

**Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**March 26, 27, 28, 2008**  
**Department of Education & Early Development Board Room**  
**801 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Juneau, AK**

March 26, 2008

Chairwoman Cox called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and then led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. All members were present except Pat Shier, Col. Luu and Lindsay Birk.

Members disclosed potential conflicts of interest. Dr. Holloway said that her Avant Garde Learning Foundation group rents space in the IDEA building. The chair ruled that the disclosures did not cause a conflict of interest.

Shirley Holloway moved and Sylvia Reynolds seconded a motion to approve the agenda for March 26, 2008. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

*Work Session*

School District Audited Financial Waivers. Eddy Jeans, Director of School Finance, was present to brief the board. He said there were five districts before the board requesting waivers from the 70/30 minimum expenditure for instruction requirement for fiscal year 2007 audited financial statements. Those districts were: Bering Strait, Denali, Hydaburg, Lower Yukon and Yukon Koyukuk. Ms. Reynolds inquired if the legislative audit and budget committee had been informed. Mr. Jeans said they had and that he had done one presentation to them in the past and there had been followup. Ms. Reynolds expressed her concern that the 70/30 process was not working and it required the department to do a lot of work each time. Dr. Holloway said that it does not improve instruction. She inquired if the schools had met AYP, saying there was no correlation between 70/30 and making AYP. She inquired what had happened with the resolution the board passed last year supporting the reconsideration of the statute. Mr. Jeans said legislators didn't like it. He said the legislature likes the department's scrutiny of the school districts on their spending and the benefits of the additional data it provides. He said when a district has a budget less than \$3M, it will not ever be able to meet the requirement because there are too many other expenses. It will be a continuous problem. Board members also inquired about rising student activity expenses. Mr. Jeans said it was a touchy subject with local school boards, but the department does monitor those expenses.

Reading Course Plan. Cyndy Curran, Teacher Education and Certification Administrator, was present to brief the board. She reviewed the draft plan and some of the history of the topic. The Reading Course plan was begun by previous commissioner, Roger Sampson. It is not mandated as of this time. Dr. Holloway suggested that the board have a member on the stakeholder group committee, which will begin in May to review the plan. The

final plan is scheduled to come back to the board in September. The board discussed the process to require the course. The course could be required with a new or renewed certificate. When asked if reading teachers would need to take the course, Ms. Curran said, yes, because reading has changed over the years. Mr. Shier suggested that a student be chosen to participate in the stakeholder committee group.

New Regulations. There were seven new regulation projects presented to the board.

AAC 04.160 - Repeal of Alternative Performance Standards for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Les Morse, Director of Assessment, Accountability and Information Management, said this project repeals the alternate content standards because they are not allowed by the federal government.

4 AAC 04.200 - Professional content and performance standards (new section beginning teacher standards). Ms. Curran said this project proposes to add content and performance standards for teachers who are new to the profession. Ms. Curran said the university would now teach this content because the board is being asked to approve the reg and the teacher preparation program.

4 AAC 12.345 - Administrative certificate (Type B); provisional certificate (Type B); and 4 AAC 12.346 - Special Education administrator certificate (Type F); provisional certificate (provisional Type F) (new section). Ms. Curran said the project proposes to allow special service providers who hold a Type C certificate to be eligible for a Type F with an endorsement as a special education administrator, and allows some holders of Type C special service certificates to be eligible for a Type B, administrator certificate. After much discussion, the proposal was changed to include all holders of Type C.

4 AAC 12.305(i) - Teacher Certificate (initial, professional, master). Ms. Curran said this proposal requires submission of proof of program enrollment before an initial certificate can be issued.

4 AAC 52.600; 4 AAC 52.790 - Qualifications and duties of a surrogate parent and definitions. Neil Slotnick, Assistant Attorney General, was present to brief the board and said the proposal sets out two options; one that preserves the status quo regarding the appointment of a surrogate parent and, one that automatically considers the foster parent as the parent. The public is being asked to choose one option.

4 AAC 06.872 - School-level desk audits (new section). Neil Slotnick, Assistant Attorney General, said this proposal comes out of the Moore v. State lawsuit. He said Senate Bill 285 makes it clear that the department has the authority to intervene with low-performing schools. The proposal still works through the districts even though it's titled School-level desk audits. SB 285 has been amended to include an exit strategy, showing improvement over a three-year period. The regulation as presented today will still have to be amended to conform with the final statute when it is passed and then put out for public comment. Mr. Slotnick asked the board to give the commissioner that authority.

