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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

August 7, 1989

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Mildred Martin, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Pat Porter	Mr. Ben Swan
Mrs. Janis Mullen	Mrs. Trena Richardson
Mrs. Mo Scott	Mrs. Betty Miller
Mrs. Gwen Gjovig	Mrs. Thelma Musgrove
Mrs. Joan Schrader	Mr. Ron Sexton
Mr. Dan Sexton	Dr. Marge Hayes
Mrs. Bobbi Jackson	Mr. Asaiah Bates
Miss Mary Freeman	Mr. Harold Jackson
Mrs. Sharon Moock	Mrs. Susan Larned
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Mr. David McCard
Mrs. Jan Hall	Mr. Stan Steadman
Rev. Theodore Inabnit	Mrs. Melody Douglas
Mr. Paul Epperson	Mr. Mick Wykis
Mr. Jon McMichael	Mrs. Barbara Fairchild
Mrs. Judy Downes	Mr. Kearlee Wright
Mrs. Marsha White	Mr. Sam Bushon
Mrs. Lora Craig	Mrs. Shirley Andrus
Mrs. Betsy Staley	Mr. David Wagner
Dr. Marcus Deede	Mrs. Pam Lazenby
Mr. Dennis Dunn	Mr. Duane Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGahan	Mrs. Karen Dale
Rev. Raymond Arno	Mrs. Darlene Wilder
Mr. Dennis Carlson	Rev. Joe Knox
Mrs. Florence Larson	Mrs. Mary Horwath
Mr. Tom Hess	Dr. Nels Anderson
Mrs. Nadine Russon	Mrs. Leslie Holden
Mrs. Barbara Eastham	Mrs. Patty Boily
Mrs. Darla Wales	Mrs. Susan Westbrook

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Mildred Martin	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Late - 7:40 p.m.
Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of June 26, 1989, were approved as written.

HEARING OF  
DELEGATIONS:

Dr. Marcus Deede urged the Board's continued support of the health curriculum and its implementation as a required class. He noted that adequate means were presented by Dr. Larson for those objecting to the class and securing the class by other methods.

Mr. Dan Sexton told the Board he objected to the stress management and sexuality portions of the health curriculum and requested the board consider an "opt in" alternative to the curriculum. He stated his children would not be allowed to take the course and he was prepared to go to court if necessary over the issue.

Mrs. Bobbi Jackson stated she objected to many of the topics covered in the health curriculum. She expressed concern related to the individuals teaching the course as well as changes in course content that might take place later.

Mrs. Mary Horwath expressed her objections to the health curriculum and stated reports indicated that where pro-controversial sex education courses are taught abortions increased and teen sexuality heightened. She requested that options be made available for students to opt out of the classes.

Mr. Tom Hess told the Board that 105 families signed his petition indicating they would not participate in the health curriculum either in school or through studies at home. He stated he felt this was a religious issue concerning these families.

Mrs. Pat Porter requested the Board place the unsold KCHS vocational homes on Deepwood Court in Kenai for sale with a realtor in order that they do not remain unoccupied and unattended. Mrs. Martin requested the administration report back to the Board on this.

HEARING OF  
DELEGATIONS  
(continued):

Mr. Stan Steadman, Bishop Church of the Latter Day Saints in Soldotna, told the Board that leaders from their Kenai Peninsula churches had reviewed the health curriculum and requested that it not be required in the schools. He stated they felt the teaching of sexuality was sacred and should be taught by the parents only. He also requested that signed statements from parents be required before students can opt into a health class, thus allowing for parent control in attending the class. He noted a petition was signed by approximately 150 individuals opposing the course and requirement for graduation.

Dr. Nels Anderson told the Board that he felt teaching the sexuality portion could be value loaded and recommended the students be given the option to not take the course or test out of it. He stated he felt most of the health curriculum was good and his children would take the course since he felt he had a good rapport with them and the subject could be discussed together.

Mrs. Mo Scott told the Board she favored the full implementation of the health curriculum. She noted the curriculum might be the only opportunity where students would be taught facts on health care. She thought it was the responsibility of the district to be make this information available.

