

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting

November 17, 2009
Nome Elementary School
5:30 p.m.

Barb Nickels, Board President, called the re-scheduled regular meeting of the Nome Board of Education to order in the library of the Nome Elementary School at 5:30 p.m. on November 17, 2009 with a quorum present.

Ms. Bourdon's class led the Pledge of Allegiance. Her class also sang 'You're a Grand Old Flag' before a presentation of the United States flag from Senator Murkowski to Nome Elementary School.

School Board Members of the Board of Education present: Barb Nickels, Kirsten Timbers, Gloria Karmun and Albert McComas.

Others in attendance included the following:

Jon Wehde	Sylvia Matson
Bill Gartung	Jenny Martens
Janeen Sullivan	Shari Biscotti
Doug Boyer	Robin Johnson
Betsy Brennan	Joe Miller
John Francis	Erin Gustafson
Andrew Gustafson	Joni Earp
Devynn Johnson	Tyler Rhodes

Kirsten Timbers read the Nome Public Schools Mission Statement.

Swearing in of new member: Heather Payenna was sworn in.

School Board re-organization: Albert McComas nominated Gloria Karmun for School Board president. Albert McComas moved the nominations cease, seconded by Kirsten Timbers.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with the following results:

KT: yes AM: yes GK: yes BN: yes HP: yes

Ms. Karmun was elected by a show of hands with a vote of four (4) yes and one (1) no.

Ms. Karmun opened nominations for Vice President/Clerk. Albert McComas nominated Kirsten Timbers.

Ms. Timbers was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

Ms. Karmun opened nominations for Treasurer. Albert McComas nominated Heather Payenna.

Ms. Payenna was elected unanimously by a show of hands.

Committee Assignments were made as follows:

Audit and Finance: Barb Nichols, Kirsten Timbers

Calendar Committee: Kirsten Timbers

Negotiations Committee: Albert McComas, Barb Nichols
Northwest College Advisory: Albert McComas, Kirsten Timbers – Alternate
NACTEC: Barb Nichols, Gloria Karmun – Alternate
Recruitment/Job Fair: Kirsten Timbers, Albert McComas – Alternate
Board policy Sub-Committee: Kirsten Timbers, Heather Payenna
School Facilities: Albert McComas

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Timbers moved, seconded by Mr. McComas to approve the agenda as amended.
The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/VISITORS

None.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Doug Boyer announced that Oliver Hoogendorn was the Jr. High student of the month.
Mason Evans was announced as the Senior High student of the month.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Taylor Romenesko presented his report.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

None.

BOARD INFORMATION

The following items under board information were reviewed: September and October roof project reports, letter of sympathy for the family of Richard Foster, EED confirmation notice of NPS FY2010 budget waver request, reference copy of NPS FY09 legislative priorities and letter concerning early morning practices.

REPORTS

Administrator Reports

Janeen Sullivan reported that she notified parents in a variety of ways for the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Attendance was 51% this year. JROTC has been active in the community. She is continuing her efforts to meet with parents with her 'Coffee with the Principal.' She is also meeting with students by having 'Breakfast with the Principal.' The flu count is coming down and stabilizing. She is working with public health to get permission slips signed for an immunization clinic in the school. Ms. Sullivan thanked Amber Raber for soliciting funds to provide a snack program for the Junior High, which is similar to the Elementary School. The following groups are supporting this program: Kawerak, Norton Sound Health Corporation, Hanson's and the Alaska Native Brotherhood Charitable Trust. She thanked CAMP for providing busses for students to attend the Health Fair. Ms. Sullivan also thanked the National Guard for letting the Junior Class use the Armory for the Carnival. She thanked Joy Hewitt for providing the Book Fair during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Several groups from the school are doing community service. She mentioned several upcoming dates for the High School: Prom – April 30, Baccalaureate – May 23 and Graduation – May 26.

Shari Biscotti reported that there is a very good focus on Math in the Elementary school. She reported that 308 parents and in many cases the students attended Parent/Teacher Conferences. Ms. Biscotti is working with the students to make the 3rd grade Student Based Assessments a good thing. She is re-visiting the School Improvement Plan with her staff. Nome Elementary is going to implement the Guys Read program to help the boys to be better readers. Girls Read will come in the Spring. Another effort to improve reading is 'Reading Takes You Around the World.' Nome Eskimo, Kawerak and Nome Community Center joined with PTSA and Nome Elementary School for another Family Fun Night. This night went very well and was well attended.

