

**Haines Borough Assembly & Haines Borough School Board
Joint Session**

April 27, 2016 – 6:30pm
Haines School Library

Approved

Minutes

A. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

Mayor **HILL** called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm in the Haines School Library and led the pledge to the flag.

B. Assembly Roll Call – Julie **COZZI**, MMC, Borough Clerk

Present: Mayor Jan **HILL**, and Assembly Members Mike **CASE**, Ron **JACKSON**, Tresham **GREGG**, Diana **LAPHAM**, and Margaret **FRIEDENAUER**.

C. School Board Roll Call – Ashley **SAGE**, District Secretary

Present: President Ann Marie **PALMIERI**, and Members Sarah **SWINTON**, Sara **CHAPPELL**, Brian **CLAY**, Michael **WILSON**, Lisa **SCHWARTZ**, and Inez **GROSS**.

Staff Present: Rich **CARLSON**/Interim Superintendent, Brad **RYAN**/Interim Borough Manager, Jila **STUART**/Finance Director, Cheryl **STICKLER**/Principal, Judy **EREKSON**/Accounting, and others.

Visitors Present: Emily **FILES**/KHNS and others.

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: **SWINTON** moved to “approve the agenda,” and it was seconded by **SCHWARTZ**. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Comments - None

F. Business

1. Facilities

a. School Roof

RYAN reported there is currently \$65K in the FY17 CIP. He believes it is not leaking too badly. Palmieri clarified it is the old roof over the high school rather than the new school roof.

b. Pool

RYAN explained the other thing that impacts the school is the pool. He gave an update on the efforts to address the leaks and other issues. Things are getting better and better. There is a good relationship between borough and the school.

2. Communication and Cooperation

a. Major Maintenance Meeting

CARLSON encouraged this to continue going forward particularly when there is a new superintendent and borough manager. The meetings have been incredibly robust and essential. **RYAN** agreed.

b. Other Common Concerns

CARLSON said these are primarily health and safety, common scheduling, and finances. The more we can cooperate, the better off we are going to be. Especially in these leaner times coming up ahead.

CHAPPELL thanked the borough for the efforts to keep the path open between the school and the library.

FRIEDENAUER asked about the action during the 2015 joint meeting directing the

mayor and school board president to form a task force to deal with health and safety concerns. **PALMIERI** and **HILL** explained they got together and realized it was not going to be practical, especially with both the borough and school district trying to hire leaders. They said this seems like bad timing. They offered that if someone is interested, perhaps it could be delegated.

3. Legislative Update

- a. **PERS/TRS**
- b. **Revenue Sharing**
- c. **Base Student Allocation (BSA)**
- d. **Other Issues**

CARLSON noted the assembly got a briefing the previous evening from Bill Thomas, the borough's lobbyist. Everything seems to be stuck on the issue of oil and gas credits. We'll get what we get.

4. Challenges Ahead

a. **Budget**

CARLSON believes the budget is the biggest challenge facing us.

b. **Transition**

CARLSON said we will have two new leaders, and things will change daily. The challenges will be greater than usual. He has had conversations with **RYAN** about the borough's contribution to education. The school is always guessing about what they will get from the state. **RYAN** said it might lessen the stress at the beginning of the budget process if the borough dedicates some reserves just on paper---really just having the reserves in mind, if needed, to make the school whole.

5. Working Together

a. **Common Language/Understanding**

- 1. **Budget Process**
- 2. **Investigating Budget Ideas**
- 3. **Working Group: Can We Improve Process/Results?**

CARLSON thanks it would be very helpful for the school board and school officials to understand the borough's budget but also vice versa. There are nuances to understand. It could help both sides.

G. Closing Comments

CLAY offered congratulations to **SWINTON's** golf team. Her son made the all-conference team.

LAPHAM wondered if it would work to have a liaison for each group. **CARLSON** explained Cordova did the liaison thing but found it important for the school board to designate two liaisons to share the duties because of the assembly's greater number of meetings.

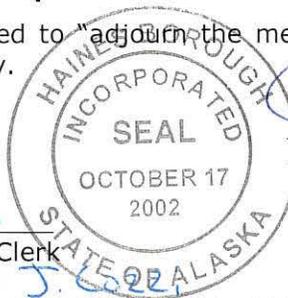
SWINTON suggested **CARLSON** speak during an assembly meeting to explain the school district's budgeting. He makes it easy to understand.

H. Adjournment - 7:10pm

Motion: **SWINTON** moved to "adjourn the meeting," and it was seconded by **LAPHAM**. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Julie Cozzi
Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk
Deputy Clerk for J. Cozzi



Janice Hill
Janice Hill, Mayor