Mrs. Betty Miller reminded the Board that the health curriculum was not a sex manual, but a K-12 comprehensive curriculum which had received over two years of input from the community, staff, and health curriculum committee. She stated that people attending the meeting were concerned for their children, but noted they were a minority compared to the other parents on the peninsula not in attendance.

Mrs. Barbara Fairchild told the Board that she spoke at the request of students and behalf of Craig Wood under Hearing of Delegations. She commented that the students had requested information on health education be taught. She noted that after reviewing the curriculum she felt there was no conflict between the material taught and that which is taught in the home. She urged support of the required health curriculum.

Mrs. Gwen Gjovig told the Board that the information in the health curriculum was needed by students in the district. She commented that correct information was needed rather than that given by peer pressure groups. As a parent, she felt the document was a moral document stressing abstinence in sexuality. She encouraged that parents attend the health classes and urged the Board's continued support of the health curriculum.

HEARING OF  
DELEGATIONS  
(continued):

Mrs. Nadine Russo told the Board she felt knowledge was the key and the health curriculum would fulfill the void of knowledge in this area. She noted that when she served on the health committee writing committee the parents views were continually considered. She urged the Board's continued support of the health curriculum in order to not deprive the students of this information.

Mrs. Leslie Holden stated she felt all the parents' concerns expressed earlier were addressed on the health curriculum committee. She stated public hearings indicated the community supported the comprehensive health curriculum. She commented she personally favored one credit for graduation rather than the half credit required. She recommended the Board support the health curriculum and approve the half credit for graduation.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Martin reported that numerous communications had been received by the Board. Due to time limitations she summarized the communications as follows: Dr. George Garnett wrote in support of the health curriculum as an effort to present factual information to the students; Judy Schell, health care professional, offered wholehearted support of the entire health curriculum in the schools; a letter was received in support of the health curriculum and reasons supporting it from Pattie Forrest with accompanying signatures by Helen Helpenstill, LPN, Patricia Shain, R.N., Carness Ferguson, Linda Baker, R.N., Glenda Maratti, Dan McConnell, Geraldene Burden, Jan Baird, JoAnna Wiley, and Judith Renwick; Ronald R. Sexton wrote to request the health curriculum be withdrawn because it was a violation of parents' rights to guide and direct their children in these sensitive areas; Janis Hilton as a family nurse practitioner requested the health curriculum be required in its entirety for grades K-12; Ann Marie Holen called in support of the health curriculum as initially submitted; Mary Huss urged support in making the board-approved health curriculum a requirement for graduation; Dr. Byron McCord wrote to say he supported the high school health curriculum, but requested there be flexibility for those parents wishing to teach their students sensitive issues at home; Dr. W.J. Marley wrote in support of the health curriculum and mandatory requirement for graduation; Charles Collier urged the Board's support of the mandatory health curriculum in KPBSD schools; Sandra Wassillie wrote in support of implementation of the health curriculum; Mervyn Eggleston wrote in opposition to the health curriculum; Dr. Peter Hansen expressed his strong support of the health care curriculum for KPBSD students; Joan Kimball requested the Board either vote the health curriculum as policy with the request for rewriting the sex education portion or vote "no" on the entire health curriculum as a mandatory course; Ruth and Ron Sterling stated



COMMUNICATIONS  
AND PETITIONS  
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most items in the health education courses were good, but that the sexuality portions of the health curriculum should not be mandatory for graduation; a communication from Mr. Tom Hess requested the Board vote "no" on the health curriculum being mandatory for graduation; Mrs. Linda Reinhardt questioned how the Board planned to make the health curriculum both required and voluntary and suggested that if it were an elective course this would eliminate parents' feelings that the course was forced on them; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Becker wrote to say they did not want some of the subjects in the health curriculum discussed with their children outside of their home; Mrs. Kari Mohn wrote to inform the Board that the District Media Center had most of the materials for the "new" curriculum because the subject areas had been covered in other subject areas previously; Mr. and Mrs. Roedl wrote in objection to the sexuality portion of the health curriculum and requested the Board eliminate the mandatory status of this curriculum; Mr. Alex Koplín wrote in support of funding for the Homer Community Schools Program; Mrs. Loretta Harvey wrote in support of the health curriculum as a mandatory requirement; Mrs. Tina Seaton requested the Board support additional funding for the community schools program and she supported the Board approved health curriculum; Mrs. Verman Edens of the Homer Homemakers Club wrote that their organization supported the Community Schools Program in Homer and was desirous in seeing it continue; Mrs. Barbara Peterson wrote in support of the Homer Community Schools Program and its efficient and safe use of the school facilities; Mrs. Nancy Vait communicated that she supported the community schools program and listed its benefits to her family; and Ms. Nina Faust expressed her support for the community schools program in Homer for community use.

