

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2005

The Anchorage School Board met in Special Session on Monday, April 21, 2005, at 12:03 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. President, Tim Steele, presided.

Board Members Present: Jake Metcalfe, Tim Steele, Mary Marks (via telephone), Crystal Kennedy, John Steiner, Jeff Friedman, and Macon Roberts (via telephone).

Others Present: Carol Comeau, Jan Christensen, Mike Henry, Patricia McRae, Gail Opalinski, Eric Tollefsen, George Vakalis, Robin Siegfried, the press, and other interested people.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE, Tim Steele Presiding

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Volunteer Reception was held at Mears Middle School last night. It was a good event with entertainment and a lot of good people. Mr. Steele thanked the volunteers and the school business partnerships for all they do for our schools.

Carol Comeau reminded the Board to give agenda items to her by the end of the day for the next joint School Board/Assembly meeting, which is Friday May 13 from 10:00 - noon downtown.

Mary Marks reminded everyone that some of the Board members would be flying to Juneau this weekend for their lobbying efforts.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

D. ADJOURNMENT OF 2004-2005 - SINE DIE

E. OATH OF OFFICE OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Carol Comeau called forward Judge Murphy to swear in John Steiner and Mary Marks.

F. ORGANIZATION OF 2005-2006 SCHOOL BOARD

Superintendent Carol Comeau will preside as temporary chair until a new president is elected.

a. Nominations for President:

Moved by: Tim Steele                      To nominate Jeff Friedman for  
Seconded by: John Steiner              President.

Approved by unanimous consent.

Mr. Friedman was declared President and the Board took a brief recess in order to move seats.

b. Nominations for Vice President:

Moved by: Jake Metcalfe                To nominate Mary Marks for Vice  
Seconded by: Macon Roberts        President.

Moved by: John Steiner                To nominate Crystal Kennedy for  
Seconded by: Tim Steele              Vice President.

The Board voted by secret ballot.

Superintendent, Carol Comeau counted the ballots.

Crystal Kennedy was declared Vice President.

c. Nominations for Clerk:

Moved by: Tim Steele                      To nominate John Steiner for  
Seconded by: Crystal Kennedy        Clerk.

John Steiner was declared Clerk by unanimous consent.

d. Nominations for Treasurer:

Moved by: Jake Metcalfe                To nominate Macon Roberts for  
Seconded by: Tim Steele              Treasurer.

Macon Roberts was declared Treasurer by unanimous consent.

G. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Theresa Obermeyer requested to speak. Ms. Obermeyer congratulated the Board members elected to office. Ms. Obermeyer hopes it is time for all of us to be Americans. Ms. Obermeyer stated that she has, on her website, a drawing that is the volunteer form for Law Day. Ms. Obermeyer stated that she could never have imagined that she would be jailed five times, especially since she taught for almost six years at a jail. The speaker asked where there is any level of respect. Ms. Obermeyer spoke about the American Law Reports that are in most of the law offices.

H. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Mary Marks extended her congratulations to Mr. Friedman and Ms. Kennedy and stated that she would see the Board Members in Juneau. Ms. Marks signed off.

Jeff Friedman commented that he hoped that the Board members would be in touch with him soon regarding their preferences for committee assignments.

John Steiner extended his appreciation to Mr. Steele as the outgoing president and the other outgoing officers as well.

Mr. Steele also thanked the people who helped him through the past year. It was an interesting year and he is sure that the next one will be interesting as well. Mr. Steele also congratulated the Board members who were elected to office today.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting of April 21, 2005, was adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:35 p.m.

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Jeff Friedman, President

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John Steiner, Clerk

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Robin Siegfried, Recording Secretary

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Date Minutes Approved