
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

December 3, 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 District Art Specialist program, Professional Development Report, Greatland Adventure Academy Charter School, Six-Year Plan and School Construction Needs, Class Size Study Report and Budget Update, Policy Revisions, and Committee Structure.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Soldotna Elks Lodge 2706.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Randy Neill, Marathon School principal, and Ms. Elizabeth Swaby described the services offered by and the purpose of Marathon School. Ms. Swaby presented a computer presentation that highlighted the courses and programs offered, the student goal setting program, the special education program and daily schedule. Mr. Neill discussed the building facility (e.g. room size and accommodations), and security issues of the school.

Mr. Randy Neill, Skyview High School principal, with the assistance of several Skyview staff members, presented a computer presentation highlighting the school's dropout rate, attendance and attendance goals, and several of the school's programs including Project Grad, Robotics, Classroom Without Walls, Super Activity, Zeros Aren't Permitted (ZAC), Freshman House, Career Pathways Exploration and family/community involvement activities. Mr. Ryan Reid and Mr. Wade VonHeeder (guitar students of Mr. Kent Peterson, Skyview Music teacher) performed a guitar arrangement of "We Three Kings" that included improvised solos.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that of the 4,000 sections of the high school exit exam that require student completion, only 135 sections remain for high school juniors and seniors to pass. He announced that a new interpreter has been hired for Nanwalek School. He reported that on Monday, December 10, the Leadership Team will receive training on the operation of the electronic reporting system for the District Strategic Plan. He stated that Nikolaevsk School hosted the Southwest Regional Mixed 6 Volleyball Tournament where they finished in 2nd place and Nikolaevsk student, Blake Klaich, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. He discussed upcoming school events and concerts, stated that Mrs. Tressler will send a schedule of these events to the Board, and noted that Nikiski Middle/High School will be hosting the 1-2-3A State Wrestling Championships on December 7 and 8, 2012.

HSGQE: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2013-004.

FY15 AND FY16 DISTRICT CALENDARS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2014-15 and 2015-16 Districtwide Calendars.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence for Michael Reid, Special Education Aide, Mountain View Elementary School, effective January 28, 2013 to May 23, 2013 and Angela Douthit, Special Education Aide, Kenai Central High School, effective January 8, 2013 through May 23, 2013.

RESCINDING OF RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved the administrative recommendation to rescind the resignation of Brian Zinck, 3rd grade teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School.

FY13 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a change in the current FY13 General Fund expenditure budget total from \$146,637,793 to a total of \$147,045,264.

GREATLAND ADVENTURE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION: The Board voted to tentatively approve the Greatland Adventure Academy Charter School application, dated December 3, 2012, to allow timely submission to the state. This tentative approval is subject to Board action once the facility, budget, contract and any changes to the application are finalized.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 14, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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