

HAINES BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD
Meeting No. 634
December 4, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Haines Borough School Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kelly in the Elementary School Open Area.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The pledge to the flag was conducted.

ROLL CALL: Carol Kelly, Mike Case, Gary Stigen, Daymond Hoffman, Brian Clay, Sarah Swinton, JJ Lende. Judy Ereksen was absent until 7:55 pm when she joined via telephone.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of the Agenda, Approval of the Minutes-Meeting #633, Communications, Personnel Report. Kelly asked that the Sweep Account discussion be moved before Public Comments and that Mr. Parnell's letter be moved to Public Comments so discussion could take place. M/S Swinton/Case to approve the consent agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE. Advisory vote passed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: PASSED-consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Meeting No. 633: PASSED-consent agenda.

SWEEP ACCOUNTS: Dick Flegel and Krista Lampkins, representatives of the First National Bank, were present. Mr. Flegel explained the Bank's Overnight Repurchase Agreement Account Program. In this program the District would gain more interest on money deposited in the bank and also the money would be further protected beyond the current FDIC maximum amount. Flegel mentioned that many municipalities and government agencies are investing in this type of account. This Bank offers a \$0 balance sweep account. Another feature is that office personnel would not have to constantly monitor the account balance. Money would move back and forth from the sweep account to the checking account automatically. M/S Swinton/Case to move program/general fund money into a sweep account. The activities funds may be moved at a later date. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE. Advisory vote passed.

LETTER FROM JOE PARNELL REGARDING GYM USE: Parnell wrote a letter to the Board encouraging them to allow the gyms to be open on the weekends for community use. He had been gathering signatures on his petition. Parnell asked that the old jr high gym be open on December 8,9,15,16,22, and 23 for the community. Kelly noted that there were cost factor such as utilities and the legalities of whether or not a volunteer could open and supervise the gym. Case thanked Parnell for volunteering his time. Kelly asked Byer to look into the possibility with Teri Podsiki. Podsiki handed out a schedule from the past couple of months showing how much the gyms are used with basketball, cheerleading, CYD, Hoop Shoot, birthday parties, etc. She said that she would not be in favor of setting a scheduled gym time on Saturday and Sunday because she would have to come to town to open the gyms. Clay wondered what it would cost to have a volunteer open and supervise the gym. Hoffman wondered if there was any special training need to be an open gym supervisor. There was not. Podsiki asked if there would be an admission fee. Parnell said that he wouldn't be opposed to \$2-3 dollars each. He also said that he realized that he would be a representative of the Board and would strive to do a good job. Podsiki noted that for the past two years a group tried to start a Soccer Sunday for adults. Both years this was cancelled due to lack of participation. Kelly instructed Byer and Parnell to work together to try to come up with a proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Communications

LETTER FROM THE HAINES BOROUGH REGARDING GLACIER BEAR DRIVE: A letter was received from the Borough stating that the Assembly agreed to change the name of Seventh Avenue to Glacier Bear Drive. A sign will be erected soon.

Reports

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Lende reported that the Student Council is continuing with the class GPA contest. The Student-of-the-Month is Kate Lindsley. She said that every Wednesday is spirit day. Students dressing up in school colors, or whatever the theme is, can earn spirit points for their class. These points accumulate throughout the year. The class with the most points will get a pizza or ice cream party at the end of the year. The basketball season has begun. There are 10-12 girls out for the team under the coaching of Brian and Sarah Elliott. There are currently 12 boys playing for Steve Fossman. The DDF team recently returned from Ketchikan where they performed very well. The annual holiday concert will be held on December 13th. K-12 students are involved in the Nutcracker Suite performance this year. The Booster Club's Big Cash Give Away raffle drawings began on December 1st. Lende attached a student council agenda from their last meeting. Their topics included starting a school newspaper again, Haines People for Peace, Bear Attack, Stop Global Warming 3-2-1 pledge, the 5th grade canned food drive, the semester GPA contest, Drug Awareness, graduation date, pep rally, and class meetings.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Stickler reported on Safe School Ambassadors, the Elementary PAT, Digital Storytelling, Curriculum Development, and she gave accolades to Mr. Kanahale. Chapin reported on high school activities and the leadership committee.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Byer commended all of the high school students who were involved in so many activities. Byer recognized Hansen's 5th grade class and their work with the canned food drive. He reported that there would be no additional cost for insurance to cover the Spanish III class; however, since the time of writing his report and the board meeting, the class has decided not to go to Mexico because a majority of the students are involved in too many things in the spring. He thanked Sam McPhetres for taking the initiative for gathering and meeting with the Technology Committee in order to revise our Technology Plan that is due in the spring. Byer hoped to have a Policy Committee meeting before the holiday break. The Carl Perkins/Vocational Education Committee has met under the direction of Lilly Boron. They are working on grant reporting and revising curriculum. There will be a Holiday Party on Saturday, December 15th at 6 pm at the Chilkat Center. He invited the Board and staff to bring a potluck item and a gift exchange item for this get together.