Mrs. Martin also noted that a copy of the July 30, 1989 "Parade" news magazine had been sent to the Board for their perusal of an article related to drug and alcohol abuse.

She also noted receipt of a collection of Homer News articles for the period January 7 through February 8, 1988 related to health education for Mr. Asaiah Bates.

She noted that a letter with related materials was received from Mrs. Libby Haakenson. In objecting to the health curriculum, Mrs. Haakenson stated the curriculum infringed on both her parental and religious rights. She further stated that a decision by the State of Alaska to render abortion illegal, would also render the curriculum illegal. Attorney Boedeker stated that the decision to make an act illegal did not make the teaching of that act illegal in schools, i.e., murder and issues surrounding the laws related to this, could be discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS  
AND PETITIONS  
(continued):

Mrs. Martin noted that a memorandum had been received from the Alaska Association of School Boards related to legislative network review and wrap-up. She also noted a report had been copied for the Board related to AASB spending during the legislative session.

Mrs. Martin reported that a letter and a guide to AIDS education had been received. She noted that results of an annual survey of the general public indicated that 95.8% of the public respondents favored AIDS education being taught in school as part of a comprehensive health curriculum. Survey results also indicated that those who rely on family or friends for information about AIDS constituted the most misinformed group about AIDS and transmission of HIV.

CHUGACH OPTIONAL  
PROGRAM:

In response to a request from the Board related to information on the operation of an optional school for Homer, Dr. Larson reported that he sought information from the Anchorage School District related to the Chugach Optional School. He noted that this school is funded through the school district's normal budget process for which no special formula is applied. Transportation for students if they reside outside of the attendance area is the responsibility of the parent. He noted that no extra funding is available for an optional school within the district this year, and there appeared to be little available space at McNeil Canyon School for such a program. Although the Homer Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson had attended a meeting of the Kachemak Optional School Committee, she expressed concern on placing the proposed program in any of the present facilities due to their present loads.

Mrs. Martin requested a copy of the report be sent to the Kachemak Optional School Committee and recommended they take their request to the Homer Parent Advisory Committee in order to involve the community. She also suggested the Homer area principals be provided with information on the proposal.

Mrs. Fischer requested the Board receive additional information on what the optional school will encompass.

HEALTH CURRICULUM  
OPTIONS:

Dr. Larson reported that in view of the controversy surrounding students accomplishing the recommended graduation requirement for health he had prepared a listing of three options for the Board to consider related to attaining the credit. His recommendations were: (1) students could request an exemption from the health course and substitute the class through a health correspondence course, (2) request an exemption from the health course and secure an alternative assignment which is mutually agreed to by the teacher, student and parent, or (3) accomplish the health class as written and presented.

HEALTH CURRICULUM  
OPTIONS (cont.):

He also told the Board that 60% of the school districts in Alaska require health education and from the districts surveyed, there appeared to be only a few requests for students to take an alternative to the class.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether the recommendations could be voted into the policy later in the meeting. Attorney Boedeker responded that if the Board desired to incorporate the alternatives, an amendment could be made to the policy since this was the second reading and up for adoption at the meeting.

Mr. Kessler suggested a fourth option which would be not making the class mandatory, thus no testing out of the class would be necessary. He stated many parents felt this was their desire for their children and to not consider any alternatives. He cautioned the Board that they would usurp the parents' rights, responsibilities, and autonomy if they made the health curriculum mandatory.

RECESS:

At 9:10 p.m., Mrs. Martin called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 9:34 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

SOLDOTNA PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Susan Larned of the Soldotna Schools Parent Advisory Committee told the Board that the PAC had consistently been informed and involved with the health curriculum during the past several years. She urged the Board to implement the curriculum as recommended.

SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY  
PARENT/TEACHER  
ASSOCIATION:

Mrs. Karen Dale, Soldotna Elementary PTA Chairperson, informed the Board their organization had carefully reviewed the comprehensive health curriculum and fully endorsed the adoption of the curriculum and graduation requirements.

ALASKA STATE PTA:

Mrs. Barbara Eastham, First Vice President for the Alaska State PTA, informed the Board that the State Board of Managers had reviewed the health curriculum and strongly supported the curriculum. She suggested options for alternatives be considered.

HOMER PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Patty Boily of the Homer Parent Advisory Committee told the Board that the PAC urged full implementation of the health curriculum. She also noted the committee felt that procedure and protocol had been followed over the past two years with much public input and many opportunities for public opinions to be considered. The PAC also supported the hazard bus routes considered on the consent agenda. She stated the Homer PAC fully supported the Homer Community Schools Program and recommended the present level of service be maintained. She expressed concern related to the minority resolution report

HOMER PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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presented by Board Members Kessler and Fischer and their desire to sever themselves from association and liability to the health curriculum. She questioned whether they would abstain for the vote on the graduation requirements and would it be a conflict of opinion.

NIKOLAEVSK PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Darla Wales of the Nikolaevsk PAC expressed concern that the Nikolaevsk Parent Advisory Committee was not fully informed or involved in the development of the health curriculum. She commented that Old Believers did not believe in all portions of the health curriculum which would be objectionable to their way of life. She noted the PAC objected to the mandatory status of the curriculum.

SEWARD PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Dr. Eugene Mumford, Chairperson of the Seward Schools PAC, requested the Board fund the Community Schools Program in order to maintain their programs. He also stated the Seward PAC endorsed the health curriculum and requested it be implemented as a graduation requirement.

SEARS PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Susan Westbrook, Chairperson of Sears Elementary School, informed the Board that their organization definitely favored the health curriculum and expressed appreciation for being included in the process.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Temporary/Substitute Pay Schedule; Resolution 89-90-1/Supporting Concept of Mural at Soldotna Elementary School; Annual Agenda; Board of Education Goals/1989-90; Hazardous Bus Routes; Policy Revision 006.6/Graduation Requirements; Policy Revision 007.2/Due Process; Resignations; Leave of Absence Requests/Certified; Sick Leave Draw Request/Certified; Teacher Assignments/1989-90; Prioritized Capital Improvements List; and Request for Sabbatical Leave.

SUBSTITUTE AND  
TEMPORARY PAY  
SCHEDULE/1989-90:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the substitute and temporary pay schedule for the 1989-90 school year. She noted the pay schedule reflected a 2.625% increase in salaries for substitute teachers. In addition, nurse salaries had been increased to insure that an adequate number of qualified nurses would be available. All other categories remained unchanged from the previous year.

RESOLUTION 89-90-1/  
SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL ART PROJECT:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve Resolution 89-90-1 which supported the concept of the Soldotna Elementary School PTA pursuing a schoolwide ceramics project for the exterior of the school building. The Board encouraged the PTA seek funding for the project from the Borough Assembly.

ANNUAL AGENDA:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve the annual agenda for the 1989-90 year. The annual agenda outlined meeting dates where routine business items would be presented to the Board.

1989-90 BOARD GOALS:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve Board Goals for the 1989-90 school year. Goal statements were presented for three continuing goals and three new goals. These goals included continuing goals for planning of the facility needs of the district, curriculum revision in the areas of art and science, and School Board development and training. New goals included a review of drug and alcohol abuse among students with the development of an action plan addressing the problem, a review of the secondary school scheduling options, and development of a forum to strengthen board/teacher relationships through discussions on current educational practices and issues.

HAZARDOUS BUS  
ROUTES/1989-90:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve Hazardous Bus Route Resolutions for the 1989-90 school year for North Star Elementary, Nikiski Elementary, Redoubt Elementary, Soldotna Elementary, Sears Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Homer Intermediate, Paul Banks Elementary, and Kalifornsky Beach Elementary schools. The hazardous bus routes would provide transportation for students living 1.5 miles of the respective schools due to inclement weather conditions and hazardous road side areas along the routes for students walking to school.

