

# Unalaska City School District

## SCHOOL BOARD HAPPENINGS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
Darrell J. Sanborn

DATE: March 30, 2001

SUBJECT: **March 29<sup>th</sup> School Board Happenings**

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The Board of Education of the Unalaska City School District met in the school library in Unalaska on Thursday, March 29, 2001. Board Clerk/Treasurer, Bobbie Lekanoff called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Guests were introduced.

### RECOGNIZED:

**Superintendent Sanborn thanked and presented awards to the following folks for participating on the Budget Committee.**

❖ Dick Davis	Business	❖ Kim Morrison	Parent
❖ Tom Enlow	Community	❖ Shannon Morrison	School Board
❖ Pam Fitch	City Council	❖ Beth Nehus	Elementary Teacher
❖ Frank Kelty	Chamber of Commerce	❖ Maria Nguyen	Student
❖ Rick Kniazowski	School Board	❖ Rhonda Siemens	Elementary Teacher
❖ Margaret Lekanoff	Classified Staff	❖ Ken Sweenhart	High School Teacher
❖ Shirley Marquardt	Parent		

### The Board took the following actions:

- ❖ **Approved the March 15<sup>th</sup> minutes with corrections.**
- ❖ **FY 02 Public Hearing/Budget Approval** – The Board approved the FY 02 budget as presented. Gene Makarin suggested to the Board that they bring the entire F F& E for the new school to the council at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. He reiterated his concern from the last meeting that the District's fund balance should not be used for capital expenditures. Holly Holman reported that an audio-conference with John Voss, Aimee Kniazowski, Scott Seabury, and the auditors from the City and the District was held earlier in the week to discuss the separate appropriation of \$260,000 for community schools. The auditors said that the Department of Education would have no problem with the appropriation as long as it was agreed upon by both parties; the City Council and the Board of Education. The City finance department would like to see justification of the 35%, and the school's auditor is working on the report. The Board decided to have a work session next week to plan the presentation of the budget to the council. The work session was set for Wednesday at noon at the school.

- ❖ **2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 – Academic Calendar** – The 2002 – 03, 2003-04 calendars were discussed with the concerns of holidays during December and January months. After these discussions, it was decided to approve the 2001-02 academic calendar and to continue the discussion in April or May for the other two academic years. **Please see attached 2001 –2002 approved calendar.**
- ❖ **FY 02 Certificated Staff Contracts** - The Board approved and signed Mr. Jon Fager’s, Mr. Lynn Norstadt’s, and Mrs. Carol Norstadt’s contract’s as presented.
- ❖ Approved 2001 – 2002 Academic Calendar
- ❖ Approved BP 2100 – Administrative Staff Organization – Second Reading.
- ❖ Approved BP 2110 – Organizational Chart – Second Reading.
- ❖ Approved Administration Appraisal Form as part of the evaluation process.

**The Board Heard the Following Reports:**

- ❖ **Superintendent’s Report (Please see attached)**
- ❖ **Principal’s Report : Mr. Draper reported on the following items:**
  - **Parent Teacher Conferences April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Wed. evening, April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday and Friday. No school on Thursday & Friday. Phone calls will be made to Jr. and Sr. High parents. Notices on menus sent home, reader board notice, channel 8 notices, blast fax, and daily announcements. The upper elementary will have student led conferences as they did last year.
  - **Summer School** - Free Alyeska Summer Correspondence Courses are being offered. The school will apply for a Title I grant to fund summer school for grades 7 –11. Budget is for four half time teachers for six weeks. UAF offerings will also be for students who wish to gain extra credit. Students will be able to gain extra credit to catch up their classmates. The staff will meet and plan for summer school on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Student Representative Report (None)**

**Correspondence Included:**

- ❖ A letter from Altman, Rogers & Company, regarding the review of all relevant tax literature
- ❖ AASB’s April 22 – 24 Legislative Orientation & Fly In agenda

**The Board discussed the following:**

- ❖ **Education Foundation/Endowment Report.** Mr. Rick Kniazowski had volunteered to investigate other school districts practices of developing an endowment fund or education foundation to provide future funding for Unalaska City School District. He discussed various activities of other school district’s non profits and their successes. The overall comments that Rick had been receiving from the business community were very supportive and plans are to continue to pursue this as viable activity. He stated that we should also look for any downsides of developing this type of an endowment fund, such

as reduction in scholarships, etc. and warned that it could take years before the foundation built to the point of providing funds to the school district.

- ❖ **AASB Legislative Fly In, February 24 – 27** Mrs. Lekanoff and Mr. Sanborn shared their positive experiences with the recent AASB Legislative Fly In. This was felt to have been an effective part of lobbying efforts to provide input on a variety of bills. Both thanked Representative Carl Moses for this time that was made available with the group. Aleutians East Board members had accompanied Bobbie and Darrell to their numerous appointments. There is another AASB Fly-In later next month. (April 22 –24<sup>th</sup>.)

**The future agenda items included:**

- ❖ Work Session on April 4, 2001
  - FY 02 Budget Presentation
  - 2002 – 03 & 2003 – 04 Academic Calendar

**There were no announcements.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.**