



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Vice President
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk
Mr. Dan Castimore, Treasurer
Mr. Marty Anderson
Mrs. Liz Downing
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. Bill Holt
Mr. Tim Navarre
Miss Maria Kulikov, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Joann Riener	Mr. Dave Brighton
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff	Mrs. Julie Cisco
Ms. Nancy Kleine	Mr. Mike Sellers
Mr. James Reinseth	Mr. Jeff Ambrosier
Ms. Sally Ash	Ms. Akcinia Kulikov
Mr. Michael Wojciak	Mrs. Barb Atwater
Mr. Jim White	Ms. Renee Estelle
Mrs. Patty Sirois	Ms. Nadejda Reutov
Miss Martine Dikes	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

(6:58:34 PM)

Mrs. Hilts called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

(6:58:57 PM)

Mrs. Hilts invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:

(6:59:30 PM)

Mrs. Vadla read the District's mission statement.

ROLL CALL:

(7:00:00 PM)

Mr. Marty Anderson	Absent/Excused
Mr. Joe Arness	Absent/Excused
Mr. Dan Castimore	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mr. Tim Navarre	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present
Miss Maria Kulikov	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

(7:00:31 PM)

The agenda was approved as revised with changes to the Awards and Presentations list: Item 2a. Nadejda Reutov, custodian, Voznesenka School and 2b James Reinseth, teacher, Nanwalek School award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(7:01:01 PM)

Mrs. Downing moved the Board approve the School Board Minutes of October 20, 2014 as printed. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

(7:01:34 PM)

The Board presented Ms. Nadejda Reutov, Voznesenka School custodian, with the Golden Apple Award for her service to the district.

The Board presented Mr. James Reinseth, Nanwalek School teacher, with the Golden Apple Award for his service to the district.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

(7:11:40 PM)

Ms. Nancy Kleine, principal of Nanwalek School, assisted by Ms. Sally Ash and Ms. Patricia Porter, school staff members, presented a PowerPoint that began with a video of the flight into Nanwalek then highlighted the community history and culture, school's mission statement, community demographics, school programs and students, test scores, student attendance and the work done to improve it, school staff, school slogan, and the recently awarded Apple ConnectEd Grant. Ms. Kleine noted that the presentation was broadcast to Nanwalek School via Lync technology. Ms. Ash translated portions of the presentation into the Sugt'stun language and led the Board in the dance, *Hokey Pokey*, sung in Sugt'stun. In Sugt'stun and English, Ms. Ash thanked Ms. Kleine for her work and dedication to the school and thanked the Board and District for its support.

(7:30:33 PM)

Voznesenka School principal Mr. Michael Wojciak, assisted by several students, presented a PowerPoint highlighting changes in the school since his first presentation three years ago including Data Day, PBIS, soccer and football, student council, various classes and school programs, the use of personal electronic devices (PEDs) at school, the school's Close Up trip and the Marine Safety program. Mr. Wojciak expressed appreciation for Dr. Atwater and thanked him for his support and service to Voznesenka School. In honor of Dr. Atwater, Mr. Reinseth and Ms. Reutov, four students sang a song in Russian entitled, *Rusalochnka*.

RECESS:

(7:52:35 PM)

At 7:52 p.m., Mrs. Hilts recessed the meeting.

At 7:58, the Board reconvened in regular session.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:**

(7:59:12 PM)

Dr. Atwater discussed his general information packet memo summarizing College and Career Readiness Assessments and noted that 56% of KPBSD students are choosing the college readiness test while 44% are selecting WorkKeys. He noted the quarterly discipline report in the general information packet, stated that discipline numbers are lower or the same as previously reported and commended District staff for their work to accomplish this. He announced that the District will receive a \$20,000 Alaska Assistance Grant for Student Nutrition Services to purchase milk coolers for four schools and thanked Mr. Hamburg for his work to secure the funds. He noted recent support staff resignations, thanked those employees for their work and wished them well in the future.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
SITE COUNCIL AND/OR
P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A.,
K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY:**

(8:00:40 PM)

Mrs. Patty Sirois, KPESA president, congratulated Ms. Reutov and Mr. Reinseth for their Golden Apple Awards. She discussed Nanwalek School's recent ConnectEd Grant award. She expressed appreciation for the Voznesenka School presentation. She discussed support staff issues and concerns including the number of job openings and part-time jobs. She stated that substitutes are difficult to find. She wished the Board Happy Thanksgiving. She thanked Dr. Atwater for his service and wished him well in the future.

