

**Cordova School District - Board of Education
Regular Meeting - August 11, 2010
Summary**

Meeting Began: 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mrs. Covell, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Gilman, and Mr. Hoepfner present. Mr. Nichols was unable to participate telephonically due to a GCI outage. Mrs. Covell tried calling Mr. Nichols cell phone but no circuits were available due to the pre-arranged outage.

Approval of Minutes:

- Regular Meeting July 7, 2010 with one minor clerical correction.

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda with second reading of Board Policy updates from AASB
Approved 4-0:

City Council Representative: Mr. van den Broek - First meeting no formal report. Requested guidance as to what may be needed for future reports. Reported Tom Cohenour is doing a wonderful job.

Student Council Representative: Not present - No report

CEA Representative: Not present - No report

Elementary (Mr. Wicks): Not present - No report

High School (Mr. Jacobsen): Not present - No report

Technology (Mr. Zamudio): Not present - No report

Superintendent (Mr. Nygaard):

- Travel: Annual meeting with EED officials/Commissioner of EED August 1-3 in Juneau; Personal travel August 12-16; Sped Director Conference mid September in Anchorage.
- Asbestos Training: Met State requirement of 40 hour training. Future trainings will now be 8 hour sessions.
- PWS Advisory Council: Great opportunity to be part of an advisory board to aid the Forest Service in awarding nearly \$3million in grants intended to benefit the national forest (broadly).
- Mt. Eccles Projects: Moving forward, comfortable with projects at this point. Orders and arrival, storage of existing equipment and supplies, and overall quality of the work being conducted is all at a premium comfort level. Areas of concern remain with the critical articulation of finances and or payments. As portions of these projects (gymnasium) are closed out it will become more important to coordinate with the City and or State as we draw the many line items to closure. Possible delay of the gymnasium floor installation due to temperature-humidity issues. Current plan is to install during Christmas Break. During the interim time there will be a durable floor cover placed on the concrete to eliminate dust particulates in the air. The floor covering will be used for many future years for special events.
- AYP: Mt. Eccles increased 3% in Language Arts and 11% in Math. Cordova Jr/Sr High increased 4% in Language Arts and maintained in Math. The AMO (Annual Measurable Objective) will increase next school year to Math - 74.57 percent proficient; Language Arts - 82.88 percent proficient. By school year 2013-14 the AMO will be 100% for both categories. With the construction challenges at Mt. Eccles it is pleasing to see the assessment scores of our students this year. When 50% of the schools in Alaska struggle to make minimum requirements, Cordova students not only met the minimum, they exceeded it. This is something for the community of Cordova to celebrate.

- Student Count: Projections remain low for this fall. The staffing reduction over last year (loss of three FTE certified positions and four classified) remains satisfactory.
- Building status: High school maintenance work has been busy along with general cleaning. As the date approaches for moving back into Mt. Eccles the custodians will all be reassigned to Mt. Eccles for the moving/unpacking. The new supplies will be delivered and set-up the first week of September. There will be considerable equipment needing temporary storage (moved out of the hangers) due to the final phase of the construction being completed in December. This material is anticipated to be stored in the gym.
- ASAA "Play for Keeps": Required parent/student meeting was July 29. There will be "make-up" meetings scheduled accordingly for those students unable to attend the first fall meeting.
- Open Positions: Team feed cook, Jr-High cheerleader advisor, and swim coach.
- Audit 2010: Continue to be impressed with Verna's efforts as she coordinates and schedules the needs for the auditors. Looking forward to the official follow-up summary from our auditors.
- Additional updates: Keep in mind Board training with Timi Tullis, Strategic plan update, School Climate report will be presented by Bridget Smith - hopefully at the October meeting.
- Current Alaska Association of Superintendent Association Hot Topics - Open meetings and endorsement removal.

Financial Report (Mrs. Reedy):

- July Financials were presented.
- Additional updates: Auditors have come and gone. Noted Travel Authorization forms should have both the Principal and the Superintendent's signature. Suggested the Food Service Manager confirm figures at the end of each month as a double check. RUS Grant auditors have been here this week; no problems noted.

New/Unfinished Business:

- Ballot Measure One
Information only item
- National Forest Counties & Schools Coalition
Information only item
- AASB Call for Resolutions
Information only item
- Individual Procurement Cards
Approved 4-0
- Second Reading BP 6154 Homework/Makeup Work
Approved 4-0
- CHS 2010-2011 Student Handbook
Approved 4-0
- Student Support Account
Discussion: Intent to re-establish an account that may provide financial support for children. Donations will be used for the right reasons, to support children. Protocol for the account will be presented at the next meeting.
Approved 4-0
- State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) Approval
Approved 4-0

Contracts/Memorandums of Agreement:

- 2010-11 ELL Contract - Linda-Kay Wicks
Approved 4-0
- MOA - Wolverine Gear & Pastimes Proposal
Approved 4-0
- Contract - Cordova School District & Wells Fargo (Certificate of Resolution)
Approved 4-0
- MOA - Cordova School District & Native Village of Eyak
Information only item

Miscellaneous:

- Mt. Eccles Update: Provided by Tom Cohenour during Hearings of Invited Individual or Groups
Slide show displaying construction progress beginning September 2009 until present date.
 - Moved the street light to new location across from the school on Adams Street; benefit with Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS).
 - Moved the electrical box.
 - Condensation was apparent in the gymnasium; fans and heat were used to dry the area.
 - Lots of work in process.
 - Gymnasium floor will be installed at Christmas break. A durable mat covering will be used as a cover until the actual floor may be installed.
- Regular Policy Review: BP 1312; BP 1312.1; BP 1312.2; BP 1312.3; BP 1313; BP 1400; BP 1410; BP 1700; BP 3315; BP 3523

Pending Agenda Items:

- Monthly Policy Review
- 2011-2012 School Calendar
- Student Account Protocol

Meeting Dates:

- September Regular Board Meeting: September 7, 2010

Executive Session: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46 PM

Summary is done as a courtesy to the community and in no way should be construed as the approved meeting minutes.