

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Board Of Education
Legislative Committee Meeting

Committee of the Whole

MINUTES

October 14, 2015

Legislative Chair Dominique called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue.

Chair Dominique read the district's mission statement: *"Our mission is to provide an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society."*

Present:

Wendy Dominique, Chair & Board Vice President
Allyson Lambert, Board Treasurer
Lisa Gentry, Board Clerk
Michael O'Brien, Member
Sean Rice, Member

Absent:

Heidi Haas, Board President
Sue Hull, Board Member

Staff Present:

Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent
Dan Schmidt, Secondary Assistant Superintendent
Sandra Kowalski, Elementary Assistant Superintendent
Lisa Pearce, Chief Financial Officer
Janet Cobb, Executive Director of Technology
Dave Norum, Executive Director of Facilities Maintenance
Sharice Walker, Director of Public Relations
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board

Others:

John Ringstad

Agenda Adoption with Consent Agenda Item [0:00:37]

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GENTRY MOVED, LAMBERT SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH CONSENT AGENDA ITEM.

MOTION PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

4 AYES: O'BRIEN, GENTRY, LAMBERT, DOMINIQUE

Public Testimony – *limited to items on the agenda only* [0:01:02]

Chair Dominique called for public testimony. Hearing none, testimony was closed.

Funding [0:01:07]

Dr. Gaborik drew the committee's attention to the budget PowerPoint that was presented to the Citizen Budget Review Committee on October 1. Committee members had seen the presentation at a previous school board work session. A copy was provided in the agenda for the committee's reference.

Educational Legislation/Strategies [0:01:35]

The district's Strategic Plan Communication Document was the committee and school board's roadmap for budget priorities. The committee was asked about a leave-behind for legislators and if interested, what they wanted the document to look like. Committee discussion ensued. The committee reviewed last year's document and the priorities. Mr. Ringstad stated the district's document worked fine as a leave behind with legislators. The dialogue was the most important aspect of any legislative visit, but it was good to have a leave behind. While the committee was in general agreement about the importance of a leave-behind legislative document, there were several different suggestions offered on the structure of the document. The administration would draft a document for the committee's consideration.

Capital Projects [0:17:15]

Committee members reviewed the FY 2016 Capital Budget Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Norum noted all the items on the CIP list were issues that needed to be addressed.

Mr. Rice arrived at 5:56 p.m.

Committee discussion ensued. Committee members had questions and comments regarding the CIP approval process, legislative grants, and the completion of Barnette Magnet School's renovation.

Legislative/Budget Priorities

Included in the discussion regarding educational legislation and strategies.

Strategies [0:39:38]

The school board's work session with the Interior Delegation was scheduled for November 2. The board would also be meeting with the borough assembly on October 29. Topics of discussion would include funding, the lapse fund, and fund balance.

Mrs. Lambert left the committee meeting at 6:23 p.m., due to a prior commitment.

Committee discussion ensued. Committee members agreed with the discussion topics for the board's meeting with the borough assembly. They discussed strategies for the presentation. The committee discussed the pros and cons of contracting with John Ringstad, as the district's lobbyist. The lobbyist contract would be on the November 3 agenda for the board's consideration.

Communication & Implementation

Included in the discussion of strategies.

Board Legislative Travel [0:52:40]

Mrs. Dominique did not think it was prudent to set travel until the board reorganized.

Board Comments/Announcements [0:53:36]

None

The committee meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Tuttle, executive assistant to the Board of Education and Legislative Committee.