



# Nome Public Schools

Superintendent Report to the Board  
December 9, 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board,

Since this is December I was wondering if I should put the Superintendent's gift from the Board under new business or were you planning on just surprising me with the new snow machine? Please don't tell me the same thing Brenda keeps saying – She's not very nice when it comes to new snow machines, three wheelers, and boats. Maybe I should be asking for a plane?

\* Joint Board Meeting BSSD and NPS

I connected with Jim Hickerson on the joint meeting. Mr. Hickerson has offered the use of the BSSD plane for our travel to Teller, but we will need to pay the cost of the flight. The BSSD meeting is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

What we should plan on is leaving Nome at around 3:30. We will meet up with the BSSD Board around 4:00. We will hold our joint meeting and have dinner together. We will plan to head back to Nome around 7:00.

If this does not meet with your approval please let me know so I can finalize plans with Jim.

\* Director of Special Education

Nancy Guthrie has been here this past week. I can not begin to express how wonderful her assistance has been. Nancy has been like a whirlwind. What with meetings and staff assistance we are working through the mountain of paperwork.

\* Maintenance Systems Tech Position

Ike is in the process of finalizing this position. We have held interviews and by the time the Board meets on Tuesday I hope to be able to share who we have offered this position to.

\* Bruce Johnson

Bruce has agreed to be here on January 30 and 31. I shared with Mr. Johnson that the Board would like to have time to discuss "Goal Setting",

“Board/Superintendent Decision Making”, and “Superintendent Evaluation”. If you have other topics you would like Mr. Johnson to cover please let me know and I’ll pass the topics along.

I shared with Bruce that the Board has established Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 and Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00 as the retreat times.

\* Bus Drivers Meeting

You know it is pretty amazing what can be accomplished when folks come together to look for mutual solutions to concerns. This past week I met with the Bus Drivers. I was time well spent and I left the meeting pleased with the cooperation in solving a number of concerns. I truly appreciate the job these gentlemen do for our district. What demanding job they hold!

\* Region Volleyball:

Man what a week of activities this past week was. Nome hosted Region Volleyball. We had 11 teams in Nome from Wednesday evening through Sunday. Lots of folks fixing meals, taking care of cleaning, officiating, supervision, and just all the stuff that goes with such a major event.

I won’t begin to thank individuals. As soon as I start I’ll forget someone.

\* Edna Alvanna’s Retirement:

We cannot say thanks enough to the individuals who assist with the job of raising our children. Mrs. Alvanna has done more than words can express.

Board, our next formal meeting will be held in 2009. Yep, that is 2009. Boy am I ever glad that you all are getting older and I seem to keep getting younger.

On a serious last note when we get back from Christmas break we will need to begin in earnest to look at the financial picture of the district. Our planning of the budget for the FY10 school year will take much time and decision making. As much as I wish we did not have to - I believe we will be in a time of shrinking resources, what with the drop in enrollment and the economic factors in our state and community.

As challenging as I believe the future might be I believe these types of challenges can bring out the best in us. I have all the faith in the world that by working together we can accomplish good things for the children, staff, and community of Nome.

I’ll keep smiling if you will,

Rick Luthi