



# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

May 4, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.  
Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent

Seward High School  
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held work sessions prior to the formal business meeting entitled Board Policy, Textbook Replacement, Career and Technical Education Update, Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association (KPSAA) Handbook Revisions, and FY16 Budget Update and an executive session to discuss negotiations.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Aurora Borealis Charter School administrator, Mr. Larry Nauta, briefly discussed the school's programs and successes, including two 1st place finishers in the state Future Problem Solving competition. He introduced the school's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choral students who, led by music teacher Mr. John Uponen, performed the songs *Barbara Ann* and *Lollipop*. Mr. Nauta honored Mr. Uponen who is retiring after 32 years of service to the District.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Dusek congratulated this year's BP Teachers of Excellence and stated that the five winners are a great example of the District's quality staff and instruction. He congratulated Miss Tiffany Lopez from Nikiski High School and Miss Malia Acovak from Seward High School who have both been awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship which will pay for 10 years of college. He discussed his Early Release Days memo in general information packet and stated that the 2015-16 dates will be brought forward for approval at the June meeting. Mr. Dusek announced that Mr. John Pothast has been selected to serve as the director of secondary education. He stated that the position of principal for Redoubt Elementary is now open, the community meeting will be held on May 5 and the interviews are scheduled for May 14. He reported that he will present a quarterly update to the Borough Assembly at their evening meeting on May 5. He discussed the upcoming graduation week and stated that he will attend the ceremonies for Kenai Central High, Soldotna High (where his daughter will graduate) and Seward High schools. He recognized retiree Ms. Sandra Geagel, Susan B. English secretary, and thanked her for her many years of service to the District. He also congratulated Mr. Tim Sandahl, Kenai Middle School teacher, on his upcoming retirement and noted that, for the first time since the 1960's, there will not be a Sandahl family member employed by the District.

**CCRA WAIVER:** The Board unanimously approved College and Career Ready Assessment Waiver 2014-15 01.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT:** The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence for Laura Rhyner, Pupil Services Technology Specialist, District Office - Pupil Services, effective September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED:** The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence for Rose Armstrong, 2nd Grade Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School, effective the 2015-16 school year.

**2015-16 NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved 2015-16 New Teacher Contracts for Daniel Bowen, Primary Grade Teacher; Sonya Childs, School Psychologist; Monica Glen, Speech Language Pathologist; Maryjane Hadaway, Special Education Resource Teacher; Ashley Hanson, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Emily Kornelis, Speech Language Pathologist; and Krystalynn Scott, Math Teacher.

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Clayton Beck, Redoubt Elementary School; Judy Cox, Mountain View Elementary School; Megan Hardy, Redoubt Elementary School; AnnMarie Rudstrom, Sterling Elementary School; and Bernadette Wensley, Mountain View Elementary School.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations from Kyle Cater, Language Arts Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Michael Gullett, Generalist Teacher, Tebughna School; Katherine Hamre, Primary Grade Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School; Shilo McManus, Special Education Behavior Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School; Tim Sandahl, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts/ Digital Story Teacher, Kenai Middle School; Tiffany Tillman, First Grade Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Mayme Troutman, Science Teacher,

Kenai Middle School; and Anna White, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher, Kachemak-Selo School, all effective the end of the 2014-15 school year.

**POLICY REVISION:** The Board unanimously approved BP 3515 School Safety and Security, BP 3541.1 School Related Trips, BP 4131 Staff Development, BP 4117.6 Non-Retention and AR 6161.4 Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety and AR 2121 Superintendent’s Contract.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved the FY 16-18 Superintendent’s Contract as amended.

**BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENT:** The Board unanimously approved the assignment of Mr. Tim Navarre as a representative of the Board during his upcoming trip to Akita, Japan to be made at his own expense.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board heard a first reading of BP 5141.31 Immunizations and BP 5141.21 Administering Medication.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 1, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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