



Monthly Update



Anchorage School District

This month at the Anchorage School District

- **Budget hearings** for 2005-2006 will be held in January. See schedule below.
- **Monday, January 17 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.** Schools will be closed but administrative offices will be open.
- **Monday, January 24 is the end of the 2nd quarter and a district in-service day.** Students do not attend classes.
- **Get connected...** contact Parent Networks, 279-3966



Announcements

The value of student-led Individual Education Plans

Saturday, January 8, 2005 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Hanshew Middle School

Presented by STeP Center's Parent/Teacher Institute. Free childcare provided for participants. For more information call 742-3874 or e-mail step@asdk12.org

K-12 Alternative Fair to be held in January

Saturday, January 22, 2005 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Dimond Center Mall & Eagle River Fred Meyer*

Representatives from the ASD K-12 Alternative programs, including Open Optional, ABC, Denali Montessori, Multi-Sensory Instruction, Language Immersion, Math and Science, School-Within-A-School, and Charter Schools will be available to discuss their programs. Lottery applications will also be available to apply for placement in these programs for the 2005-2006 school year. For more information call Elementary Education at 742-4242.

*Information on ASD alternative programs in Chugiak/Eagle River schools will be available at Fred Meyer in Eagle River.

Surplus/obsolete and supply distribution

The Anchorage School District will offer surplus and obsolete textbooks, library books, and some school supplies to the public Monday, January 31 through Friday, February 4, 2005.

The public can select surplus/obsolete items from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the schools listed below. Materials selected must be removed by those selecting the materials. Phone requests should not be made; materials will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. A record of each school's surplus/obsolete items will be kept in the office of Elementary Education, 4600 DeBarr Road, for public review the week prior to the surplus distribution.

Any surplus items not taken by the end of the day on February 4 will be collected by the district and made available for distribution to other communities in the state and elsewhere. Any materials which can be recycled will be turned in for recycling. After all efforts to distribute the materials have been exhausted, any remaining items will be disposed of at the district warehouse.

Elementary:	Gladys Wood	Middle School:
Airport Heights	Inlet View	Clark MS
Bear Valley	Nunaka Valley	
Birchwood ABC	Scenic Park	High School:
College Gate	Spring Hill	East HS
Girdwood	Polaris K-12	SAVE

School year calendars being developed

ASD is developing school-year calendars for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 and needs community and employee input. Two possible calendars are being considered. The first option continues the current practice of starting the school year the day after Labor Day in September and finishes the school year in June. The second option would move the start of school to mid-August and the end of school would be in late May, before Memorial Day. Both options have pros and cons, and have complex impacts on family and community life. ASD welcomes your thoughts on these proposed calendars. The two calendar options, an opinion survey, and a comment form are available at the ASD Web site, www.asdk12.org.

Point of Pride



Steller Secondary School Spanish teacher Nina Bonito Romine recently received the Terry Higley K-12 Teacher Award from the Alaskans For Languages Acquisition, the statewide world languages teachers professional organization. The award is presented each year to an outstanding teacher of a language other than English at the elementary or secondary level.

Ms. Bonito Romine is recognized as a leader in the field of second language study and is well known among her colleagues for her many teaching strategies that encourage students to communicate both in and out of the classroom. She has 22 years of teaching experience with the Anchorage School District, all of which has been at Steller.

A Word from Carol Comeau, Superintendent



Happy New Year! This year, as always, the academic welfare of our students is of the utmost importance. Our commitment is steadfast and is the driving force behind all that we aim to accomplish in the district. We stand ready to meet challenges that we'll face along the way. Once again, this year we face changes in our program due to budget constraints.

This month you have the opportunity to be actively engaged in the formulation of the district's FY 2005-2006 budget through a series of meetings. These public meetings provide invaluable input for our budget process. I hope you will consider taking part in this dialogue. I welcome your feedback and participation whether in person, via our Web site, www.asdk12.org, or other means.

A strong district requires a team effort, and staff, student and community input is essential in that effort. I resolve to respectfully listen and continue an ongoing dialogue about issues that impact our students, staff and schools. I look forward to working with you in 2005 to achieve our goal of educating all students for success in life.

Carol Comeau

Meetings of the Anchorage School Board

agendas current as of 1/7/05

WORK SESSION—AGENDA January 8, 2005 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320

Call To Order, Roll Call
Tim Steele, Presiding
School Board Comments

Discussion
1. Team Building
Adjournment

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA January 10, 2005 4:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320

Call To Order, Roll Call
Tim Steele, Presiding
School Board Comments

Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)
1. Student Hearings
2. HSGQE Waiver

Superintendent's Update
1. Review of Community Survey
Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA* January 10, 2005 6:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute,
Tim Steele, Presiding
Musical Presentation

1. South High Concert Choir
Announcements
Approval Of Agenda
Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

1. Memo 139 - Terry Higley K-12 Teacher Award
Special Advisory Reports

1. Student Advisory Board
2. Military Delegate
3. M.E.C.C.

Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit)
Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes:
a. Regular Meeting - October 11, 2004 6:30 p.m.

b. Special Meeting - November 15, 2004 4:30 p.m.
c. Special Meeting - November 15, 2004 6:30 p.m.
d. Special Meeting - November 22, 2004 4:30 p.m.
e. Regular Meeting - November 22, 2004 6:30 p.m.
f. Special Meeting - December 2, 2004 9:30 a.m.

