
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

November 12, 2012– 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Overweight/Obesity Study Data, Title VII By-Laws, and Student Transportation Update.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Dan Carstens, principal, Nikiski Middle/High School, presented a video and computer slide report highlighting Nikiski Middle/High School's staff collaboration, the challenges of the wide age range of the school's students; school goals; staff professional development; the success of the school's recent Mock Political Convention; and the programs offered through the career and technical education program.

Mr. Conrad Woodhead, principal, Chapman Elementary School, presented a slide presentation highlighting programs and features that make Chapman Elementary School unique. Mr. Woodhead discussed staffing additions and student enrollment fluctuations. Mr. Jake Roberts, student council president, presented a video and reported on the school's mission. Miss Laila Isaac, student council vice-president, reported on her personal school enrollment history and the reasons that she chose to attend Chapman Elementary. Mr. Woodhead invited those in attendance to visit Chapman School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported on the student enrollment count and noted that the district's total enrollment is 17 students higher than projected. He stated that the district has only one early entrance kindergartener this school year. He reported that he attended training on Adverse Childhood Effects (ACEs) in Homer on Wednesday, November 7, and discussed the effects ACEs have on brain development and learning. He announced that Mr. Michael Crawford, district webmaster, has resigned and the district is currently considering options for his replacement. He thanked all district teachers and support staff for their hard work at the end of the quarter. He thanked those district employees that are also military veterans for their service to our country and reported that he had attended K-Beach Elementary School's Veteran's Day assembly on Friday, November 9, 2012.

FIVE-YEAR PUPIL ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS: Mr. Jones presented the Five-Year Enrollment Projections (FY14 – FY18) which record the FY13 enrollment reported to the State of Alaska for the 20-day count was 8,891.7125 students.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending October 31, 2012.

HSGQE: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2013-003.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Barbara Gray, Elementary Multi-Grade Teacher, Nanwalek School; and Keith Gray, Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, Nanwalek School, both effective November 2, 2012; and Donna Bartman, Computer/Photography/Yearbook Teacher, Soldotna High School; Sandra Lyons, 4th/5th Grade Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Rick Matiya, Government/History Teacher, Soldotna High School; and Brian Zinck, 3rd Grade Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; all effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Kellie Bolin, Temporary Science Teacher, Homer High School; Glendon Fraser, Temporary Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, Nanwalek School; and Kara Schreur, Temporary Elementary Multi-Grade Teacher, Nanwalek School.

RESOLUTION 12-13-3: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 12-13-3 Support of a Paved Lighted Path Along Poppy Lane.

RESOLUTION 12-13-4: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 12-13-4 Support of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Application for an Alaska Community Block Grant.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board unanimously approved acceptance of the FY12 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3290 Gifts, Grants and Bequests and BP 6174 Bilingual-Bicultural Education.

K-12 MATH CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved the revised K-12 Math Curriculum.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 3, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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