

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD  
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ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY/ ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of February 13, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Joint Meeting of the Anchorage School Board and Municipal Assembly convened at 10:00 a.m., in the School Board Room/Administration Building, 4600 DeBarr Road, Anchorage, Alaska.

2. ROLL CALL

A quorum was achieved with Assembly Members and School Board Members present.

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chair Dick Traini, Vice Chair Allan Tesche, Anna Fairclough, Janice Shamborg, Dan Sullivan, Dick Tremaine, Fay Von Gemmingen, and Brian Whittle; Doug Van Etten arrived at 10:30 a.m.

ABSENT: Dan Kendall and Melinda Taylor

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Vice President Tim Steele, Jeff Friedman, Clerk Mary Marks, Treasurer Macon Roberts, and John Steiner; President Jake Metcalfe arrived at 10:20 a.m.

ABSENT: Crystal Kennedy

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Carol Comeau, ASD Chief Financial Officer Janet Stokesbary, Assistant Superintendent George Vakalis, Director for Facilities Department Ray Amsden and other interested persons. Mayor Mark Begich arrived at 10:15 a.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Superintendent Carol Comeau.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS JOINT MEETING

Approval postponed until later during the meeting due to lack of quorum for the School Board.

5. ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

Mr. Tremaine requested discussion of educational funding at the State level.

Mr. Tesche requested the Superintendent's comment on the No Child Left Behind Act.

Chair Traini asked Carol Comeau about her experience in Juneau as part of the Permanent Fund committee. Ms. Comeau stated that she felt it was a very important discussion. Ms. Comeau felt that everyone left their titles at the door and came to the table with the true willingness to listen to each other, and to have open honest discussion and debate on serious financial issues for the State of Alaska. Ms. Comeau felt that Brian Rogers is an outstanding facilitator. His ability to keep the discussion going, along with the technology really helped engage the people. It was an excellent opportunity and Ms. Comeau felt very fortunate to be asked to participate. Everyone had the opportunity to have their opinions heard. There were thousands of e-mails from throughout the State. It was a real opportunity to engage in serious discussion about the future of the State and the Permanent Fund.

6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Bonds 2004

Superintendent Comeau informed those in attendance that the packet I front of them today includes the ordinances that the District is ready to submit. Ms. Comeau stated that she is hoping for open and honest discussion and would hopes the Administration will be given time to advocate for their reasons for wanting to have all three proposals on the ballot. It will be important to know what the Assembly members' concerns are. The District feels it has a responsible package of three proposals and believes that the debt reimbursement, which has been approved from the State for a vast majority of the projects, should be considered thoughtfully by the Assembly and the citizens because it is a direct benefit. Ms. Comeau stated that she thinks the Governor's

commitment to the debt reimbursement for this year is a strong statement.

Mayor Mark Begich joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Carol Comeau explained the way the District develops the bond package. It starts with the citizen's advisory committee (Capital Request Advisory Committee), that works year-round to assess all of the District's needs. The recommendations from that group are looked at very seriously. From that point the Administration reviews it and the recommendation is brought forward to the Board.

George Vakalis introduced the first bond proposition, which is for the 30 million dollar Administration and Training Facility. This would consolidate all administrative functions the District currently has. The District is leasing five different locations and is currently using school space as well. An RFP was put on the street last year for a bond to purchase a new building. After the failure of the bond and surveying the voters last year, many suggested using an existing building instead of building a new one. The K Mart building was mentioned as well as the seafood plant. In order to take that information into consideration, the District sent out another RFP, which was almost citywide. The proposers could propose a design for a building of an existing facility or a new facility. The RFP was clear as to what was needed and what the standards would be. Three people independent from the District were selected to be part of the panel. There was a person from Conoco Phillips, a private consultant, and a Municipal employee that does engineering construction evaluations. Three Anchorage School District personnel were also a part of the team. The proposer selected was the conglomerate of Neeser Construction and developer, John Blomfield. The proposal was very acceptable to the District. The next step is to go to the voters, assuming it would be put on the ballot, for voters to decide.

Jake Metcalfe arrived at 10:20 a.m.