Mr. David Brighton, KPEA president, encouraged the public to vote on Tuesday, November 4. He noted certified staff resignations, especially Mr. John Kennedy, and thanked them for their service and dedication. He noted Voznesenka School's Close Up trip and discussed the value of student travel. He stated that on Oct. 4 KPEA held a policy meeting where they discussed teacher concerns including the standards based report cards, training and liability needs for staff working with medically and emotionally fragile students, and the association's belief that there is a lack of funds designated for implementing new curricula. He thanked Dr. Atwater for his service and wished him well in the future. He stated that he is looking forward to working with Mr. Dusek.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

(8:08:57 PM)

Dr. Atwater reported on a meeting, with military recruiters, held to ensure that the practices and processes used for recruiting District students are appropriate and good. He reported that eleven students were tested for early kindergarten enrollment but only one student qualified and was enrolled. He stated that 48 Alaskan Native or American Indian District middle school students will attend the Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP) Middle School Academy on November 12-22, 2014 at the University of Alaska Anchorage campus. He noted that it is his final school board meeting and thanked the Board for their good working relationship and support, and stated their collaborative work has helped the District to improve. He thanked Mr. Dusek and Mr. Jones for their support and professionalism. He thanked Ms. Erkeneff for her work and assistance. He thanked the District Leadership Team and expressed that they are first rate leaders. He thanked all District staff for always putting students first and encouraged them to never compromise that principle. He thanked Mrs. Sally Tachick and Mrs. Debbie Tressler for their assistance and support.

BOARD REPORTS:

(8:12:28 PM)

Mrs. Downing reported that the Legislative Committee arranged for Senator Peter Micciche to attend the October 21 Board Worksession. She stated that the committee met earlier today to review the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Legislative Fly-ins during the upcoming legislative session and to plan for Board attendance. She reported that Kenai Peninsula legislators will be invited to the next meeting in order to continue discussions on education policy.

Mrs. Vadla reported that on Oct. 23 she attended the Effective Instruction Committee meeting where they received an overview of the pilot program to refine the evaluation process and stated that she is pleased to serve on this committee. She attended the Communication Committee earlier today where they discussed the committee's past year accomplishments.

Mrs. Hilts attended the National School Board Association (NSBA) Pacific Region meeting and noted the excellence of education nationwide and the need to reauthorize ESEA.

**BOARD WORKSESSION
REPORT:**

(8:16:23 PM)

Mrs. Hilts reported that the Board held worksessions regarding Board Policy, Students in Transition Report, Student Growth Map Update, and Health Curriculum. All members present at the meeting and Mr. Arness, attended the worksessions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(8:16:47 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Revision to Resolution 14-15-2 Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permits, Resolution 14-15-3 Supporting the Tsalteshi Trails Association Grant, and Resignations.

RESOLUTION 14-15-2:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a revision to Resolution 14-15-2 Gaming Permits.

RESOLUTION 14-15-3:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve Resolution 14-15-3, Supporting the Tsalteshi Trails Association Grant.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations from Mary Boone, 2nd Grade Teacher, Paul Banks Elementary School; John Kennedy, Math Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Carolyn Maslow, 4th Grade Teacher, West Homer Elementary School; and Debra Schmidt, Kindergarten, Fireweed Academy; all effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

MOTION:

Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Mr. Holt removed item 10a. (2) Resolution 14-15-3, Supporting the Tsalteshi Trails Association Grant.

