
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.
Special Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Sammy Crawford, President
Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Vice President
Mr. Marty Anderson, Clerk
Ms. Lynn Hohl, Treasurer
Mr. Joe Arness
Mrs. Liz Downing
Mr. Gregory Gabriel, Jr.
Mr. Bill Holt
Mrs. Penny Vadla
Miss Theresa Ramponi, Student Representative

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. John O'Brien	Mrs. Laurie Olson
Mrs. Melody Douglas	Mrs. LaDawn Druce
Mr. Hal Smalley	Mr. Doug Cannon
Mr. Tim Peterson	Mr. Sean Dusek
Mrs. Kelsey Ciufu	Mrs. Sandy Miller
Mrs. Lassie Nelson	Mrs. Sharon Radtke
Mr. Dave Jones	Mrs. Mary Blossom
Mrs. Doris Cannon	Mrs. Christine Ermold
Mr. John Steckel	Ms. Mo Sanders
Mrs. Jacquie Steckel	Ms. Carolyn Cannava
Mr. Clayton Holland	Mr. Walt Ward
Ms. Holly Montague	Mrs. Melissa Stavola
Mr. Alan Fields	Mr. David Henson
Mr. Mike Sellers	Mr. John Pothast

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Crawford called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
(10:04:10 AM)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Crawford invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.
(10:04:23 AM)

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT: Mrs. Hilts read the District's mission statement.
(10:04:44 AM)

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mr. Marty Anderson	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Gregory Gabriel, Jr.	Present (<i>participated telephonically</i>)
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present/Arrived at 10:11 a.m.
Miss Theresa Ramponi	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

(10:06: AM)

The agenda was approved as written.

**SUPERINTENDENT
INTERVIEW PROCEDURES:**

(10:06:22 AM)

Mrs. Crawford explained the procedures for interviewing the superintendent candidates. She stated that the Board would interview each candidate for one hour. The fifteen questions were divided up among the Board members present. Mr. Gabriel was not assigned any questions. Mrs. Crawford explained that, although Miss Ramponi will sit with the Board, she would not cast an advisory vote for actions related to the superintendent vacancy.

Mrs. Vadla arrived at 10:11 a.m.

**INTERVIEW WITH STEVE
ATWATER:**

(10:14:00 AM)

At 10:14 a.m. The Board began the interview with Dr. Steve Atwater, Assistant Superintendent, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Dr. Atwater participated in the interview in person.

RECESS

(11:04:28 AM)

At 11:04 a.m. Mrs. Crawford called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:**

(11:15:30 AM)

At 11:15 a.m. the Board reconvened in regular sessions.

**INTERVIEW WITH TODD
SYVERSON:**

(11:16:55 AM)

At 11:16 a.m. the Board began the interview with Mr. Todd Syverson, Soldotna High School principal with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Mr. Syverson participated in the interview in person.

RECESS:

(11:59:32 AM)

At 11:59 a.m. Mrs. Crawford called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:**

(1:14:48 PM)

At 1:14 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular sessions.

**INTERVIEW WITH GUY
FISHER:**

(1:16:09 PM)

At 1:16 p.m. the Board began the interview with Mr. Guy Fisher. Mr. Fisher participated in the interview in person.

RECESS:

(2:12:43 PM)

At 2:12 p.m. Mrs. Crawford called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:**

(2:31:25 PM)

At 2:31 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular sessions.

**INTERVIEW WITH
MARSHALL TRENT
BLANKENSHIP:**

(2:32:04 PM)

At 2:32 p.m. the Board began the interview with Dr. Marshall Trent Blankenship, Superintendent, North Slope Borough School District. Dr. Blankenship participated in the interview telephonically.

RECESS:

(3:13:44 PM)

At 3:13 p.m. Mrs. Crawford called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:**

(3:31:42 PM)

At 3:31 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular sessions.

**INTERVIEW WITH KEN
LADOUCCER:**

(3:33:04 PM)

At 3:33 p.m. the Board began the interview with Dr. Ken Ladouccer, Superintendent, Gilpin County School District. Dr. Ladouccer participated in the interview telephonically.

Mrs. Crawford reminded those present that the Board will accept written comments until 5:30 p.m. She stated that, in order for the comments to be considered, they must be signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(4:21:28 PM)

At 4:21 p.m. Mr. Arness moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to receive results from reference checks. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

(5:12:05 PM)

At 5:12 p.m. Mrs. Hilts moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Holt seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

(5:12:20 PM)

At 5:12 p.m. Mrs. Crawford called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:**

(7:00:48 PM)

At 7:00 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

Mrs. Crawford summarized the steps in the superintendent hiring process.

MOTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following: "the Board offer to Dr. Steve Atwater a one-year contract to assume the role of superintendent of schools on July 1, 2009. Said contract will be offered on the terms of superintendent contract in effect for this year and will be available for renegotiation at the end of its term with approval of both parties." Mr. Holt seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

UNAPPROVED

ADJOURN:
(7:30:45 PM)

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Hilts seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, President

Mr. Marty Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of March 11, 2009,
have not been approved as of
March 19.