Mr. Tesche asked for specific information from the District that would indicate that there will be jobs for Mountain View residents created as a direct result of this renovation. George Vakalis replied that on a day to day basis there would be approximately 626 people working in this facility and they would be using the Northway Mall and restaurants in the area. The increased traffic alone during lunch and after work will create some type of jobs because it would bring more people in that area to the stores and restaurants. When a conference takes place,

there could be 800 people in the facility, which would increase people traffic in both the Sam's Club and the mall. Whether Mountain View people would get the jobs would be determined by who would be hired. The businesses and activities in the mall are looking forward to it. Mr. Tesche requested information by Tuesday that would speak to more employment opportunities than those that would provide minimum wage jobs. Mr. Tesche asked, in general, what other economic impacts could the District and proponents in the project point to in Mountain View for this project and is this going to be a part of the revitalization of that area. George Vakalis replied that in looking at some of the conceptual designs, the facility, will look a lot different than now – not like a mall building. That alone will enhance the area. As far as how Mountain View folks will benefit – a lot of them do not drive and if they have anything dealing with their students, it is easier for them to get to this site than at the current administration building. The new site is closer to Mountain View in walking distance. Carol Comeau added it would be closer access for families to come to one place in order to get questions and concerns resolved. It is a workforce that would be heavily invested in doing more volunteer work in the schools in that area, certainly with the close proximity to Clark Middle School, William Tyson and Mountain View Elementary School. Also, there would be opportunities for mentoring, if people are interested in any jobs in Administration. They could possibly work out a school business partnership to learn more about career fields. Ms. Comeau stated she would not want to mislead anyone to say that there is going to be an immediate increase in jobs for people in Mountain View. The direct benefit would be a stable work force invested in the community. Mr. Tesche stated that under the City's 20/20 Plan and Downtown Framework Plan, headquarters of government or facilities of this type shall, as a matter of policy, be located in the downtown area. Mr. Tesche asked for information from the District that would explain why this facility should be an exception to that policy. Mr. Tesche mentioned the polling data conducted by Elliott Bay Research on December 8, 2003. It indicates that this bond will pass by 52 percent. Mr. Tesche stated his concern that the numbers looked very close and asked if the District has any updated polling data that can be used to gauge the viability of the proposition at the polls. Carol Comeau replied that the December poll was the one used prior to taking information to the Board. The District will probably ask other people doing polling for other entities to add a question on the bonds as has been done in the past. When this poll was done the District did not have approval from the State for the 60 percent debt reimbursement, which Ms. Comeau believes is a significant issue for the taxpayers. This is the last chance at this point and time that we will

qualify for this debt reimbursement. The need for consolidation for the District is not going away and Ms. Comeau feels it is a very compelling piece of information for the public to learn. Mr. Tesche stated that the merits are clear but the issue is the likelihood of whether or not this proposition will pass. Ms. Comeau commented that the District has a School Bonds Yes group formed that is co-chaired by Ernie Hall and Bob Bell. The District also has information brochures that will be used to inform the public. The citizens committee is strongly supporting this and Ms. Comeau is optimistic that the Chamber of Commerce will look at it favorably as it did last year.

Doug Van Etten arrived at 10:30 a.m.

Anna Fairclough stated to Ms. Comeau that she has her support in all three bond propositions going forward. Ms. Fairclough thinks it will be a benefit for the Administration to be placed together, and looks forward to the advocacy group educating the public on those ideas. Ms. Fairclough asked Ms. Comeau to be prepared to address why the District has chosen to use the K-Mart building today when it did not consider using it last year. Ms. Fairclough also wondered what would happen to the intersections and how much money would the city have to expend to traffic growing in that area. Sometimes businesses offer different work schedules so that not everyone leaves work at the same time. Ms. Fairclough suggested a one way in, off of the Glenn Highway so people are rotating in. There is not much room to work from the other side in front of the businesses. If they could drop off of the highway it would seem to be better. Ms. Fairclough agrees with Mr. Tesche that there is economic benefit to it being located there and agrees with Mr. Vakalis that it is not necessarily hiring people into the facility, but it is the businesses that will spring up after that.

George Vakalis commented that normally, if you are looking for something to be functional, the first preference is to build from the ground up. The District thought with 60 percent reimbursement from the State and use of municipal lands it would be a good deal. The District did not look at using any existing facility last year. After the vote on the bond failed the District did a follow-up poll and the feedback was that the voters would rather see the District use an existing building. That was the same time as when the K-Marts were closing. That is why the District changed focus.

