

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 16, 2003, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Mayor Timothy L. Anderson for the purpose of discussing providing a temporary site for the Mid-Valley High School.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. J. Bruce Bush, Assembly District No. 1
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Kelly Ladere, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (Deputy Mayor)

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, Deputy Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Teresa Williams, Borough Attorney
Ms. Janice A. Case, Borough Clerk's Secretary
Mr. David Germer, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Russ Kraft, Purchasing Officer

School district staff in attendance were:

Mr. Bob Doyle, Chief School Administrator
Mr. Mike Schwartz, Facilities Coordinator
Mr. Chris Simms, Electrical Administrator

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were noted.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mike Schwartz.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. AM No. 03-104: PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY SITE FOR THE MID-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Chris Simms discussed the handout regarding Mid-Valley Pathways relocation cost estimate.

Mr. Bob Doyle explained that these costs have not yet been budgeted, and the process for selecting a temporary site for the school.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the relocation costs;
- the number of portables that will have to be relocated; and
- the timeframe for the procurement process.

Mr. Dave Holmquist, Principal of Mid-Valley High School:

- stated that the alternative schools have been important in engaging children in education; and
- remarked on the number of previous drop-outs who have enrolled in the Mid-Valley alternative school.

Mayor Anderson inquired whether or not it is possible to lease an existing building.

Mr. Doyle replied that the building must meet the building codes required for schools, which is very strict.

Assemblymember Ladere asked administration to research possible sites.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to approve AM No. 03-104, to grant a temporary one-year waiver with the condition that the borough procurement process be followed.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(There were no persons present who wished to testify.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Simpson thanked the school district administration for attending and explaining the need for the waiver.

Assemblymember Ladere stated it is her hope that the Mid-Valley High School will be opening in the fall.

Mayor Anderson:

- stated that a district rotary conference is currently being held at Raven Hall; and
- noted that he and the manager will be leaving for Juneau tomorrow.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.