2. Memo 159 - Recommendation On Waldorf Public Charter School

3. Memo 141 - Award Of Contract: Bartlett High School Renewal Phase 2C Administration And Classroom Renovation

4. Memo 144 - Award Of Contract: Emergency Supplies

5. Memo 163 - Renewal Of Contract: Zero Balance Banking Services
6. Memo 145 - Personnel Report

Superintendent's Report
1. Memo 147 - End-Of-Month Membership Summary For November 30, 2004

2. Memo 148 - Facility Change Order Report And Completed Projects For The Month Of November 2004

3. Memo 149 - Project Status Report

4. Memo 150 - Operating Budget Transfers November Monthly Report FY 2004-2005

5. Memo 146 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: November 30, 2004

Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items Communications & School Board Comments Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) Adjournment

Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.

WORK SESSION—AGENDA January 18, 2005 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
Tim Steele, Presiding
Superintendent's Comments

1. Memo 161 - FY 2005-2006 Preliminary Financial Plan
a. Superintendent's Overview
b. Financial Analysis

• Revenue Projections
• Expenditure Projections
Administrative
Human Resources
Government Relations

Communications
Business Services
Chief Information Office
Support Services
Instruction
Curriculum/Instruction Support
Charter Schools

School Board Comments
Adjournment

The time estimate is intended to offer a suggestion for presentation by the Administration and questions and answers from the School Board. The presentations should take about 10 minutes for each alphabetical listing. It hopefully will allow for more efficient time management but everyone should be flexible and responsive to the amount of time needed.

Public Testimony - Opportunities will be provided for public testimony at the School Board's discretion as to the appropriate time.

*The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast Jan. 22 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. The agenda is available in Braille by calling 742-4153. The ASD telephone number is 742-4000. A message may be left after hours.

WORK SESSION—AGENDA January 20, 2005 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute
Tim Steele, Presiding

Special Education
Elementary Education
Middle School Education
High School Education

School Board Comments
Adjournment

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Public Testimony - Opportunities will be provided for public testimony at the School Board's discretion as to the appropriate time.

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SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA January 24, 2005 4:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320

Call To Order, Roll Call
Tim Steele, Presiding
School Board Comments

Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)
1. Anchorage Education Association Negotiations

2. Student Hearing (5:30 p.m.)
Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING—AGENDA* January 24, 2005 6:30 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

Call To Order, Roll Call, Flag Salute,
Tim Steele, Presiding
Announcements

Approval Of Agenda
Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

1. Memo 135 - Bare Necessities Campaign Success
Special Advisory Reports

1. Student Advisory Board
2. Military Delegate
3. M.E.C.C.

Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items (30-minute time limit)
Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes:
a. Special Meeting - December 13, 2004 4:30 p.m.
b. Regular Meeting - December 13, 2004 6:30 p.m.

c. Special Meeting - December 15, 2004 8:00 p.m.

2. Memo 160 - Revision Of School Board Policy Section 333: Charter Schools (First Reading)

3. Memo 166 - FY 2004-2005 Budget Revision To Local/State/Federal Projects Fund

4. Memo 164 - Professional Services Selection For Tudor Elementary School Upgrades

5. Memo 165 - Acceptance Of Grant Award: Carl Perkins

6. Memo 151 - Personnel Report
Superintendent's Report

1. Memo 152 - Out-Of-District Travel - Second Quarter Report FY 2004-2005
2. Memo 153 - Treasurer's Report/Financial Recap: December 31, 2004
3. Memo 154 - Operating Budget Transfers - December

Monthly Report FY 2004-2005

4. Memo 155 - Facility Contract Modification Report And Completed Projects For The Month Of December 2004

6. Memo 156 - End-Of-Month Membership Summary For December 2004

7. Memo 157 - Project Status Report

8. Memo 158 - Semi-Annual Report On Professional/Consultant Services On Contracts Over \$10,000

Persons To Be Heard On Non-Agenda Items Communications & School Board Comments Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation) Adjournment

Persons wishing to be heard may call 742-4315 or sign up prior to the meeting being called to order.

*The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast Jan. 26 at 5 p.m., Jan. 27 at 12:30 p.m., Jan. 29 at 12:30 p.m. and Jan. 30 at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will be closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. The agenda is available in Braille by calling 742-4153. The ASD telephone number is 742-4000. A message may be left after hours.

SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA January 27, 2005 5:00 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

Call To Order, Roll Call
Tim Steele, Presiding
School Board Comments

Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)
1. Memo 162 - FY 2005-2006 Proposed Financial Plan

(First Reading)
Adjournment

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SPECIAL MEETING—AGENDA February 2, 2005 5:00 p.m. 4600 DeBarr Road

Call To Order, Roll Call
Tim Steele, Presiding
School Board Comments

Executive Session - (Personnel/Finance/Negotiations/Litigation)
1. Memo 162 - FY 2005-2006 Proposed Financial Plan

(Second Reading)
Adjournment

*The meeting will be aired live on cable channel 14 and will be rebroadcast Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. The agenda is available in Braille by calling 742-4153. The ASD telephone number is 742-4000. A message may be left after hours.

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MECC: The mission of the Minority Education Concerns Committee (MECC) is to serve as the voice for families in the Anchorage School District and to promote educational success for minority students. The MECC meets the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon at 4600 DeBarr Road, Room 320.

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