
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

October 14, 2013 – 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 Board Policy, Kachemak-Selo School Education Specifications, State and Federal Legislative Priorities, FY13 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and Board Reorganization.

OATH OF OFFICE: The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected School Board members Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Ms. Lynn Hohl, and Mr. Dan Castimore, by notary public, Mrs. Debbie Tressler.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Doug Hayman, Tustumena Elementary School principal, presented a Prezi presentation highlighting the school's mission statement; staff qualifications, commitment and teamwork; planned, new school roof; school's secretary, Mrs. Pauline Mills; Alaska School Performance Indicator report scores and rating as a four star school; community; high percentage of conference and activity attendance; and plans to improve science scores.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater announced that November 19, will be the final meeting of the Soldotna Reconfiguration Advisory Committee, and stated that the Board will most likely receive the committee's recommendations in December, but, possibly in November, depending on the outcome of the October 21, meeting. He informed the Board to expect a letter from the Seward Site Council, and an administrative recommendation at the November Board meeting, regarding the Seward 6th grade reconfiguration. He commented on the quality and success of the recent Mind-a-Mazes competition held on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013. He thanked the District's technology and finance departments, and their directors, (Mr. Jim White and Mrs. Laurie Olson, respectively) for their work on upgrading and providing staff training for the District's financial software which will, tentatively, go into effect on November 2-3, 2013.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 2013.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mr. Dave Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 6 through 160 for various schools and departments within the District.

RESOLUTION 13-14-1: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 13-14-1, listing the primary and alternate members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for 2014.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Evan Boyer, a Homer High School student, as the student representative to the Board of Education.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Judith Cox, Mt. View Elementary School; Melinda Cox, Connections Program; Patrick McCormick, Seward Middle School; and Judith Shields, Soldotna Montessori Charter.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for the 2013-2014 school year for Jessica Gal, Instructional/Technology Coach (.50 FTE), Seward Area School; Eric Schave, Special Education Resource Teacher, Nanwalek School and Port Graham School; Donna Schneiders, Title I Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; and Keith Seville III, Foods Instructor (.20 FTE), Nanwalek School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Eric Schave, Special Education Resource Teacher, Nanwalek School/Port Graham School, effective December 31, 2013; and Susan Smith, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, K-Beach Elementary School, effective December 20, 2013.

HSGQE: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2014-04.

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2013-2014 TENTATIVE TENURED TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a Tentative Tenured Teacher Contract for David Patat, Teacher/Regular.

RESOLUTION 13-14-2: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 13-14-2 Support of a Paved Lighted Path Along Poppy Lane.

RESOLUTION 13-14-3: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 13-14-3 Support of an Alaska Law Making All Workplaces 100% Smokefree.

NIKOLAEVSK SCHOOL'S DRAMA/DEBATE/FORENSICS: The Board unanimously approved adding Drama/Debate/Forensics as a district sanctioned activity to Nikolaevsk School.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 5138 Student Possession and Use of Personal Electronic Devices, Including Cellular Phones (NEW) and BP 6172 Special Education.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board unanimously approved acceptance of the FY13 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: The Board approved the list of 2014 State and Federal Legislative Priorities as revised.

RECOMMENDATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: The Board unanimously approved administration recommendation for professional services for educational specifications for the new school at Kachemak Selo.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 5141.3 Health Examinations; BP 5128 Alaska Performance Scholarship; BP 5142.3 Restraint and Seclusion (NEW); and BP 6145 Cocurricular Activities.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting is Monday, November 4, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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