



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

April 23, 2009

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Distinguished Student Awards: The members of the School Board presented the Alak students: Florence M. Ningeok, Rose Tunik, Samantha Phillips and Rebecca L. Ekak with the Distinguished Student Award for their stellar behavior and academic achievement. **Distinguished Staff Award:** Alak School Teacher Leslie Jensen was recognized for her outstanding 12 years of service to the students of Alak School. Ms. J., which she is known by, is a tireless and caring well respected professional teacher who works hard for her students to achieve academic success. **Science Fair:** The Board recognized the following students for their academic achievement in the State Science Fair: Molecular and Cellular Biology Category: 1st Place, Ransom Rentenaar and 2nd place, Aaron Roseberry/Cortez Villasenor; Microbiology Category: 1st Place, Harley Oleson and 2nd Place, Heather Hopson; and Alaska Science Consortium Award: Aaron Roseberry & Cortez Villasenor. **Spelling Bee Award:** Theodore "Teddy" Jemmings was recognized as the Districtwide Spelling Bee Champion. **Mock Trial Awards:** The Board presented an award to the Mock Trial Team Members: Cortez Villasenor, Lexy Seifert, Katie Roseberry, Harley Oleson, Anton Edwardson, Annabel Detering, Elizabeth Dattilo, Forrest Ahkiviana for their success in Statewide Mock Trial Competition. Annabel Detering was recognized as an "Outstanding Witness". **Geography Bee Award:** Luke Tetreau, Kaktovik student, was recognized for placing in the top 100 in the National Geography Bee. **Barrow Whaler Cheerleaders:** Katie Roseberry, Jerica Aamodt, Kelly Crebar, Shayna Patkotak, London James, Khayla Vigo, Annawynn Blankenship, Alison Bankston, Savannah Yehle, Nicole Hope, April Prociw, Katherine Mongoyak-Warden were recognized for their championship performance in the Western Regional Conference. London James received an award for her selection to the All-Tourney Team. **Alak School Huskies:** Alak School Boys received an award for their championship performance in the Regional 1A Tournaments. **Tikigaaq Harpooners and Harpooneretts:** The Board recognized the Tikigaaq Basketball teams for taking 1st place during the 2A Regional Tournaments. **Barrow Whalers Team:** Robert Vigo, Albert Gerke, Justin Sanders, Daniel Thomas, Tyler Adams, Forrest Englo-Edwardsen, George Toovak, Luke George, Bradley Nashaknik, Austin Fishel, Van Derrick Edwardsen, Sam George and Coach Jeremy Arnhart were recognized for placing 2nd in the Region 3A Tournament. Robert Vigo and Tyler Adams were recognized for their select to the Regional All Tourney Team. Albert Gerke and Justin Sanders were recognized for their selection to the Regional All Tourney Team and the All Conference Team. Barrow Lady whalers were commended for their championship performance in the 3A Regional Basketball Tournament. Lexi Seifert was recognized for her selection to the Regional All-Tournament Team and All Conference Team. Nicole Smith was recognized for her selection to the All-Tournament Team, All Conference Team and Most Valuable Player player. Coach Ryan Myers was presented a certificate of service for his selection as Coach of the Year by his fellow peers. **Alaska Society of Technology in Education:** Maya Kelly, Hopson Middle School student was presented with an academic recognition for winning the "Technology Student of the Year."