Mr. Shier joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m. The chair asked if he had any disclosures. He said his daughter is enrolled in a correspondence school, his wife is a Raven School teacher and he is a member of the Alaska Home Educators Alliance, but no longer on the executive board.

Dr. Holloway said she believed that the proposal demonstrates that the state has put forth the best effort in school oversight. When asked if the school boards association was supporting it, Ms. Jeans said they were not opposing it. He said some schools in a district could be under the plan while others, who were succeeding, were not, or it could apply to a whole district.

Mr. Morse said the department was trying to do what is best for students even if NCLB eventually goes away. Mr. Jeans said there was a fiscal note with the bill to provide for three department positions to develop the school improvement plan. Mr. Morse said that the current interventions were the result of NCLB, and the department is now doing desk audits at various levels with five districts that have not met AYP for four consecutive years.

4 AAC 33 - Correspondence study programs. Commissioner Thompson said that this regulation was being proposed as a result of public comments the board has received. She said it appeared that district programs were moving toward a statewide model; consequently, the proposed regulation would apply to all correspondence schools. She said it has been found that six district programs have no certified teachers. The department sent a letter to each and only two responded that the information was entered incorrectly. The other four districts have not replied. Eddy Jeans was present to brief the board and walked the board through the proposal. He said the proposal applies to all correspondence programs, proposes open enrollment all year long, proposes family allotment account requirements apply to all programs that offer family allotment accounts, proposes disallowed expenditures apply to all programs, clarifies that programs must fully serve special education students, and raises the 15% cap for music, art and physical education to 25% for students who are designated as proficient or if the local school board adopts such a policy. The board clarified what the cap percentage covered. They discussed the cap being tied to reading, writing and mathematics proficiency and not up to a local board making a decision. Members were concerned with some rural districts that are struggling with special education services on IEPs and the playing field being equal, and with instructional materials being reviewed by the district.

The meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m.

*Thursday, March 27, 2008*

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The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Cox at 8:00 a.m. Roll was taken, all were present with the exception of Col. Luu and Lindsay Birk.

Members disclosed potential conflicts of interest. Dr. Holloway said that her Avant Garde Learning Foundation rents space in the IDEA building, and that she was working with five school districts regarding the Jason Project. Mr. Shier said his daughter is enrolled in a correspondence school, his wife is a Raven School teacher and he is a member of the Alaska Home Educators Alliance, but no longer on the executive board. Ms. Reynolds said she was working with the Northwest Arctic Borough School District on a MOA. The chair ruled that the disclosures did not cause a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Thompson recognized Kay Shelton, Director of Libraries, Archives and Museums; Lynne Smith, Special Assistant to the Governor; and Rhonda Gardner, Assistant Superintendent for the Anchorage School District, who were sitting in the audience.

Dr. Holloway moved to amend the agenda for March 27, 2008, by adding a discussion regarding the June meeting date. The motion was seconded by Pat Shier. The amended agenda was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The Jason Project. Dr. Holloway introduced Laura Lott from the National Geographic who was present to make a presentation to the board regarding the Jason Project. The Jason Project's intent is to increase interest and involvement in science. They are a non-profit arm of the National Geographic Society, inspiring and motivating students by connecting them with great explorers. Ms. Lott walked the board through a PowerPoint presentation about the program. She also reviewed the accompanying curriculum. Board members discussed bandwidth and remote access, and were generally impressed with the project.

Teacher Preparation Program Approval Process. Cyndy Curran was present to brief the board. She said that President Hamilton of the University of Alaska requested that the board look at an alternative to the NCATE approval process. Ms. Curran reviewed the draft proposal and the list of those who worked on the proposal. Dr. Holloway said she thought the proposal was good but was concerned with it being too simple. She asked, who reviews it and who approves it? Ms. Curran said the on-site review team is not effective and that NCATE was a national accrediting agency that gave the programs authority. Board members asked if something else was propelling this, like time and expense. Ms. Curran said probably both, the process is expensive paying for the NCATE team to come to do the accrediting. Dr. Holloway said she'd like to see added what is important in the first two years and how to measure that quality. Ms. Curran said the department can determine who does the evaluation. Ms. Cox suggested adding a non-educator to the team. Dr. Holloway said it was critical to give Ms. Curran direction to move forward with this. Ms. Benshoof said teachers should be trained who are fully qualified to teach nationwide, not just in Alaska. She said she didn't want to narrow it down. Ms. Reynolds said she thought it wasn't performance based. Ms. Curran said smaller universities don't have the resources to support NCATE. She said many states have two programs, NCATE being one and one of their own. Ms. Cox said an alternative needs to be equally rigorous as NCATE. Dr. Holloway summed up what needed to be done by saying the board needed to look at NCATE format for that which had not been

