covered by grants and attrition of teaching staff.

The Board Discussed the Following:

21. The Board approved these procedures for selecting a student representative to the school board. A candidate must meet the following five criteria to run for the office of student representative to the school board.
 1. Be a full time student in grades 10- 12.
 2. Meet the same eligibility requirements as students who are involved in extracurricular activities.
 3. Make a commitment to attend all school board meetings and out-of-town conferences.
 4. Communicate with their constituents by writing a regular article for the school newspaper.
 5. Be an active member of the student council and attend all meetings.The student representative will be selected through an election process in which 9 th- 12 th grade students will have an opportunity to vote. The school board will appoint the candidate who receives the most votes as the student representative to the school board.
22. Mr. Kniazowski will poll the Board to set dates for the Board Goal Setting/ Evaluation Session.
23. 5 Individuals will be flying out for the Education Summit 2000 Conference. The Education Summit 2000 in Girdwood is scheduled on September 28. Rick Kniazowski, Bonnie Whitney, Ken Sweenhart, John Conwell, and Joanna Aldridge - will be attending.
24. Strategic Planning Session - training is tentatively set for October 27 and 28 Arrangements will be made to involve interested parents and to offer college credit to those who attend.

The Future Agenda Items Include:

25. Organizational Meeting, Audit Report, and APEI will be in the next Board Meeting.

The Following Activity was Announced:

October 28, 2000

Ducks Unlimited/Big Dinner for Scholarship Fundraiser

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:52pm.