Highlighted School: Alak School reported a successful school year. The school climate was positive and students were working academically hard in all the classes. Alak Huskies topped their sports seasons off with a State Basketball Championship for the Lady Huskiettes and a fourth place finish for the Huskies. Students learned that success in the classroom went hand in hand with success in the sports arena. A major focus was made for parent involvement this year. Weekly contact with parents was targeted. All classroom teachers maintain weekly contact in some form. Personal phone calls or e-mails, a progress report on grades, or a weekly classroom letter were made. The high attendance for Alak this year was 87 percent in both November and January for grades K-12. The low was 78 percent in February. Attendance continues to be an area which needs improvement. Alak School staff established incentives for good attendance in pre-kindergarten through 12 grade. The State Department of Education Instruction Audit Team visited Alak School in the first week in March. The team spent two and a half days visiting classrooms, interviewing staff and students, and auditing records. Although the official report has not yet been release, the initial feedback was very positive. The team appeared to be quite impressed with their observations of students, staff, and school climate. **Meade River School:** Matthew Ivanoff, Meade River School student, reported 10 students attended to the Alaska Federation of Native Elders and Youth Conference last fall and were able to participate in the sessions. Meade River School hosted the 1A Basketball Tournaments this year. Two students were selected to attend the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISIS) meeting in San Diego last November. Two more students traveled to Fairbanks for the Teacher of Alaska Conference. This spring three young men participated in the Native Youth Olympics. Ethel Burke, School Advisory Council Member, reported that the school held an after school, "Meet the Parents Barbeque" last fall. A Federal Programs Parent Advisory Council Representative was elected to attend several meetings in Barrow to review the Federal grants. Becky Crabtree, Meade River School Principal, reported that 100 percent attendance was achieved during the Standard Based Assessments and High School Graduation Qualify Exam testing dates. Saturday School would be held on May 2 and 16 due to extreme winter weather condition this school year and three seniors were graduating on May 6, 2009.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

Student Representative Report: There was no Student Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Instructional Audit: Acting Superintendent Fred Parady reported that the three member Instructional Audit team from DEED has completed their assessment of Ipalook and Wainwright schools, along with the District assessment. Lisa Parady, Assistant Superintendent, has been in close communication with Deputy Commissioner Les Morse regarding the audit, and he has provided background on the audit tools in use. Deputy Commissioner Morse is planning on attending the May Board of Education meeting to go over the results with the Board. In addition, Jon Paden of his staff will be in Barrow as part of the previously scheduled NCLB monitoring site visit. The team of two will be in Barrow on April 27 and 28th. At that time, Jon Paden will go over the audit results with the leadership team.

Monthly Financial Report: was presented to the Board by Acting Superintend Fred Parady, reported that 68.9 percent of the revenues are in and 68.6 percent had been expended and that 75 percent of the year had passed. The Board of Education accepted the Monthly financial report.

Budgetary discussions: The District Budget was presented at March 26th North Slope Borough (NSB) Assembly Budget Hearing Meeting. The Assembly approved an increase of 1.7 million, a difference of 4.4 million short of the District's request. However the North Slope Borough's support is strong, far exceeding what is mandated to provide. Fred Parady, Acting Superintendent, suggested that it was still too early to finalize the budget due to the unknown Stimulus revenues still unknown and what strings were tied to those revenues were still unclear. The District staff projected a clearer picture of the revenues by May. Second part of the budget question was how much of the District reserves should be expended, at the NSB meeting it was suggested we keep 1 million in the District fund balance and spend 1.2 out of the reserve, which was another reason to hold off finalizing the budget. Some additional discussion was held concerning how the stimulus money could be spent and when to start the application process for the stimulus funding. Discussion of possible reductions continued for all departments and sites. The District implemented a budget and hiring freeze which should help fore stall additional cuts which is another reason to hold off making the final decisions on the budget. As the District gets closer to the end of the year the administration will have a clearer picture of what the reserve will look like.

E-Rate Audit Schedule: On March 23rd, the District received notice that a routine E-Rate audit would be conducted by Noah Gottesman, Senior Manager, with the firm of Ernst & Young, LLP (EY). **FY2010 School Calendar:** The Board approved the following school