addressed by the committee, look at content preparation beyond Praxis II and K-12 content standards, look at moving toward teaching content with integrated pedagogy and who is going to do the approval and how. The commissioner said she hoped the process continues, saying not everyone will jump ship and go to the new process. Mr. Schneider said he would like to be on the committee. The board agreed that the work should continue.

### *Business Meeting*

Proposed regulations for Public Comment.

Pat Shier moved and Sylvia Reynolds seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development open a period of public comment on amended regulations 4 AAC 04.160, 4 AAC 06.790 (7), and 4 AAC 04.210 (k)(2) related to alternate performance standards, the definition of the alternate assessment, and highly qualified for teachers of students who take the alternate assessment. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Sylvia Reynolds moved and Pat Shier seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development open a period of public comment on proposed amendments to 4 AAC 04.200 related to Professional content and performance standards. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Shirley Holloway moved and Pat Shier seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development open a period of public comment on amendments to 4 AAC 12.345 Administrative certificate (Type B); provisional certificate (provisional Type B) and 4 AAC 12.350 Certification for Administrators of special education, and add a new section 4 AAC 12.346 Special Education Administrator certificate (Type F). After discussion regarding Type C certificates, Shirley Holloway amended the motion to change the regulation wording to include all Type C certificates being eligible for Type B administrator certificates. Further, she moved that the commissioner can approve the edited language before it goes out for public comment. The main motion was moved. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Sylvia Reynolds moved and Pat Shier seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development open a period of public comment on the proposed amendments to regulation 4 AAC 12.305 related to Teacher certificate (initial, professional, master). The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Pat Shier moved and Sylvia Reynolds seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development open a period of public comment on the proposed amendments to regulation 4 AAC 52.600(d) and 4 AAC 52.790 (14) regarding surrogate parents. The board asked Rhonda Gardner, Assistant Superintendent for the Anchorage School District, what she thought of the proposal. She said she liked option II, so the person closest to the student would be speaking in the IEP. Neil Slotnick said this was a policy

matter for the board and they didn't want a judge or attorneys making decisions for students. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Pat Shier moved and Shirley Holloway seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development open a period of public comment on proposed amendments to regulation 4 AAC 06.872 related to school-level desk audits as amended to conform to legislative requirements, including changes to 4 AAC 06.840, if necessary, as approved by the commissioner. This action was necessary because the legislature had not yet acted on SB 285. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Pat Shier moved and Shirley Holloway seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development open a period of public comment on proposed amendments to regulation 4 AAC 33, related to correspondence study programs. Under discussion, the commissioner said this proposal came about because it was clear to the department that some programs were deficient in collecting data as evidenced by not having certified teachers, and expenditures had been made on disallowed items. Sylvia Reynolds said the 15% is very misleading -- people don't understand the 15% cap. They think it's 15% of the school program allocation, when it is actually 15% of the base student allocation. Pat Shier said he was anxious to get the regulation out to the public and get the feedback. Shirley Holloway moved to amend the motion to include deleting section 33.421(i)(2), that would increase the allotment to 25% if the student had been proficient in reading, writing and mathematics assessments the year before. The amendment to the motion passed by a roll call vote of 6-1. Mr. Schneider said he voted against the amendment because he thought it would be valuable information. The commissioner called on Steve Musser, Assistant Superintendent in Galena, who was in the audience and asked his thoughts. He said he looks at how the families and the students would see it. He said it was like an incentive, and felt that core subjects could be taught in art, music and physical education and that parents look for overall good performance. The main motion was called and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

June meeting date. The board discussed its June meeting date. Three of the board members said they could not make the date. After discussion, it was unanimously decided that the board would meet on May 29 & 30 in Anchorage. Ms. Reynolds said she would still have to call into the meeting as she would not be available then either. The board also discussed its September meeting and tentatively, unanimously decided to meet in Sitka on September 10 for a retreat, and September 11 & 12 for a meeting.