POLICY REVISION  
006.6/GRADUATION  
REQUIREMENTS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve revisions to Policy 006.6, Graduation Requirements. Revisions to the policy were the change of elective credits from 7 to 6.5 with the addition of a .5 credit for health required for graduation. The graduation requirements would be effective with the 1993 class.

POLICY REVISION  
007.2, DUE PROCESS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve an addition to policy 007.2, Due Process, which would clarify that all work must be completed and turned in on the first school day at the completion of the suspension. He also recommended the Board allow three additional days for completion of homework for those students on suspension of three days or less.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective immediately from Linda Ransom, Special Education/Resource, Soldotna High; Audrey Mlakar, Language Arts, Nikiski Junior-Senior High; and Paul Rourke, Industrial Arts, Susan B. English Elem/High. She also recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1989-90 school year for Robert Salo, Assistant Principal, Kenai Central High; Dale Sandahl, Superintendent (Interim), Central Office; Thomas Maughan, Principal, Bartlett Elem/High; James Strandlie, Assistant Principal (half-time)/Social Studies (half-time), Soldotna Junior High; Kenneth Moore, Principal, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; Al Besch, Principal, Tustumena Elementary; Richard Hultberg, Principal, Kenai Junior High; and Richard Boudreau, Principal, Mountain View Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUESTS/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1989-90 school year for Marky Maughan, Language Arts, Soldotna Junior High; and David Carey, Social Studies, Soldotna High.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of two days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Brenda Hearnberger, Home Economics/Art, Homer Intermediate School/Leave of Absence for the 1989-90 school year.

1989-90 TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1989-90 school year for Ann Dahl, Grades K-3, Moose Pass Elementary; Tom Genne', Principal/Teacher, English Bay Elem/High; Jerie McLean, Kindergarten (half-time), Paul Banks Elementary; Gayle Hollenbeck, Grade 4, Sterling Elementary; Sarah Jones, Special Education/QUEST, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Michael Kriens, Vocational Education/Secondary, English Bay Elem/High; Jill Kriens, Elementary/Special Education, English Bay Elem/High; David Lewis, Elementary/Special Education, Razdolna Elementary; Linell McCrum, Special Education/Resource, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Alan Olson, Spanish/French, Homer High; Daniel Roach, Special Education/Educationally Handicapped, Mountain View Elementary; Mark Woodworth, Music/Social Studies, Chapman Elementary; Iris Wotzka, Grade 2, Sears Elementary (temporary); Lynn McLin, Grade 1, Paul Banks Elementary; Sue Jenkinson, Social Studies, Kenai Central High (temporary); Susan Ledger, Grades 5-6, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; and Lloyd Tappana, Mathematics/Business Education/Bartlett Elem/High.

PRIORITIZED  
IMPROVEMENTS LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a prioritized six year listing of capital projects which would be submitted to the Department of Education for funding consideration. Items receiving highest prioritization were asbestos abatement projects at six district schools. Other projects included replacement of inter-piping at Homer Intermediate School, remodel of the Homer Junior High pool, reroofing at Kenai Central High and remodeling at Seward Junior-Senior High School.

SABBATICAL LEAVE  
REQUEST:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a sabbatical leave request for the 1989-90 school year for Larry Rockhill, Grade 6, Soldotna Elementary. Mr. Rockhill would serve in coordinating the student/teacher exchange program between the KPBSD, University of Alaska and the Pedagogical Institute of Magadan, USSR. In addition, Mr. Rockhill has been invited to serve as a visiting professor of English at the Pedagogical Institute in Magadan. She recommended the Board provide Mr. Rockhill with health/life insurance benefits and the district's portion of the TRS.

CONSENT AGENDA  
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Noting that many members of the public wished to speak under the Consent Agenda, Mrs. Martin announced that speakers would be limited to two minutes for their presentations. She also requested that speakers not repeat views previously stated.

Dr. Marge Hayes, representative of the League of Women Voters, told the Board that they strongly supported the comprehensive health curriculum as a graduation requirement. She noted the curriculum addressed juvenile issues that their organization found to be needing attention on the peninsula as indicated in surveys they had conducted.

