

Unalaska City School District

SCHOOL BOARD HAPPENINGS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
Darrell J. Sanborn

DATE: September 20, 2001

The Board of Education of the Unalaska City School District met in the school library in Unalaska on Thursday, September 20, 2001. Board President, Joanna Aldridge, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Guests were introduced, including Mr. & Mrs. Hladick and their children, Ben & Bethany. Chris & Wendy Hladick voiced how happy they are to be in Unalaska, as they have heard good things about the educational program here.

RECOGNIZED:

Marcy Custer and Lottie Roll were recognized and awarded certificates of appreciation for administering immunizations for UCSD students. Mr. Sanborn also praised Margaret Lekanoff for her efforts in getting the word out about the new immunization requirements. No students were turned away on the first day of school. Dr. Milton Lum and Gail Cadabes were recognized and awarded certificates of appreciation for performing sports physicals for UCSD students at no charge. Joanie Probst was recognized and awarded a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer help during Summer School 2001.

The Board took the following actions:

1. Approved August 16, 2001 minutes.
2. Members were introduced to Isaac Hall, the student body's choice for Student Representative to the Unalaska City School Board of Education.
3. Discussed Academic Calendars for School Year 2002-03 and School Year 2003-04. Directed the Superintendent to review concerns of the Board and others regarding the calendars, to make adjustments to calendars based on concerns presented, and to bring calendars back to the Board at next meeting.
4. Discussed continuation of Ounalashka Corporation Housing Lease for Kashega Apartments and directed the Superintendent to report back to the Board concerning specific options in renewing this lease. The Board thanked Ounalashka Corporation and Dick Davis for their continuing support of the Unalaska City School District

5. Appointed Rick Kniazowski, School Board Member, and Darrell Sanborn, Superintendent, to serve as the two Board-appointed members to the Sick Leave Bank Committee.
6. Approved request from Ray Hudson to reprint Cuttlefish VI – The Unknown Islands.
7. Discussed Administration's plans to develop and implement curriculum for Science and Social Studies, along with working on Aleut Language & Culture, Vocational Education, and Guidance & Counseling. There was a concern from the audience regarding the timing and pace of curriculum development and implementation, and that we may be moving too fast.
8. Approved (at 2nd Reading) Board Policy 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities, Board Policy 1410 – Interagency Cooperation for Student and Staff Safety, and Board Policy 3541.2 – Transportation for Exceptional Students. The Board also approved Administrative Regulation 0510 (a) – School District Report Card, Administrative Regulation 1340 (a) – Access to District Records, and Administrative Regulation 1410 – Interagency Cooperation for Student and Staff Safety.
9. Discussed Strategic Planning and tentatively agreed to hold a Work Session in October.
10. Discussed Fire-Alarm Systems for the new school and existing school building.
11. Approved Memorandum of Agreement for long-term substitute teacher, Mary Louise Combs.
12. Approved July and August Financial Statements.
13. The Board went into Executive Session. After Executive Session, the Board offered to extend Superintendent Sanborn's contract for another 2 years.

The Board Heard the Following Reports:

- 1. Superintendent's Report: (Please see attached)**
- 2. Principal's Report: (Please see attached)**
- 3. Report on ESL Program by ESL Teacher, Jon Fager:** Mr. Fager presented an update on the ESL Program to the Board. He explained that 29.4 % of student body has been identified as ESL eligible. His recent work has been to administer national tests of oral proficiency in order to determine which students with limited English proficiency need formal assistance to succeed in mainstream classes. The testing identified 50 students who are in need of formal assistance for oral proficiency through ESL. Mr. Fager and his assistant, Ms. Susan Solis, are also in the process of identifying those ESL eligible students who may need assistance with reading and writing. Mr. Fager and his assistant serve all grade levels in a variety of ways in order to best meet the needs of the ESL students. One particularly interesting

component of the ESL Program is the class Mr. Fager teaches for secondary students. This class may be taken for credit in place of a regular required English course. Additionally, Mr. Fager is providing training for teachers on assisting ESL students in the mainstream classrooms. The Board praised Mr. Fager for his work and offered their continuing support of the ESL Program.

Correspondence Included:

1. Briefing from Representative Carl Moses dated August 28, 2001.
2. Response letter from Governor Tony Knowles to Mr. Sanborn regarding Unalaska Airport runway extension.

The Announcements Included:

1. Jeff Richardson, Reporter for the Dutch Harbor Fisherman, announced he will be resigning from the paper in order to stay home with his new infant. Jeff expressed how much he enjoyed working with the School Board and USCD staff. The Board and Superintendent thanked him for his fine work and expressed their regret that he is leaving the paper.
2. Ms. Bobbie Lekanoff announced the students did a great job in their appearance on Flash Unalaska on Wednesday, September 19. Board Members also commented on how much they enjoyed the student-produced newspaper.