School District Audited Financial Waivers.

Sylvia Reynolds moved and Pat Shier seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development approve the Bering Strait School District's FY2007 financial statement waiver request for the 70% minimum expenditure for instruction requirement in accordance with AS 14.17.520(d). The motion was approved by a 5-2 roll call vote.

Phil Schneider moved and Sylvia Reynolds seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development approve the Denali Borough School District's FY2007 financial

statement waiver request for the 70% minimum expenditure for instruction requirement in accordance with AS 14.17.520(d). The motion was approved by a 5-2 roll call vote.

Geri Benshoof moved and Carol Schaeffer seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development approve the Hydaburg City School District's FY2007 financial statement waiver request for the 70% minimum expenditure for instruction requirement in accordance with AS 14.17.520(d). The motion was approved by a 5-2 roll call vote.

Carol Schaeffer moved and Pat Shier seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development approve the Lower Yukon School District's FY2007 financial statement waiver request for the 70% minimum expenditure for instruction requirement in accordance with AS 14.17.520(d). The motion was approved by a 5-2 roll call vote.

Carol Schaeffer moved and Geri Benshoof seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development approve the Yukon/Koyukuk School District's FY2007 financial statement waiver request for the 70% minimum expenditure for instruction requirement in accordance with AS 14.17.520(d). The motion was approved by 5-2 roll call vote.

Delta Greely School District Appeal. Neil Slotnick, Assistant Attorney General, was present to brief the board. Mr. Slotnick advised the board that they would be acting in an adjudicative responsibility in this matter. Hearing Officer Andrew Hemenway heard the case and a decision was rendered. No response was filed by the school district during the response period. Mr. Slotnick reviewed the options the board had before them.

Shirley Holloway moved and Pat Shier seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development adopt the Administrative Law Judge's decision in the matter of the Delta Greely School District, OAH No. 08-0004-EFG.

Dr. Holloway asked that Dr. P.J. Ford Slack's comments, which had been handed out to the board, be read into the record. Mr. Slotnick said they would become part of the official record.

The motion was called and approved by a 6-1 roll call vote.

### *Standing Reports*

Assessment, Accountability & Information Management. Les Morse, Director of Assessment, Accountability & Information Management, was present to brief the board. He noted that the science assessments were being given for the first the first week of April, 2008. He said the Unity Project was moving forward, and that it originally was funded through a USDOE grant. State funding will be forthcoming this year. He spoke about the upcoming assessments, most notably the HSGQE and the standards based assessment in reading, writing and mathematics.

Attorney General's Report. Neil Slotnick, Assistant Attorney General, was present to brief the board. He reviewed a list of ongoing cases that involved the department.

Budget and Legislative Report. Eddy Jeans, Director of School Finance, was present to brief the board. He said the legislative process was going well this year and that the operating budget has passed the House and the Senate. Mr. Jeans reviewed the highlights of what was included in the operating budget. Most notable was money for the performance incentive program, charter school grants, WorkKeys, district interventions, WAMI increases and contracts for Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

Legislatively, Mr. Jeans said that HS 273, which amends the public school foundation program, had been transmitted to the Governor for signature. The bill adds the area cost differential from the ISER study and the recommendations of the Education Funding Task Force, which met prior to session. He said SB 285, the school intervention bill, was moving and that he and Mr. Morse were doing a presentation in the Senate that afternoon. He said the legislature was considering adding funding to school districts outside of the formula in the way of one-time grants to be used for energy. \$22M was proposed to be distributed and would show up in the Capital Budget.

