

**Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Administrative Legislative Committee Meeting
November 20, 2019**

Meeting Notes

Timothy Doran, school board vice president and legislative committee member, called the committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the board room of the FNSBSD Administrative Center at 520 Fifth Avenue.

Committee Members Present & Comprising a Quorum:

Timothy Doran, Board Vice President
Jennifer Luke, Board Member
Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent
Shawna Henderson, FPA President
Sandi Ryan, FEA President
Jasmine Adkins-Brown, ESSA President
Robert Kinnard, Community Representative

Absent:

Wendy Dominique, Board President
John Ringstad, District Lobbyist

Vacant:

Parent Representative
Student Representative

Staff Present:

Andreau DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer
Mark Nilson, Executive Director of Facilities Maintenance
Rebecca Hurbi, Digital Communications Manager
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board & Committee Administrative Support

Lobbyist Update on Current Legislative Activities [0:01:53]

John Ringstad, district lobbyist, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Superintendent Dr. Karen Gaborik provided a brief overview of legislative activity. The governor's budget would be released in December. Various committee members shared legislative information they had obtained. Committee members hoped Governor Dunleavy would follow-through on his promise to meet and work with different interest groups throughout the legislative session.

Education Issues/Legislation [0:10:28]

Dr. Gaborik spoke to the Alaska Superintendents Association (ASA) priorities. Sandi Ryan, Fairbanks Education Association (FEA) president, spoke to the FEA/ESSA delegates' priorities.

Ms. Adkins-Brown arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Nilson spoke to the district's Capital Improvement Projects list.

Committee members discussed aspects of the different organizations' priorities, including the rising cost of health care; reading at grade-level and retention; the return of a defined-benefit retirement program or other high-return retirement program; the average daily membership (ADM) calculation; the effect of the F-35s arrival and the repercussions if the arrival date was delayed; and enrollment and funding calculations.

2020-2021 Legislative Priorities Work [0:10:28]

Superintendent Dr. Gaborik walked the committee through a review of the 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities. The committee and administration examined and discussed the current legislative issues and district concerns and priorities, providing suggestions for each of the draft 2020-2021 priorities. Dr. Gaborik and Rebecca Hurbi, digital communications manager, would draft language based on the comments and input from the committee for its consideration at its next meeting.

[Clerk's Note: The board room sound system encountered technical difficulties; approximately 6 minutes (6:39-6:45 pm) of the committee meeting was not recorded.]

Committee Comments/Announcements [1:26:30]

The committee's next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 17 at 5:30 p.m.

[Clerk's Note: After the November 20 meeting, the next committee meeting was moved from December 17 to December 18.]

The committee meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Tuttle, Board of Education executive assistant & Legislative Committee administrative support.