Janice Shamberg asked where the million dollars in savings would go. Carol Comeau replied that it would help with the budget cuts in the classroom, activities, or anything important to the community. Ms.

Shamberg recommended that the public needs to hear that it is going to go back into educating the children and not be used for administration. John Steiner commented that if the State raises the amount of student education funding, some could go back into taxpayer pockets.

Mr. Steiner commented that the general merits of the facility should stand on its own regardless of where the site is located. The jobs to Mountain View may be a desirable spin-off but should not be a primary reason for taking this step at this time. It could also be problematic to promise the Mountain View community great benefits which may be indirect. Mr. Steiner mentioned that although there would not necessarily be immediate job openings there would be more employment nearby and when the job openings came up they would be more readily available. A large employment center makes the location of people's residences a more convenient place to live and may help to bring up some of the housing in that area.

Anna Fairclough suggested this was the appropriate time to approve the minutes since both the Assembly and the School Board had a quorum. The Minutes of the Joint Meeting of December 16, 2003 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Whittle stated that he supports the project and suggested to keep it simple when explaining the one million dollars savings to the public. Mr. Whittle asked if the parking is sufficient and was assured by Mr. Vakalis that it is. Mr. Whittle asked about the size of the Board Room. It doesn't look like it will be large enough to hold 600 – 800 people. Mr. Vakalis stated that around 600 of them would be the employees that work in the building. Mr. Vakalis explained that during many of the School Board meetings it isn't unusual to have 200 or so people at the meeting. In the current facility several of those people are directed to watch the meeting by television on one of the other floors of the building. Also, a lot of the conference rooms are training facilities, so those people would be broken down into smaller groups. Carol Comeau added that the District would also offer the citizens of the community the use of the conference rooms. The District would encourage community meetings. Mr. Whittle stated that he thinks this project would be a good way to help the economy of the area.

Mr. Van Etten asked what the polling data looked like last year before it went to the ballot and how many people voted in favor of it. Mr. Van Etten stated that he will vote to put this on the ballot because he thinks the District has worked hard to get it to this point and the

Administration's expertise is much greater than the Assembly's on this point as a collective body. Mr. Van Etten thinks it would be foolish not to follow their lead. However, Mr. Van Etten is talking to people who feel we are spending to excess in school buildings. An example is the beautiful new entry way at East High School. Mr. Van Etten added that, after talking with John Kumin, it doesn't cost a lot more to make a place look nice as opposed to looking like a retail box store. But trying to explain that to the public in sound bite length conversations is real tough. Mr. Van Etten stated that the sense is that voters feel they can't tolerate construction excess when there are cuts to the classroom. Carol Comeau commented that there is also a very disconnect of the understanding of the tie between capital spending and general fund spending, which is where the budget cuts are from. It will help to get a million dollars back, which could offset some of the cuts. We need to try to educate the public. Mr. Van Etten replied that the trouble with educating the public is that it has to be in sound bite lengths and repetitive. The differences between capital and operating budgets are so complex that to get that into sound bite lengths when there is opposition out there is even tougher. Mr. Van Etten suggested a short series of sound bite messages and repeating them time after time during the next seven weeks. Ms. Comeau read aloud the information from last year's poll, which was done before the Board approved putting the Administration and Training Facility on the bond. The first question was asking the support for the office building with no other information. The result was 23.9 percent in support. When the information about directing the lease cost back into the instructional program, the result was 46 percent. When the information regarding the State debt reimbursement was added in, the support was 51 percent. Mr. Van Etten stated that this poll reinforces his thought that it is necessary to have a series of sound bite messages that are repeated time and time again.

Mr. Tremaine stated that he has not heard any disagreement with the need for a unified administration building. The issue is the site and the procedure. Mr. Tremaine asked when the Board made the decision to approve this site and what choices was the Board given. Ms. Comeau answered that the Board approved the site on last Monday night. The RFP went out and the recommendation was given to the Board. There was a bid protest that was not accepted by the Board. Mr. Tremaine commented that when it comes to educational practices it is the purview of the School District. By resolution, in the 1980's, the Assembly delegated the function of the buildings to the School District and School Board, but now we are faced with an administrative building. Mr. Tremaine commented that the Comprehensive Plan