Commissioner's Report. Commissioner Thompson introduced people in the audience: Sarah Felix, Assistant Attorney General; Mary Francis, Director of Alaska Council of School Administrators; Larry LeDoux, Superintendent of Kodiak School District; Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Lake & Peninsula School District; and Peggy Cowan, Superintendent of the Juneau School District. Ms. Thompson said she had met with Dr. Dan Julius, the new vice chair of Academic Affairs at UAA, and was looking forward to collaborating with UAA on a number of things. She noted that there were 14 slots for new mentors and the department would be interviewing for new candidates. April 18 is the date for the drop-out/on-time graduation meeting whose purpose is to gather ideas and create an action for the stakeholders. She also noted that the Early Learning Guidelines Birth-5 were ready for distribution. She said the Work Ready program was forging ahead and generally being well accepted by the districts. Mt. Edgecumbe High School gave a WorkKeys assessment and the students did very well which was very encouraging. There is a new online course for teachers to learn about administrating and how to use the WorkKeys. Concerns with the initiative continue to be the use of lab time and scheduling capacity, bandwidth and technical capacity; however, all of these are being addressed and solutions are being sought. She thanked the board and staff for the help she has been given this year.

Dr. Holloway said she was happy to see that the dropout issue was being talked about and hoped the board could be part of it. Esther Cox and Jazmin Ziden volunteered to be part of the discussion.

#### *Consent Agenda*

Shirley Holloway moved and Pat Shier seconded a motion to remove 32D-Mt. Edgecumbe High School Advisory Board appointments from the consent agenda. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. Dr. Holloway inquired as to who reviewed the appointment and how the final decision and criteria were arrived at. The

commissioner said 12 people applied to be the parent representative. The criteria was the ability to serve for up to three years, so preference was given to parents who had students who were in the ninth grade or lower. Mr. Spackman, Deputy Commissioner, gave a brief overview of the advisory board. He said the person appointed to the parent seat has to be able to serve for 3 years for consistency and to prevent having to appointment someone to the seat each year. The parent representative must have a child residing in the dorm to be eligible.

Ms. Cox inquired when the board was going to have the opportunity to review the Mt. Edgecumbe Policy Manual. Mr. Spackman said it was being edited now, and would come to the board for its June meeting.

Shirley Holloway moved and Pat Shier seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development approve of the appointment of Cynthia Jones to serve a second term on the MCAC; approve of the minutes of the December 6 & 7, 2007, meeting; and approve of the minutes of the January 25, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Winterberry Charter School and the Juneau Community Charter School were also pulled from the Consent Agenda. Paul Prussing, Acting Director of Teaching & Learning Support, was present to brief the board. Board members asked if each of the charter schools had an open enrollment policy. Mr. Prussing said it was up to each individual school district and the lottery system. Rhonda Gardner, Assistant Superintendent of the Anchorage School District, who was in the audience, said that Winterberry had an open enrollment and it was full all year long. Charla Wright, Assistant Superintendent of the Juneau School District, who was in the audience, said that the Juneau Charter School fills empty enrollment from a waiting list and keeps the program full.

Shirley Holloway moved and Pat Shier seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development appoint Doreen Deaton to fill a three-year term as the parent representative to the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Advisory Board, beginning March 27, 2008, and ending on June 30, 2011. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Sylvia Reynolds moved and Shirley Holloway seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development approve the Winterberry Public School application for a period of ten (10) years. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Sylvia Reynolds moved and Pat Shier seconded that State Board of Education & Early Development approve the Juneau Community Charter School for an eight (8) year period. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Board Subcommittees. The board appointed members to board subcommittees. The following appointments were made: Shirley Holloway to the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; Geri Benshoof to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education; Pat Shier, Phil Schneider and Col. Luu to the Public School Trust

Fund Advisory Board; Sylvia Reynolds to the TAC committee; Pat Shier to the Assessment Policy & Procedures Committee; Carol Schaeffer to the College of Rural Alaska Advisory Council; Esther Cox to the Education Commission of the States; Phil Schneider to the Teacher Program Approval Committee; Shirley Holloway and Sylvia Reynolds to share in attending the Reading Group Committee; and Esther Cox and Jazmin Ziden to the Drop Out Rate Committee.

#### Board Comments.

Sylvia Reynolds: She welcomed the new board members and said she was looking forward to the retreat with the new commissioner. She thanked Commissioner Thompson for her work during the interim.

Phil Schneider: He thanked the board for the welcome, and said he was excited about the commissioner selection.

Carol Schaeffer: She welcomed the new board members and thanked Commissioner Thompson. She inquired about the 2006 early childhood endorsement requirement and when it might come to the board again.

Shirley Holloway: She said she appreciated Commissioner' Thompson's management of the department during the interim, welcomed new board members, thanked the board for viewing the Jason Project, and thanked the department for the well organized packet.