Michelle Byer included a special education report.

BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS: Kelly stated that she appreciated the administrators mentioning items new to the information presented in the board packet/

Old Business

NEW SCHOOL UPDATE: The substantial completion inspection is to take place on December 13th. Without any major issues, the renovated high school should be able to be moved into shortly thereafter.

INTERIOR DESIGN/ART COMMITTEE REPORT: The Interior Design/Art Committee met on November 27th. They agreed to place the Friendship Totem Pole between the front entrance of the school and the vocational building, to the north of the sidewalk. Dawson Construction offered to install a cement base for the pole. Lee Heinmiller will work with Les Hostetler on creating the right base. The pole from Lake Tahoe, it was suggested, could be placed to the right of the front entrance canopy. A walk through for the Committee will take place on Saturday, December 8th at 10 am. This will allow committee members to look at places in the school where art could be situated. The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is January 22nd at 6 pm. Lende asked if there could be a high school student on the Committee. Byer did not see a problem with that. Lende also wondered why there was purple and green tile on the floor of the cafeteria that didn't seem to tie in with anything. There were supposed to be little tiles of the same colors throughout the cafeteria but that didn't happen.

SWEEP ACCOUNTS: This item was moved up in the agenda.

New Business

PERSONNEL REPORT: Certificated: Resignation: Ryan Salmon-PE Teacher. PASSED-consent agenda.

MIDDLE SCHOOL .7 FTE POSITION – Certified: M/S Swinton/Case to hire a .7 FTE certificated staff member to teach in the middle school. The administration presented the Board with a proposed spring

schedule. The addition of a .7 FTE teacher would allow more classes to be offered at the high school as well as better serving the middle school students. Kelly expressed that she had seen a real need for a cohesive program at the middle school level. Swinton agreed. Clay wondered if this position was going to be sustainable year after year. Swinton said that was dependant upon enrollment as numbers seem to fluctuate, but she thought it would be nice to do at this point as we have the money and the need. Erekson also said that she would like to see more teachers in the middle school and the inconsistency has been bothering her. She would like to have everyone sit down and work out the best schedule so that things are not constantly changing. Kelly reminded those in attendance that the administration makes the staffing assignments. Stickler responded that this year doesn't have the feeling of continuity yet and that was due in part to issues we couldn't predict such as illness and a resignation. The proposed schedule would help smooth things out in the middle school as well as add 4 classes back in at the high school. She said that over 170 students would benefit from this .7 position. Hansen said that... "the staff would love to have the opportunity to throw ideas out." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE. Advisory vote passed.

SCHEDULE MEETING TO REVIEW AUDIT: The Board was asked to schedule a time when they could meet, via teleconference with Mikunda, Cottrell, in order to review the FY07 audit. It was agreed that Tuesday, December 11th at 12:30 would work for the majority of the Board.

ESTABLISH NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE: Byer wrote that he had received a letter from HEA President, Jansy Hansen, in reference to the re-negotiations of salary and benefits between the District and the Association. At meeting time Byer had been unable to reach Mr. Hall, the trainer whom the District used last year. The temporary committee, because they have had the training, would be Hoffman, Kelly, Chapin, and Hansen. Hansen requested that the District still try to contact Hall as the training was a key piece of successful negotiations.

BOARD COMMENTS: Hansen commented that the 5th grade class had written to the newspaper inviting the community to participate in the canned food drive. Clay told the Board that the junior high basketball teams would be participating in the Fast Break Tournament in Juneau over the weekend. Sage asked for a Board member to serve on the PE Teacher hiring committee. Hoffman agreed to be on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT: M/S Swinton/Stigen to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Advisory vote passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Carol Kelly, School Board President

Attest:

Ashley Sage
District Secretary