speaks to the needs to develop downtown. It speaks to the mandate of administrative buildings coming downtown. A year ago, when talking about a location, it was proposed to put it on the city owned property at Tudor and Bragaw and there was a lively discussion about bringing it downtown over in the east part of town near the Sheraton. At the time there was discussion of whether it should go into the existing McKay building complex or a new building. Mr. Tremaine stated he was very adamant that it should go into a new building near there. One reason is that whenever you bring approximately 750 people in, you are going to create an economic engine wherever you put it in this town. That would stabilize and anchor East Anchorage. Mr. Tremaine added that a policy decision should be made by the policy bodies. The School Board was presented with a yes or no decision and the Assembly is being presented with a yes or no decision. Mr. Tremaine is not comfortable with that. Mr. Tremaine thinks it should not go in the McKay building but believes it should go nearby.

Carol Comeau replied that when the District issued the RFP, the map included all of downtown, the AIDEA seafood processing plant, and all the way out to Tudor Rd. If a proposal came forward the District would have looked at it. Cindy Cartledge, Bond Counsel, commented that the language on the ballot is not site specific the way it is presented now, but could be site specific depending upon the information that is disseminated by the Municipality. Generally speaking, there is information that is disseminated by the Municipality, which essentially lays out what the money will be used for. Mr. Tremaine suggested that when the language goes out it should describe the building that is being looked at.

Mr. Tremaine stated his concern about the winter cities design for this facility and also stated his concern that establishment of a building for 700 people is a policy decision and it is not being treated as a policy decision. It is being treated as a yes or no decision. Ms. Comeau replied that one of the things learned from the post election survey was that one of the reasons the people didn't vote for it was because they didn't know where it would be located. The District approached this with the RFP and took it back to the Board publicly so the public would know what was being suggested. The bid award is totally contingent on passing of the bond. Ms. Comeau stated that she cannot recommend that the District be part of something that is not specific to the voters because she thinks it is totally misleading the voters and that is not the intent.

John Steiner commented that he thinks the policy question is whether or not the District should have a consolidated administration building. We went through an RFP to see if we could get one within the price tag that we felt the voters would accept. Mr. Steiner thinks that what we got is a proposed facility within that price tag. Mr. Steiner stated that he thinks the reason the District didn't get a proposal for the downtown area is because we couldn't get one there within that price tag. Mr. Steiner thinks that the District has already gone through an appropriate process to identify a location and he agrees with Ms. Comeau that it would be preferable for both bodies to be satisfied that the process has occurred appropriately. Although the District might prefer to have a different location, we are not going to get it within the price tag that the public would accept. Mr. Steiner doesn't feel the District should spend another 10-15 years in the current building with rising lease costs because this proposal is not the ultimate best. Mr. Steiner also noted that this facility will be within walking distances of the restaurant at Red Robin and all the facilities at Northway Mall, which this current building is not. It does provide a lot of pedestrian access that the current building does not. Therefore, even though it might not be the ultimate it provides well for the dollars and Mr. Steiner thinks it would be highly desirable to have that debate not continue on through the bond process.

Jake Metcalfe stated that the policy question is whether we are spending the public's money wisely. You have to look at whether it is wise to have sites all over town or one specific site. That is a more important policy question. As far as design, it is important but in a day and age where public funding is important we have to look at it. Right now we have sites all over town with people driving back and forth every day of the week. The efficiency of the public accessing the District is the most important policy decision to look at plus the debt reimbursement, which is only available now. We've looked at the sites available by those who bid the proposal. That was the public policy decision that was made.

Mr. Van Etten followed up on Ms. Comeau's comment about public perception of site specific. It is also what was heard in the aftermath of the hotel bed tax vote related to the convention center. People were confused. They didn't know where it was going to be and that led to voters being more willing to vote no than yes. Mr. Van Etten thinks that Mr. Metcalfe made a good point - that the decision obviously was economics driven within the Anchorage area wide market place.

Jeff Friedman commented that he thinks it is an important policy to consider where the buildings go. We only had two bids – the other was on Lake Otis and Dowling. Neither is downtown. The K-Mart building is a little closer and is in the area that needs this kind of development. It may not be our first choice of location but it is not a bad choice of location. Anna Fairclough asked if the District advertises to the extent that the Municipality does. Mr. Vakalis replied that it is advertised the same as the Municipality.

