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A Birth Announcement

This issue of the Alaska Board Commentary marks the beginning of an unpretentious monthly publication that has as its purpose providing School Board members within our State the opportunity to exchange views and experiences, and to consider educational matters of both local and national concern. You will notice that the format is uncomplicated. We haven't the equipment necessary to present a professional appearance, and our small distribution makes it uneconomical to have a printer do the job.

It is the Editor's hope that individual Board Members around the State will submit articles for publication. Articles dealing with problems and/or solutions to problems that would be of interest to other Board Members will be welcomed. If you have criticisms to offer on any aspect of our educational system (including AASB), let's hear them. If you have a local program of which you are proud, write it up and send it to the Editor. If you have a better idea of what the Commentary should be, let's hear that!

In this issue you will find a challenge by AASB President Wade Jackinsky, an explanation of the negotiations situation in our largest district by Anchorage Board Member Tay Thomas, a reprint of an article from the NSBA Journal by Dr. Walter Meminger, and a few miscellaneous bits of news and information including a legislative roundup. We hope you will like the Commentary and become a contributor.

Do We Dare?

By Wade Jackinsky

School boards are faced with so many challenges these days that quite often they lose sight of their real purpose - to set policy for the districts.

We are faced with negotiations, grievances, everybody's rights, accountability, grading, building needs, maintenance, budget, tenure,

Swap Shop

The following material is printed on the back of the agendas which are distributed to the public at each Board meeting in Anchorage. A good idea which you may wish to adapt to your situation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Anchorage Borough School Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., unless another date or hour is set by Board action. The public will be advised of such changes.

These meetings are open to the public.

The School Board Meetings are held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 670 Fireweed Lane. If the meeting place is changed, the public will be so advised.

There are two methods in which the public may speak before the Board:

- 1) To appear under Item 3 on the Agenda, "Persons To Be Heard," a written request for an appearance shall be made in writing to the Superintendent no later than 5 p.m., of the Thursday preceding the meeting date and shall specify the matter(s) to be discussed and the persons to appear.
- 2) To appear on the Agenda under the item just preceding adjournment, "Persons To Be Heard Not On the Agenda," it is only necessary to stand to be recognized by the President of the Board in response to the invitation to be heard.

Upon recognition from the Chair, come forward to the podium. Please give name and organization, if any, represented.

AASB Executive Board and Staff

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