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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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August 5, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board Legislative, Policy, and Communications Committees met and the Board held worksessions prior to the formal business meeting regarding Board Policy, Soldotna Schools Reconfiguration, Security and School Safety Fund Expenditures, and AASB Core Resolutions. All Board members attending the meeting attended the worksessions.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Ms. Elizabeth Wilson, volunteer coordinator at Central Peninsula Hospital, for her work in the student volunteer program and Project SEARCH.

The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Mr. Eric Soderquist, Information Services Programmer/Analyst, for his service to the District.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater reported that the Superintendent's Annual Report is complete, has been given to the Board, and will be distributed in local newspapers. He thanked Ms. Erkeneff for her work and asked the Board to consider and suggest alternative format options for future reports. He announced the State of Alaska has implemented a star system to designate school quality, the rating is 1 to 5 stars (5 being the highest), that preliminary reports show that 77% of KPBSD schools have been rated as 4 or 5 stars, and the final ratings will be available at the September 9, 2013, Board worksession. He reported that the opening administrator meetings went well and discussed topics covered during those meetings. He stated that school starts on Thursday, August 8, at three village schools; on Monday, August 19, for Port Graham and Nanwalek schools; and on Tuesday, August 20, for all other District schools. He announced that the District regional inservices will be held on Wednesday August 14, at Kenai, Nikiski, Soldotna, Seward, and Homer high schools, and invited Board members to attend. He thanked Mrs. Laurie Wood for her work for the District's Human Resource Department.

**PAY SCHEDULE:** The Board unanimously approved the proposed pay schedule for substitutes and other temporary employees for the 2013-2014 school year.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Sally Ash, Bilingual Sugt'stun Teacher (.50 FTE), Nanwalek School; Penny Bearden, Science/Math Teacher, Nanwalek School; Evan Block, Special Education Resource Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Kyle Cater, Language Arts Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Kristie Cotroneo, Primary Grade Teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Krystal Duval, Kindergarten Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Jacqueline Engels, Primary Grade Teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Amy Frapp, Interventionist Teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Emily Kenagy, Business Education/Computer Science Teacher, Soldotna High School; Walter Kloepfer, Special Education Resource Teacher (Cross Categorical), Homer High School; Samantha Lamphier, Primary Grade Teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; David Lefton, Special Education Resource Teacher/Elementary Education Teacher, Fireweed Academy;

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS (Continued):** Shannon Lemcke, 1st Grade Teacher, K-Beach Elementary School; Nicole McKenney, Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, Kachemak Selo School; Shilo McManus, Special Education Behavior Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Michael Reid, Special Education Behavior Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Kendra Remsen, Credit Recovery Teacher (.50 FTE), Homer High School; Susan Stempel, Speech Language Pathologist, Paul Banks Elementary School; Sadie Updike, Special Education Resource Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Anna Veach, Speech Language Pathologist, Central Peninsula Area; Rebecca Walker, Intermediate Grade Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Amy White Baxter, Primary Grade Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; and Sierra Whitehill, Science/Math Teacher, Niniilchik School.

**NON-TENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenured teacher contracts for Michelle Barrows, Teacher/Special Education, Nikiski Middle/High School; Jacob Eveland, Teacher/Regular, Redoubt Elementary School; Erin Thomson, Teacher/Regular, Kachemak Selo School; and Gary Wertz, Guidance Counselor, Districtwide.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Michael Boyle, Vocational Education, Kenai Central High School effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVER REQUEST NUMBER 2013-08:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2013-08.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT:** The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence for Lisa Dehlbom, Secretary II, Soldotna Montessori Charter School effective August 21, 2013 to May 29, 2014.

**POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP and AR 5040 Student Nutrition and Wellness and BP 3541.1 School Related Trips.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, September 9, 2013, 7:00 p.m., **Homer High School**, 600 E. Fairview Ave., Homer, Alaska.

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