Motion carried unanimously for items 1 and 3.

CONSENT AGENDA:*(Continued)*

Mr. Holt recused himself from the vote for item 10a. (2) due to a conflict of interest, specifically, it is possible that he will receive compensation for his work with the Tsalteshi Trails Association.

Motion carried for item 2.

CURRICULUM REVISION:*(8:19:20 PM)*

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve the Health Curriculum.

MOTION:

Mrs. Downing moved the Board approve the Health Curriculum as presented. Ms. Hohl seconded.

MOTION:

Ms. Hohl moved the Board amend page 40 of the Health Curriculum document (page 41 of the Board packet document) to replace the words "These modules would be required for all students each year." with the words "These modules will be required at each school annually." Mr. Holt seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:*(8:20:35 PM)*

The Board heard a first reading of BP 5142.3 Restraint and Seclusion.

BOARD COMMENTS:*(8:21:27 PM)*

Ms. Hohl expressed appreciation for the school reports. She reported that she attended a concert of the Anchorage Community Concert Band performing with the Seward Concert Band. She stated that it is possible that she will not attend the AASB Annual Conference due to a family medical issue. She apologized for missing the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) hearing earlier in the day. She noted the video of the flight into Nanwalek and described her first experience flying in a small plane.

Mr. Holt expressed appreciation for the school reports. He quoted a comment written in his daughter's high school yearbook, "The Hokey Pokey really is what it's all about." He said goodbye to Dr. Atwater, discussed their common bond of commercial fishing, quoted the saying, "The tide waits for no man," adding that Dr. Atwater's tide has moved on, and congratulated him.

Mrs. Downing stated that she especially enjoyed the school reports and discussed the flight into Nanwalek and her visits to Voznesenka School. She thanked the Health Curriculum Committee for included her in their work. She noted the beaded necklace she was wearing and explained that while in Ms. Rebecca Boone's 2nd grade class at Paul Banks Elementary, her son earned the beads and then made the necklace and gave it to her for Mother's Day. She noted Ms. Boone's retirement and thanked her, and all teachers, for the difference they make for students and communities. She thanked Dr. Atwater for the many conversations they have had on students, policy, and education, stated that she will miss his intelligence and wisdom and thanked him for his exemplary service to the District.

BOARD COMMENTS:*(Continued)*

Mr. Castimore wished Dr. Atwater well at the University of Alaska - Statewide.

Mrs. Vadla stated that she is excited about the Apple ConnectEd Grant for Nanwalek School. She expressed appreciation for Ms. Kelly King's Students in Transition report during the afternoon's worksession. She announced that the annual Candlelight Vigil will be held on November 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Farnsworth Park. She wished Mr. Holt good luck with the Tsalteshi Trails Association Grant application. She thanked Dr. Atwater for his intellectual ability, compassion and enthusiasm for students, guidance and leadership. She wished him well in his new endeavors.

Miss Kulikov expressed appreciation for the Golden Apple Awards and for the honor of presenting Ms. Reutov's award. She expressed appreciation for the school reports including the Hokey Pokey dance and the Nanwalek song, shown on video. She commended her fellow Voznesenka students for their presentation success. She said goodbye to Dr. Atwater and wished him well. She stated that a purple ribbon denotes awareness of either domestic violence or suicide prevention.

Mrs. Hilts expressed appreciation for the unique school presentations. She thanked the Soldotna High School National Honor Society students for volunteering to assist with Dr. Atwater's farewell reception. She described her first conversation with Dr. Atwater requesting that he visit the schools in her district, only to discover that he had already visited those schools four times. She wished him well at the University of Alaska - Statewide. She announced that several board members will attend the AASB Annual Meeting later in the week and she is looking forward to sharing their experiences at the next meeting.

ADJOURN:*(8:32:57 PM)*

At 8:32 p.m., Mrs. Hilts adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Vice President

Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

The Minutes of November 3, 2014, have been approved as of December 1, 2014.