Jon Berkeley reported that he has finished the paperwork for Federal Programs. He has just finished the Work keys testing for the Juniors. He is now working on enrollment for SBAs and HSGQE for April 2010. The Limited English Proficiency Assessments testing window will be February 1st through March 30th. Mr. Berkeley reported that the Alaska Studies Task Force with Ms. Payenna and Ms. Katie O'Connor has met for the first time. This group meets to assess the classes being offered at Nome Beltz and work to expand the number of classes. He is planning to meet with the PAC on November 30 at the Nome Eskimo Community Hall. Mr. Berkeley has completed an Artist in the School grant application to bring Mr. Steven Blanchett and the Tribal Funk group 'Pamyua' to Nome Public Schools.

Mr. Gartung reported that he is working to make the NPS Personnel web page a good first contact for new employees. He is also using the page to highlight employees and started with our Principals Janeen Sullivan and Shari Biscotti. He reported that the first round of the Policy Books have been completed. In the area of job postings, we are still looking for a Senior Army Instructor and we have openings for a Special Education Secretary and Library/Media Center Aide.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Wehde asked that Approval of the Audit and Financial report be added to the action items for this meeting. Mr. Wehde had planned a telephone report from Mr. Steve Cropsie, however Mr. Cropsie was unavailable. He reported that the Strategic Planning is going very well. School Immunizations have begun on the school campuses. In the area of facilities and capitol projects, the roof project is proceeding. Mr. Wehde will provide a full update with Mr. Cropsie at the upcoming work session. The Nome Beltz apartment renovation is complete. He expressed his great appreciation to Jenny Martens for her work on this project. He also thanked Bill Potter and the Maintenance department for their help in relocating people's belongings to help with the project. This project ran over budget, however, there will be greater income in the future. He thanked Ms. Karmun for helping to attain the brochures, which outline the Alaska Education Plan. This will be a good fit as we continue to put together our Strategic Action Plan. He continues to support the JROTC program in recruiting staff and money to continue for the years to come. Mr. Wehde informally presented a new job position called an Operations Foreman, which will be explained in detail at the November Work Session. Mr. Wehde chaired the recent NACTEC Board meeting in Anchorage.

Board Policy Committee Report

None.

Board Members Open Discussion

Ms. Nickels asked to make the AASB on-line Policy Manual an item for discussion at the upcoming Work Session.

ROUTINE MATTERS

MINUTES
APPROVAL

Ms. Nickels moved /seconded by Ms. Timbers to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 13, 2009.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Mr. McComas to ratify the checks for the month of October 2009, in the amount of \$894,305.04.

OCTOBER
DISBURSEMENT

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with the following results:

GK: yes BN: yes HP: yes KT: yes AM: yes

ACTION ITEMS

a. Second reading BP 6156

LESSON PLANS

Mr. McComas moved, seconded by Ms. Timbers to approve the second reading of BP 6156.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

b. Second reading BP 6164.5

STUDENT STUDY TEAM

Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Mr. McComas to approve the second reading of BP 6156.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

c. Second reading BB 9200

BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Mr. McComas to approve the second reading of BB 9200.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

d. Service contract for Direct Digital Systems

SERVICE CONTRACT

Mr. McComas moved, seconded by Ms. Nickels to approve and adopt the service contract with Systems House for Direct Digital Systems maintenance.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with the following results:

BN: yes HP: yes KT: yes AM: yes GK: yes

e. Approval of certified contract

CERTIFIED CONTRACT

Ms. Timbers moved /seconded by Mr. McComas to approve the contract for Mr. Tim Adkins.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with the following results:

HP: yes KT: yes AM: yes GK: yes BN: yes

f. Approval of the Audit and Financial report

AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Mr. McComas to approve the Audit and Financial report.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote with the following results:

KT: yes AM: yes GK: yes BN: yes HP: yes

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Payenna thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