Jeff Friedman stated that when people ask why the District is building or remodeling fancy schools he tells them that they need to go visit one that hasn't been remodeled. If they take a look at Clark Middle School they will know why we are rebuilding these buildings. They are worn out and need to be repaired. Mr. Friedman mentioned the issue of traffic at the new facility and doesn't think people will see 600 ASD employees arriving at work at once and leaving at once since many are arriving at 7:00 a.m. and leaving at 7:00 or 9:00 p.m. It's not going to coincide with the traditional rush hour. Some may actually be 8:30 to 5:00 workers, but not many of them.

Mr. Friedman stated that the question of whether or not the bond will pass politically is an important issue to consider but he thinks at some point we have to say we are responsible for this much money and we need to run it like a business. We need to make our best judgment as to what is financially, fiscally sound and ultimately trust the voters to make their decision.

Mr. Sullivan commented that the policy of choosing the location would bother him more if it had been a sole source contract of some kind. Since the same RFP process that the Municipality uses was followed, and there obviously needs to be qualified bidders in a qualified location, while technically the Assembly has some role in determining some of these policies, as long as the public policy was followed there is not much to complain about. Mr. Sullivan asked if the 167,000 square feet compares to what is being currently leased. Mr. Vakalis stated that the District is leasing about 110,000 square feet but that does not include the conference center and MIS or the other areas where the District has administrative activities in schools. Carol Comeau mentioned the administrative services that are currently in relocatables. Mr. Sullivan asked if the million dollars in savings is strictly lease monies versus debt cost. George Vakalis responded that it is debt service costs versus operating costs. If you look at a 20-year lease versus an outright purchase with debt reimbursement it is approximately 10 million dollars saved to the taxpayers. Mr. Sullivan

asked what the tax consequence of removing the K-Mart building from the tax rolls would be. Mayor Begich replied that it is \$80,000 under its current condition. Mr. Sullivan is also concerned about traffic issues. Mr. Sullivan thinks having the specific location on the ballot is a good idea.

Faye Von Gemmingen stated that she thinks the District has done its homework on this and she likes what she sees. Ms. Von Gemmingen asked about the mezzanine. George Vakalis explained it is in the back of the building to the left side.

John Steiner noted that although it will take K-Mart off the tax rolls it would almost certainly increase the value of the Northway Mall and surrounding property.

Mr. Tesche requested that the District bring it's pollster to the meeting Tuesday night. Mr. Tesche reiterated his request for the specific findings from the District he can consider that will get this around the requirements of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Tesche stated he is presenting the site plan of the area as it will be configured with this building and notes, according to his rough estimate, that about 65 percent of the surface area of the Northway Mall will be devoted to onsite parking for automobiles. 35 percent probably would be devoted toward the footprint of buildings. Mr. Tesche feels this is bad urban planning and an example of urban sprawl. Mr. Tesche feels the site plan is not good and can be done better.

Chair Traini stated that he will not change the District's bonds. Mr. Traini commented that Thomas Jefferson once said "What's fine in theory every now and then has to give sway to what is practical." This is practical and makes a lot of sense.

Anna Fairclough commented that Mr. Tesche is right about the urban sprawl issue and suggested that the District could take a piece of the parking lot at the end and turn it into a restaurant.

Macon Roberts commented that this may bring more tenants to the Northway Mall as well as other active businesses in the area. In terms of the urban sprawl, that is inevitable anywhere in town. In light of the choices given, it is a workable solution.

Mr. Traini commented on Mr. Tesche's concern about the jobs. K-Mart currently employs no one. It is a dead building and needs help.

Mr. Vakalis gave a briefing on the next bond, which is for \$36,380,000. It is basically a maintenance bond. It includes security upgrades; sprinklers in certain schools that do not have them; roof replacement; major mechanical upgrades; some heavy equipment replacement; electrical projects, and traffic safety planning.

