
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

July 1, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: Mr. Arness reported that, prior to the meeting, the Board held worksessions regarding Issuance of Debt for Capital Improvement Project, and 2013-2014 Board Goals.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater presented the 2012-2013 Site Council Evaluation Report and noted the improved form. He announced that Ms. Joann Riener has been hired as the new Human Resources Director; she is moving from Pennsylvania and will begin work on July 22, 2013. He reported that there were no exceptions noted on the interim financial audit performed in early June and that the main audit will take place in September. He stated that, due to the good weather in June, reroofing and other outdoor projects have progressed well. He suggested the Board view the new track and turf being installed at Kenai Central High School, and noted the complete overhaul of the Seward High School fire alarm system. He reported that, for the second time, no bids were received to upgrade the Seward High School welding shop and, as a result, that project will not take place this summer. He stated that the first administrator meetings of the school year will be held on August 1-2, at Skyview High School and invited the Board to attend.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2013.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved AR 6146.5 Special Services Grading and Graduation Guidelines, AR 5125 Student Records, AR 3541.1 School Related Trips, and AR 6153 School Sponsored Trips.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers #1456, in the amount of \$104,802, to align Soldotna Montessori Charter School salary account budgets with actual expenditures for the 2012 – 2013 school year, and #1728, in the amount of \$644,843, to align budgets for home-to-school bus routes in the district's geographic areas with actual expenditures for the FY13 fiscal year.

HSGQE WAIVER REQUEST NUMBER 2014-01: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2014-01.

2013-14 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved 2013-14 administrator contracts for Alison Mall, Assistant Principal, Homer High School; Judy Standafer, Principal/Teacher, Susan B. English School; and Joann Riener, Director of Human Resources, District Office.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Sarah Cooper, 1st - 2nd Grade Teacher, Ninilchik School; Jennifer Dowd, Assistant Principal, K-Beach Elementary School; Bethany Eppin, 3rd Grade Teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Molly Hull, Title I Teacher/Interventionist, Nikiski North Star Elementary School, Brittney Johnson, 5th Grade Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; and Toni Steward, 6th Grade Teacher, Kenai Middle School; all effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

2013-14 NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved 2013-14 teacher contracts for Sandra Barron, Generalist Teacher (Grades K-12), Hope School; David Brighton, Special Education Resource Teacher/Generalist Teacher, Tebughna School; Crista Cady, Elementary Music-Vocal and Instrumental, Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science; Jennifer Diana, Language Arts Teacher, Kenai Middle School; Heather DiLucchio, Title I Teacher/Interventionist Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Julie Doepken, Librarian (.50 FTE), Seward Elementary School; Kimberly Hoover, Title I Teacher/Language Arts Teacher, Ninilchik School; Jennifer Hubbard, Primary Grade Teacher, Soldotna Montessori Charter School; Rebecca Mike, 4th - 8th Grade Teacher, Moose Pass School; Zackary Miller, Intermediate Grade Teacher, West Homer Elementary School; Regan Parks, Primary Grade Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Margaret Priest, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher/Title I Teacher, Paul Banks Elementary School; Effimia Reutov, Russian Teacher, Razdolna School and Nikolaevsk School; Logan Schulz, Special Education Resource Teacher, Seward High School; Kelly Sheffer, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Homer Middle School; Joanna Stiner, Language Arts Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Jill Gann, Librarian, Kenai Middle School and Kenai Central High School; Robert McKay, Intermediate Grade Teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; and Bruce Galloway, Introduction to Automotive Instructor (.20 FTE), Workforce Development Center.

2013-14 NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved 2013-14 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts for Holly Alston, Teacher/Regular (.50 FTE), West Homer Elementary School; Jacob Ciesielczyk, Teacher/Regular (.50 FTE), Kenai Central High School; Andrea Hackbarth, Teacher/Regular, Kaleidoscope Charter; Kristin McGlothen, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna High School; and Monica Mullet, Teacher/Regular (.50 FTE), Mt. View Elementary.

2013-2014 BOARD GOALS: The Board unanimously approved an amended set of Board goals for accomplishment during the 2013-2014 school year in the areas of: District funding, student performance as compared to national student achievement, employee bargaining unit negotiations planning and collaboration, and completion of the FY13 goal to improve communication and understanding between the Kenai Peninsula Borough Administration and the School Board regarding capital projects and building maintenance.

FY14 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved an FY14 Budget Revision in the amount of \$1,465,836 bringing the total FY14 General Fund budget to \$150,857,760.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved BP 3515 School Safety and Security.

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP EVALUATION SYSTEM: The Board unanimously approved the Effective Leadership Evaluation System.

ISSUANCE OF DEBT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: The Board approved a motion that the Kenai Peninsula Borough place a \$22,987,000 bond proposition on the October 1, 2013, election ballot for the completion of Phase II of the roof replacement schedule and to upgrade the Homer High School playing field with turf.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to BP 5040 Student Nutrition and Wellness and BP 3541.1 School Related Trips.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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