

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2011
Nome Elementary School
5:30 p.m.

Betsy Brennan, School Board President, called the regular meeting of the Nome Board of Education to order in the Library of Nome Elementary School at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 with a quorum present.

Jacob Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Betsy Brennan read the Nome Public Schools Mission Statement.

School Board Members present: Barb Amarok, Betsy Brennan, Gloria Ann Karmun, Barb Nickels, Jennifer Reader, and Student Representative Jacob Martin.

Others in attendance included the following:

Mike Brawner	Jon Berkeley
Bill Gartung	Steve Gast
Dave Keller	Carmen Russo
Ben Matheson	Laura Lawrence
Kent Runion	Diana Adams
Diana Haecker	David Elmore
Nancy Mendenhall	Danielle Sylvester
Robert John Larsen	Daphany Iya
SFC Jim Doll	

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Ms. Karmun to approve the agenda with the addition of the School Board Committee Assignments and School Board Annual Calendar to the Open Discussion. The motion carried by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/VISITORS

Mr. Brawner introduced Danielle Sylvester and David Elmore.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

Danielle Sylvester greeted the School Board and said she was in attendance to present the new Tobacco Policy for review.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – September 2011

Ms. Carmen Russo presented Daphany Iya as the Junior High Student of the Month. She also presented Robert John Larsen as the Senior High Student of the Month. SFC Jim Doll spoke on his behalf.

BOARD INFORMATION

The School Board reviewed the following information: Review of Superintendent Evaluation, AR Concussions, BP1140 Responsibilities of the Board, BP1312 Public Complaints Concerning the Schools, BP1312.1 Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel, AR1312.1 Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel, BB9300 Governance, BB9321 Executive Sessions, and BB9323 Meeting Conduct

POLICY COMMITTEE

Betsy Brennan reported that the committee met on October 31 and was recommending the policies on the agenda for 1st or 2nd Reading.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Jacob Martin read his written report to the school board.

REPORTS

Administrator Reports

Steve Gast highlighted his report with the following items; The coaches have received the Concussion AR and been trained at the High School level. He said the Jr. High coaches would also be trained. APEX was continuing to work well and the school was continuing to revise the program as the year continues. Mr. Gast

said that the Parent/ Teacher Conferences had a 60% attendance rate. He credited a lot of the success of the conferences to Ms. Janeen Sullivan who made several phone calls to parents during the weekend preceding the Conferences. He said that there would be several Dual Credit classes presented in the Spring Semester. Mr. Gast said that he was preparing his staff for the Collaboration day by having a pre-collaboration conference to sort out the data so the time on Collaboration Day would be more effectively spent. He said that his staff would be divided into groups and they would be required to assess the data and provide recommendations. He reported that Ms. Hewitt is presenting the Battle of the Books to the students again this year. Mr. Gast commended the District Office for the handling of the recent storm and school closure.

Dave Keller highlighted his report with the following items; He discussed MAP Testing and reviewed the growth chart for 6th Grade students. Mr. Keller also reviewed Kindergarten MAP history by content strand. He said that the school was well prepared for the Collaboration Day. He reported that the Halloween Fun Night went very well and no poor behavior was observed. The Parent/Teacher conferences had an 85% attendance rate with 32% student involvement. He said that he participated in a student led conference. Mr. Keller said that the student was well prepared by the teacher. This student's parent was notably pleased with the conference. Big Brother/Big Sister is concluding a productive relationship with Nome Schools. He hopes to see the program return in the future. He met with Marsha Sloan and they are going to re-start tutoring. Due to the smaller staff at Nome Eskimo Community, they will have to scale back their efforts.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Brawner highlighted his report with the following items: He said that he enjoyed the reports of Mr. Gast and Mr. Keller. He said that he was pleased with the percentage of parents at the Parent/Teacher Conferences. He was also pleased with the Perfect Attendance numbers at NES. Mr. Brawner said that the schools would look at the student data that has been received and plan future instruction based on this data. He said that the Winter AASB Meetings would include a Budgeting Academy in early December. He said he has started planning for the new budget and was asking the Board to help plan for the Student/Teacher ratios. He told that Board that this would help in planning for personnel next year. This would also determine which programs would be supported next year. Mr. Brawner was working with the City on the NES light replacement project. He said that he appreciated the work of the LEPC regarding the storm. He said that 500 tri-fold flyers have been made to hand out to help inform the public concerning the Strategic Plan. In the area of recruiting and retaining highly qualified staff, he was working with Marzano Labs to present webinars on school leadership. He said that AKEELA is up and running with a three year partnership. The BIRCH package was complete and awaiting results.

Board Members Open Discussion

The School Board Members discussed Committee assignments with the following results:

Audit and Finance:

Jennifer Reader
Gloria Ann Karmun Alt.

Negotiations Committee:

Barb Amarok
Barb Nickels
Gloria Ann Karmun Alt.

NACTEC/ Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center:

Barb Nickels
Betsy Brennan Alt.

Recruitment/Job Fair:

Barb Amarok
Barb Nickels Alt.

Board Policy Sub-Committee:

Betsy Brennan
Jennifer Reader

School Facilities:

Gloria Ann Karmun
Barb Nickels Alt.

Calendar Committee:

Betsy Brennan
Jennifer Reader Alt.

Northwest College Advisory:

Betsy Brennan
Jennifer Reader Alt.

The School Board Members discussed the Annual Board Calendar.

Ms. Amarok asked the Board to meet with the PAC and PTSA to align priorities.

Ms. Brennan said that in the past the Audit was accepted as an action item. She asked if the Board needed to schedule this item?

Mr. Brawner suggested that the Board should formally adopt the Audit.

ROUTINE MATTERS

Ms. Karmun moved, seconded by Ms. Nickels to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2011 .

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The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Ms. Reader to ratify the checks for the month of October 2011, in the amount of \$1,055,527.18.

OCTOBER 2011
DISBURSEMENT

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

BA: yes GK: yes BN: yes JR: yes BB: yes

ACTION ITEMS

a. Ms. Karmun moved, seconded by Ms. Nickels to approve the second reading of BP 3512 Equipment Usage, BP 5119 Children of Military Families, BP 5125.3 Withholding Grades, Diploma, or Transcripts, and BP 5138 Portable Electronic Devices, Including Cellular as a block.

BP 3512
EQUIPMENT
USAGE
BP 5119
CHILDREN OF
MILITARY
FAMILIES
BP 5125.3
WITHHOLDING
GRADES,
DIPLOMA, or
TRANSCRIPTS
BP 5138
DEVICES,
PORTABLE
ELECTRONIC
INCLUDING
CELLULAR

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

b. Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Ms. Reader to approve the first reading of BP 5131.62 Tobacco.

BP 5131.62
TOBACCO

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

c. Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Ms. Reader to approve the first reading of BP 3513.3 – Tobacco-Free Schools/Smoking.

BP 3513.3
TOBACCO-FREE
SCHOOLS/
SMOKING

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

d. Ms. Karmun moved, seconded by Ms. Nickels to approve the first reading of BP 5118 Transfers.

BP 5118
TRANSFERS

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

e. Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Ms. Reader to approve the first reading of BP 4170/4270/4370 District Issued Portable Technology .

BP 4170/4270/
4370 DISTRICT
ISSUED
PORTABLE
TECHNOLOGY

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

f. Ms. Nickels moved, seconded by Ms. Reader to approve the Superintendent Evaluation form and all accompanying instructions and materials.

SUPERINTENDENT
EVALUATION
FORM

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Nickels said she was happy with the preparations for the upcoming Collaboration Day and was glad for the participation of the teachers in the process. She congratulated Robert and Daphany.

