

CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING: January 11, 2012
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CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Hoepfner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Cordova Jr/Sr High School Library. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members Present: Mr. Hoepfner, Mr. Sherman, Ms. Alexander, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Nichols

Members Absent: None

Quorum: Established

Staff Present: Superintendent Jim Nygaard, Principals Leif Jacobsen and Frank Wicks, Business Manager Verna Reedy, Board Secretary Jeannie Blake

Staff Absent: Keith Zamudio

City Council Rep: Not Present

Student Council Rep: Not Present

CEA Rep: Not present

Visitors: None

Presentation of Certificates/Awards: None

Correspondence: None

HEARINGS OF INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS: None

APPROVAL OR AMEND REGULAR AGENDA:

Mr. Gilman moved to amend the January 11, 2012 agenda to include the following: Information Items to include City of Cordova Resolution 01-12-06, Action Items to include Memorandum of Agreement between the Cordova School District and the Association of Alaska School Boards. /Ms. Alexander seconded.

Motion PASSED 5-0

AUDIENCE COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Sherman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2011. / Mr. Nichols seconded.
Motion PASSED 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA: None

REPORTS:

Student Council: None

City Council: (Keith van den Broek): None

Cordova Education Assoc (Doug Carroll/Pam Moe): None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - Elementary School (Mr. Wicks):

- Site Base Council will meet January 24, 2012.
- Grades will be sent home a week later due to the emergency/school closure situation.
- Salmon eggs are close to hatching.
- Playground has some dramatic overhangs. Safety is a priority; the playground will not be used unless it is safe for students.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - Elementary School (Mr. Wicks): CON'T

- State purchased the English Language Learner Assessments. Webinars and workshops have provided training for this assessment.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - Jr/Sr High School (Mr. Jacobsen):

- Due to the emergency/school closure situation there will be no athletic events this weekend. Currently working with ACS to see what new arrangements can be made.
- Cordova Tip-Off is scheduled for January 19-21. Currently working with teams regarding town situation and travel. All teams are scheduled to fly in except for Palmer. Palmer may travel by ferry, waiting for confirmation.
- Site Base Council will meet January 26, 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - Technology (Mr. Zamudio): None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Superintendent (Mr. Nygaard):

- Emergency Situation: Snow updates have been sent via email. Daily morning meetings with the city regarding the emergency situation. The National Guard and the Coast Guard have been providing assistance with shoveling. Priorities change rapidly due to the weather situation. Fuel tanks are full. Specialists have been rescheduled. Spoke with school insurance company regarding the loss of the carport located at the high school. City is looking at bringing in an engineering firm to evaluate buildings. Spoke with MRV regarding the snow load capacity on Mt. Eccles.
- School Closure: Speaking with the Commissioner of Education regarding the school closure and make-up days. Plan on meeting with Mr. Wicks regarding inservice. A calendar will need to be worked up and presented to the Department of Education.
- ILP: Building construction is in the finalization process. There are a few punch list items.
- Mt. Eccles: Prior to Christmas a crew came in to replace gaskets. The areas that previously leaked are still leaking. Hope to have the city available for further information during the February meeting. In the process of requesting reimbursement money from the city regarding electricity, heat, elevator, and bell system.
- CHS Lighting Retrofit: There were no bid submissions presented for this project.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - FINANCIAL REPORTS (Mrs. Reedy)

- Financials for the month of December 2011 were presented.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Information Items:

- FY11 Financial Audit Report – Alex Beckman (telephonic): Mr. Beckman presented a report to the board regarding the audit. All findings were good.
- City of Cordova Elected Officials, Appointed Boards & Commissions List: Ms. Alexander and Mr. Nichols noted some of their information was incorrect. Mr. Gilman noted he had served a previous term and it was not noted.
- BP 4222 Teacher Aides/Professionals: First reading. Public comment period will be January 12, 2012 – January 25, 2012. Comments may be emailed to jblake@cordovasd.org or mailed to Cordova School District, Attn: Jeannie Blake
- Computer Laptop Insurance: Mr. Nygaard and Mr. Zamudio are meeting regarding a future pilot program.
- Driver Information Update: No new information.
- Mt. Eccles Update: Information provided in Mr. Nygaard's administrative report. Hope to have more information in February. All loose ends must be tied up before completion.
- City of Cordova, Alaska Resolution 01-12-06 (amended item): City Council is meeting at this time. Everyone is working hard to have the schools ready. Work is being done while school is closed to prepare for a safe reopening.

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NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BP 6161.4 Internet Second Reading

Ms. Alexander moved to approve the second reading of BP 6161.4 Internet. / Mr. Gilman seconded.

Motion PASSED 5-0

Previously Approved Travel

Ms. Alexander moved to approve the out of state travel for Mr. Nygaard to attend the February 2012 AASA National Conference. / Mr. Gilman seconded.

Discussion: Travel was previously approved but due to Mr. Nygaard's not returning as superintendent next year he felt it important to readdress this. Board felt Mr. Nygaard represents our school district well and he should participate in this event.

Motion PASSED 5-0

Memorandum of Agreement – Association of Alaska School Boards and Cordova Schools (amended item)

Mr. Sherman moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Cordova School District and the Association of Alaska School Boards. / Mr. Nichols seconded.

Motion PASSED 5-0

CONTRACTS-MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENTS: None

PERSONNEL:

- Letter of Resignation – Jim Nygaard
- Letter of Resignation – Frank Wicks

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ILP Update: Starting to close out the project. Working with expenses to provide to the City for reimbursement. Note once this grant expires whatever money is remaining goes into the facilities district fund.
- Regular Policy Review: BP 4141 Negotiated Agreement; BP 4141.6 Concerted Actions/Work Stoppage
- February Regular Board Meeting Date: February 8, 2012 in the high school library at 7:00 p.m.

PENDING AGENDA:

- Monthly Policy Review
- BP 4222 Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals Second Reading
- Superintendent Evaluation
- Mt. Eccles Update from City
- Superintendent Search Timelines

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Mr. Nichols: Both Mr. Nygaard and Mr. Wicks are strong charismatic leaders and valued community members that will be missed.
- Mr. Sherman: Enjoyable training the last two days, very thankful for the opportunity to participate.
- Ms. Alexander: Thank you for your service Mr. Nygaard and Mr. Wicks. It is good to hear from an outside source about the great work Mrs. Reedy did regarding the audit, thank you Mrs. Reedy. Enjoyed the training the last two days. The Copper River Watershed Project is planning a community gathering to thank the National Guard for their assistance.
- Mr. Gilman: Echo the board comments regarding both Mr. Nygaard and Mr. Wicks. Enjoyed the board training. Happy New Year everyone.
- Mr. Hoepfner: Very impressive work Mrs. Reedy, spectacular. Appreciate working with everyone.


EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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ADJOURNMENT:


Ms. Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting. / Mr. Gilman seconded.
Motion PASSED
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST



President
2/8/12

Date



Clerk
2/8/12

Date