

Unalaska City School District

SCHOOL BOARD HAPPENINGS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
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DATE: March 14, 2003

The Board of Education of the Unalaska City School District met in the High School Library in Unalaska on Thursday, March 13, 2003. Board President, Tammy Fowler-Pound, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The Board took the following actions:

- Heard a presentation on the FY 04 school budget. This was the first public hearing on the budget; the final hearing and adoption will be on March 27th. Most public comment focused on the downsizing of the Unangan Language & Culture program. The recommendation was to keep the program intact, but downsize the staffing of the program from two positions to one position. It was proposed that the certificated person in the program would be shifted to the regular education classroom and the teacher aide would teach the Unangan Curriculum that is already in place. Other programs were discussed in the budget committee meetings as options to cut, such as music, art, foreign language and PE, but the effects of cutting a certificated person in another program would be to eliminate the entire program, since each of those programs are only staffed by one person. Other options of funding cuts which included staff and student activities travel, supplies, etc., were rejected due to cuts in previous year budgets in these areas. Discussions also focused on the possibilities of other local and regional agencies assisting in the funding of the Unangan Language & Culture Program. Consensus was to continue to operate the elementary Unangan Language & Culture Program utilizing a classified position, and the Junior High/High School Unangan Language & Culture classes would continue to be funded utilizing certificated staff. The Board directed administration to delay advertising the physical education/health position which would allow time for exploration of other funding sources for the Unangan Language and Culture program. If the funding does not come through by August, the PE position will not be filled, and the number of PE courses will be reduced to accommodate the time for Unangan Language & Culture junior high/high school course(s).
- Approved teacher contracts for FY 04.
- Approved the second reading of Board Bylaw 9012.
- Heard a legislative update.

The Board Heard the Following Reports:

- ❖ **Superintendent's Report:** (Please see attached)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE HAPPENINGS OF THE MARCH 13, 2003 MEETING, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE BOARD POLICY MENTIONED ABOVE, OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR A STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, PLEASE CALL 581-3151.