
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

June 2, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held worksessions regarding Board policy, FY15 budget update, and Charter School Funding. All members present at the meeting, attended the worksessions.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Mr. Mike Petersen, with the Golden Apple Award for his service to the District as the Project GRAD Executive Director.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported on the District's 2013 High School Graduates Survey, stated that the link to a survey was emailed to the students, noted some of the questions on the survey regarding students' plans and current activities, and stated that the responses are coming in slowly but he will provide the results to the Board when they are complete. He noted the memo in the general information packet regarding support staff resignations and thanked those employees for their excellent work with a special note to Mrs. Mari Auxier, administrative secretary. He reported on the Leadership Academy, held May 28-29, 2014, and thanked Mr. Sean Dusek and the District Instructional Team for their leadership and organization of the event. Dr. Atwater discussed the various events that took place at Skyview High School recently, including students, staff and administration packing and preparing for the school move; the establishment of the incident command center for the Funny River Horse Trail Fire; and the roofing contractors setting up and beginning their work. He thanked Mr. Dave Tressler for his extraordinary amount of extra work during this process. He thanked Mr. Sean Dusek, Ms. Pegge Erkeneff, Mr. John Pothast and his family, Ms. Sherry Hingley, and Mr. Doug Hayman for their extra efforts and assistance. He noted that although it is not "our fire," it did involve the District in many levels and he is pleased that the District was able to assist.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Michael Audette, Elementary Education, Technology Integration Specialist; Andrea Hackbarth, Kaleidoscope Charter, 5th - 6th Grade Teacher; Karen Hamlow, Skyview High School, Librarian; and Breighley Sexton, Seward High School, Music Teacher; all effective the end of the 2013-14 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED: The Board approved a leave of absence for Paul Gutzler, Special Education Resource Teacher, Homer High School, effective the 2014-15 school year.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Todd Boonstra, Kenai Middle School and Ted Reiter, Soldotna High School.

2014-15 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new administrator contracts for Elizabeth Falk, Coordinator, Pupil Services Department; Briana Randle, Assistant Principal, Kenai Central High School; and William Withrow, Assistant Principal, Mt. View Elementary School for the 2014-15 school year.

2014-15 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenure Teacher Contract for Robert Bird (.25 FTE) for the 2014-15 school year.

2014-15 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenured teacher contracts for Monica Acosta, Teacher/Regular; Steven Fink, Teacher/Regular (.25 FTE); Jessica Gal, Teacher/Special Education; and Donna Schneiders, Teacher/Regular for the 2014-15 school year.

2014-15 NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Will Chervenak, Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher; Lauren Childers, Home Economics/Science/Math Teacher (.70 FTE); Heather Corbett, Speech Language Pathologist; Nathaniel Erfurth, Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher; Alana Greear, Title I/Migrant Teacher; Katie Harken, Language Arts Teacher; Nicole Gaunt, School Counselor; Jennifer Hornung, Science/Math Teacher; Melissa Kelley, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher; Catherine Koskey, Special Education Behavior Teacher; Ryan Moss, Spanish Teacher; Benjamin Stephens, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Rebecca Temple, Science/Math Teacher; James Wayne, Secondary Generalist Teacher; and Tamra Wear, Media Specialist & Digital Learning Center Teacher.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence request for Debra Allen, Guidance/Career Assistant, Kenai Central High School, effective the 2014-15 school year.

AR APPROVAL: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments and AR 6153 School Sponsored Trips.

LEAVE TIME REQUEST/SUPPORT: The Board failed to approve a leave time request/support for Patricia Sirois, Administrative Secretary II, Student Nutrition Services, effective the 2014-15 school year.

KPSAA HANDBOOK REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved proposed changes to the 2014-2015 Kenai Peninsula School Activities Handbooks (KPSAA).

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3313 Contracts, Leases and Agreements, BP 3314.3 Equipment Purchases, BP 3350 Payroll, and BP 6161.13 Student Fees for Instruction Materials.

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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