calendars. First day, in all the schools, for all teachers is August 12, 2009. First day, in all the schools, for all students is August 19, 2009. Nunamiut: Christmas break on 12/21 – 1/5, spring break on 3/19, last day for students, 5/21, last day for teachers, 5/22. Meade River School: Christmas break on 12/21 – 1/5, no spring break, last day for students, 5/19 and last day for teachers, 5/20. Ipalook Elementary School: Christmas break on 12/21 – 1/5, no spring break, last day for students, 5/18 and last day for teachers, 5/19. Hopson Middle School: Christmas break on 12/21 – 1/5, no spring break, last day for students, 5/18 and last day for teachers, 5/19. Barrow High School: Christmas break on 12/21 – 1/5, no spring break, last day for students, 5/18 and last day for teachers, 5/19. Kiita Learning Community: Christmas break on 12/21 – 1/5, no spring break, last day for students, 5/18 and last day for teachers, 5/19. Harold Kaveolook School: Christmas break on 12/18 -1/4, Spring break on 4/19-4/26, last day for students, 5/21 and last day for teachers, 5/22. Nuiqsut Trapper School: Christmas break on 12/18 – 1/4, no spring break, last day for students, 5/13 and last day for teachers, 5/14. Tikigaq School: Christmas break on 12/21 – 1/1, spring break on 3/17-3/19, last day for students, 5/19 and last day for teachers, 5/20. Kali School: Christmas break on 12/17 – 1/5, spring break on 3/19-3/20, last day for students, 5/24 and last day for teachers, 5/25. Alak, Christmas break on 12/21 – 1/4, no spring break, last day for students, 5/13 and last day for teachers 5/15. **Resignations:** Resignations were received and approved from Trent Blankenship and Shana Blankenship with the settlement and release agreement. Also resignations were approved from Doug Armstrong, Meade River Teacher, Frankie Arnhart, Barrow High Athletic Director, Peggy Baker, Barrow High School Teacher, Claire Crebar, Ipalook Elementary Teacher, Craig Crebar, Hopson Middle School Teacher, Aimee Gallager, Reading Coach, CO Annex, Ashley Groves, Nunamiut School Teacher, Jessica Hiironen, Hopson Middle School Teacher, Jeann Holliman, Hopson Middle School Teacher, Della Parker, Hopson Middle School Teacher, Rachel Polk, Trapper School Teacher, and Silver Ruiz, Trapper School Teacher. **New Hire Recommendations:** The 2009/2010 Recommended Non-Tenured Contracts were approved for the following individuals: Neal Anderson, Meade River School Teacher, Vernetta Banning, Trapper School Teacher, Brooks O. Fry, Harold Kaveolook School Teacher, Angela Gilmour, Ipalook Elementary School Teacher, Todd Hendi, Barrow High School Teacher, Ashleigh Huffman, Barrow High School Teacher, Rondee Jensen, Ipalook Elementary School Teacher, Stephanie Leslie, Nunamiut School Teacher, Cynthia Miller, Ipalook Elementary School Teacher, Terry Roelfsema, Barrow High School Counselor, Allen Stockton, Barrow High School Teacher, Robbin Stockton, Hopson Middle School Teacher, Jenn Wallace, Ipalook Elementary School Teacher, Douglas Ward, Ipalook Elementary School Teacher, Robin Witherell, Hopson Middle School Teacher, Danielle Younger, Nunamiut School Teacher, and Michael Younger, Nunamiut School Teacher.

Classified Compensation Study: The Board approved the study with an addendum to negotiate and if they cannot the North Slope Borough School District would do a separate study.

Introduction and/or Approval of School policies and Resolutions: Initial Presentation: No Board action taken on Board Policy 5123, Promotion/Acceleration/Retention. Resolution 09-10, Federal Stimulus Resolution, was approved by Board. Resolution 09-11, Fiscal Year 2010 Revised Budget Resolution, was deferred to the May Board meeting. **Graduation coverage:** The Board scheduled their travel to the schools for the graduations. **Barrow School Advisory Committee (SAC) Report on Friday Afternoon Teacher collaboration and After School Activities:** Barrow SAC member Walter Cook presented the report and findings. The Board thanked the School Advisory Council for their input on this topic. **Alaska Teacher Scholarship Loan** was presented to the Board. The Board nominated Alicia Itta and Jene Thompson as the recipients with Tammy Burgess and Priscia Memeo as alternates in the event that extra funds became available. **Retainment of Superintendent Search:** Bruce Johnson, Alaska Association of School Boards, discussion briefly via-tele-conference on the topic. The Board decided to have a public workshop on April 30, 2009, starting at 9:00 a.m., at the Barrow High School auditorium.

School Board Report: Was deferred to the next meeting.

Public Comments On Non-Agenda items limited to five (5) minutes per person: There were no public comments.

The Next School Board Meeting: Thursdahy, May 7, 2009, 2:00 p.m., at the Barrow High School Auditorium. The Highlighted School will be Ipalook School.

Board of Education: Arnold Brower, President; Eva Kinneeveauk, Clerk. Members: Charlotte Brower, Debby Edwardson, Harold L. Ivanoff, Anna Nageak, and Mary Sage. Acting Superintendent, Fred Parady. For more information call Dennise Cook, School Board Secretary at 852-5311.