Anna Fairclough asked what heavy equipment was being purchased. Ms. Fairclough received a phone call from a constituent that asked why maintenance is being provided by ASD when the Municipality already has that capability. The community wonders why the District is involved in facility maintenance and it seems that if Anchorage carried that cost, the District's budget would decrease and it would look like it was providing dollars to students instead of plowing snow. George Vakalis replied that the District has had several work groups with the City to try to figure out how to centralize the different activities. It was found that it is more efficient the way it is now because ASD can concentrate on the schools' fire lanes and parking lots at the same time the City is focusing on the roads. They have a priority of what roads they take care of as the District has a priority of what needs to be done for the schools. This includes handicapped access. This issue was recently looked at two years ago. The perception was that you could cut out the middle guy or the administrator at that level and bring it over to the Municipality and save taxpayers money. George Vakalis commented that in looking at the heavy equipment list, very little is in that arena. There is a dump truck and a 3,000 gallon tanker that is primarily to water vegetation, but the rest of it are flat bed trucks and trucks for lifts for food items and supplies to be hauled to the schools; a skid loader and a back hoe. Anna Fairclough commented that all of those things are done in different departments of the Municipality. The people think that the City should have one team to do this.

Mayor Begich commented that the City and District are doing some activities together. Paul Wiltse is heading up a group that the School District is participating in. Equipment purchases will be looked at as well as other things that were done in the past to try to save money. The perception and reality are two different things. The District and Municipality is continually looking to find opportunities to buy products together, to do services together, and to do joint activities together. Part of a Municipality Parks and Recreation bond this year is a piece that is actually a School District/City joint effort. Most recently, snow removal issues involving routes around the schools have been coordinated closer. There are also talks about the development of parks where they join school property. Mayor Begich stated that the

Municipality is not offering to take over the District's maintenance and pay for it. There are certain areas that are not in the City's capacity.

Anna Fairclough added that the School District's budget carries with it some responsibilities that look like they are educational dollars and they are not. The public can't see the difference. Ms. Fairclough gave the example of the parks at the schools and feels if the Municipality was handling the maintenance they could be better maintained in the summer months. Carol Comeau commented that the District and Municipality is looking for ways to identify areas to work together and she would appreciate those who have voiced concerns to sign-up for the budget review team. There are certain times when everyone is working one thousand percent because the schools need to be open. The District cannot put people in danger by closing schools because the snow can't be plowed. The Board, the Mayor, and Ms. Comeau's Administration, as well as the Mayor's Administration, are committed to finding any and all ways. The core mission of her responsibility, which is to get schools open every day and the City's mission, to get streets plowed so people can get to work safely, would often be impossible if everything was merged. Ms. Comeau added that the District's Administration is open to any and all reasonable suggestions but definitely wants to participate in the discussion.

Mr. Vakalis read the next bond proposal, which totals \$95,830,000. This is a continuation of the phases of the various high schools that are ongoing as well as some of the other schools. Also included, is the preliminary design for the new Clark Middle School and construction dollars for a new Muldoon Middle School and Chester Valley Elementary School.

Ms. Shamberg commented that she would like to see more vertical design in the schools and a smaller footprint on the land, which is quickly diminishing, and the land used for parks and regulation sized fields. In the Lower 48, design standards are now going to three-story buildings at least for the middle and high schools, and upper stories for the elementary schools. It would save a great deal of money instead of having these buildings sprawled out.

Mr. Sullivan asked for the debt reduction figure for Tuesday night as well as a breakdown by the different districts. Ms. Comeau agreed.

The question was brought up as to whether a study has been done on the potential safety/fire hazards of a two/three story building because we do not want to sacrifice child safety.

b. Budget for 2004-2005

Carol Comeau stated that included in the packet is the final memorandum given to the Board. The Board did not make changes at this time. There was an amendment put forth by Mr. Steiner to direct the Superintendent and the Administration to engage the community in discussions about any way to potentially outsource any of the activity programs or other areas such as community schools, which would help them to be self-sustaining over the next year.

c. Site Selection Update

Janice Shamberg stated that the Joint School Site Selection Committee met regarding the Sand Lake area and looked at proposals for several locations. One site has been taken off the table. The committee is looking at two sites west of it, at Kincaid Estates, and the other is at Sand Lake and Dimond.

7. COMMENTS8. SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING JOINT MEETINGS

Chair Traini stated that the discussion of state funding and No Child Left Behind will be added into the meeting scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tremaine moved, \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn the Joint Meeting  
Mr. Tesche seconded,  
and this motion was passed unanimously.

The Joint Meeting of the Anchorage School Board and the Anchorage Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on February 13, 2004.

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Tim Steele, President  
Anchorage School Board

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Dick Traini, Chairman  
Anchorage Municipal Assembly

ATTEST:

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Robin Siegfried, Recording Secretary

March 10, 2006  
Date Minutes Approved