Pat Shier: He thanked the staff for their regulation work, and preparation for the meeting. He also thanked Commissioner Thompson, and Deputy Commissioner Spackman for their work during the interim, and thanked Dr. Holloway for bringing the Jason report.

Esther Cox: She said she had attended a conference of five state regarding arts in education where they discussed how to include the arts with reading, writing and mathematics. She thanked the department for being well prepared and gave special thanks to Commissioner Thompson.

It was announced that the Governor has just signed HB 273, the school funding bill. Board members applauded.

*Friday, March 28, 2008*

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Cox at 8:00 a.m. Roll was taken, all were present with the exception of Col. Luu. There were no disclosures. Pat Shier moved and Shirley Holloway seconded the motion to approve the agenda for March 28, 2008. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

*Public Comment*

Tim Scott – at the Anchorage LIO, from Frontier Charter School, spoke in opposition to the proposed regulations for Correspondence Study Programs. He said he believed the department was in violation of the law, it was too arbitrary and went beyond supervision and inquired about what data they had to support the proposal.

Rhonda Gardner – Assistant Superintendent Anchorage School District, welcomed the new board members. She said ASD had concerns with the teacher certification system in particular the video performance requirement. She said it was doing harm and they were losing teachers as a result because the teachers were unable to jump through all the hoops to move to initial certification. She felt all districts were losing teachers because they could not or would not complete the requirements.

Lynn Aleshire – at the Anchorage LIO, from the Frontier Charter School said she objected to proposed correspondence regulations because they violate the school's charter, and wonder why they were being proposed, saying their school had had no abuses.

Barbara Heinrichs – Kodiak Island School District said the changes to the correspondence regulation could be divisive and it was punishing the whole state for the abuses of a few.

Sally Javier – Home School Alliance from Fairbanks welcomed new board members. She said she wanted equity for all students and thought the new proposal brought inequity and restricted opportunities. She volunteered to work with the board on the correspondence proposal.

Rick Luthi - Principal in Mat Su School District, said he didn't understand what the correspondence proposal meant and what the impact would be. He said he was committed to work with the department and the board to move home schooling ahead. He wanted a broader dialogue to get past the turf wars. He thanked the department for its leadership.

Deb Harbison – at the Tok LIO, a home school grandmother, opposed the correspondence proposal and the change in the spending cap. She said there was a lot of oversight in their local program and the cap was not needed.

Narda Butler - at the Anchorage LIO, from the Frontier Charter School, opposed the correspondence proposal, saying it was in conflict with their school charter and went past the local authority.

Ken Klunder – at the Anchorage LIO, from the Mat Su Correspondence Study School, requested that all stakeholders be brought to the table. He said 96% of their students were tested and made AYP.

Patty George – Alaska State Literacy Association, said they were supportive about the Alaska Reading Course, and wanted to add a beginning teacher to the group. She invited the board to the ASLA Summer Leadership Training to be held in Juneau this summer.

### *Regulations for Adoption*

Pat Shier moved and Shirley Holloway seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development adopt the proposed amendments to regulation 4 AAC 06.712, related to the developmental profile. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Sylvia Reynolds moved and Phil Schneider seconded that the State Board of Education & Early Development adopt the proposed amendments to 4 AAC 06.825 (b), 4 AAC 06.825 (c), 4 AAC 06.830 (c), 4 AAC 06.885 (a), 4 AAC 06.885 (b) – (g), 4 AAC 33.520 (4), 4 AAC 33.540 (2), (5) & (6), related to Adequate Yearly Progress and the Alaska School Performance Incentive Program. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Shirley Holloway moved and Pat Shier seconded that State Board of Education & Early Development adopt the proposed amendments to 4 AAC 12.320, related to Alaska teacher performance review standards; reconsideration. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. Holloway said that she would like to hear a review of the teacher certification process at the May meeting. The commissioner said that could happen.

The business meeting was concluded.

### *Executive Session*

Shirley Holloway moved and Carol Schaeffer seconded the following motion: *I move the State Board of Education & Early Development under AS 44.62.310 (c)(2) convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing candidates and selecting finalists for the position of Commissioner of Education & Early Development. An executive session is appropriate because the discussion could prejudice the reputation and character of an individual.* There was not discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The board reconvened from executive session. The chair announced that no action would be taken at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