Mrs. Laura Miller of Homer stated her objections to the health curriculum. She commented that documented proof indicated that teaching sex education does not prevent unwanted pregnancies. She felt that parents should have the choice of what is taught to their children and was concerned about the individuals teaching the course.

Mr. Carl Aronson stated that as a certified health education teacher he had only three students opt out of his classes in six years of teaching the course. He felt sex education by peers and television had a detrimental effect on students that needed to be combated with factual information.

Mrs. Carolyn Window from Anchor Point told the Board she felt the K-8 health curriculum was too subjective and up to morals and influence of the teachers. She stated that some of the topics covered were an invasion of the parental and pupil rights to privacy.

Mr. Robert Bird, President of Right to Life, told the Board that he felt that the Health Curriculum Committee was unbalanced since the Board president had requested his placement on the committee, but he did not receive the appointment. He noted that only one person of this point of view was a member of the committee. He also commented that he submitted the "Sex Respect Program" for review which was intended as a separate course, not a resource. He concluded that he felt the teaching of the curriculum was objectionable to his religious beliefs.

Mrs. Janice Mullen expressed full support of the health curriculum as approved at the May 1 meeting and the May 15 approval of the report which approved the .5 graduation requirement for graduation. She commented that she needed this help in getting health information to her children.

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Mrs. Nancy Laller told the Board that she felt that mandatory requirement of the health curriculum would be taking away from her religious freedom. She added that religious freedom was the basis for our country. She requested that parents be given alternatives to not take portions of the health curriculum.

Mrs. Bobbi Jackson stated she felt personal freedom was an important issue in this country. She felt a democracy allowed individuals an opportunity of choice, but if the health curriculum was mandatory there would be no choice. She encouraged that the health curriculum be offered as an elective course.

Miss Ruby Thompson told the Board she supported the health curriculum which included human sexuality. She stated that students feel uncomfortable talking to their parents about the subject and the students are often very misinformed by their peers on the topic.

Miss Jennifer Showalter, recent high school graduate, stated she felt that human sexuality should be taught in school since students are often afraid and embarrassed to ask adults questions about this.

Mr. Ray McCubbin stated he was pleased with the school system but objected to the human sexuality portion of the health curriculum. He felt that portion of the curriculum needed to be taught with morals, and morals should not be legislated. He felt options should be allowed for those that want the course.

Mrs. Debra Mullins, former school board member, told the board her feelings remained unchanged from her original objection to the health curriculum. She did not feel that an opt out alternative was appropriate and asked the Board to put themselves in the place of students with peer pressure who must leave the class due to parental objections while the rest of the class remains in the classroom jeering the student.

Mr. Dennis Carlson stated he felt that teaching sexuality outside of God would be like handing a child a loaded pistol. He felt the topic of abortion was contrary to his religious beliefs and taking away his religious freedom. He urged the Board to not approve the health curriculum.

Mr. David Wagner thanked the Board for their approval of the health curriculum and noted they did a great service for the children of the school district. He felt the half credit of health for graduation was very appropriate and he welcomed the opportunity to discuss the varying points of view presented in the curriculum with his family.



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Mrs. Barbara Waters stated that in view of the comments she as a Christian felt the health curriculum was much needed. She noted the curriculum taught areas she was not qualified to teach and in areas where she did not agree she felt confident that she and her children could talk about these at home and overcome misunderstandings. She urged parents to attend the classes and become involved in their children's schooling.

Mrs. Karen McGahan stated her child attended a private school because that school taught her values and beliefs. She noted she cared about the entire community and she requested the Board respect the values of parents by making the health curriculum an elective course. Thereby, persons desiring to receive the curriculum could opt into it.

Mrs. Carol Jaffa requested the Board make the health curriculum optional and spend more time on teaching students to read and learn. She felt that if learning and reasoning skills are present then those students can seek the information they need.

Mrs. Deana Bouton told the Board that the health curriculum could not be taught without moral values and, therefore, she objected to teaching the course in local schools. She felt that various areas of the curriculum were not developmentally appropriate for younger students.

Mrs. Linda Harris stated that she had reviewed the curriculum and sent letters to board members stating the sections she felt were subjective and objective. She questioned how students who have already arranged their programs would rearrange them. She requested that the board provide a fourth option to opt into the curriculum.

Rev. Ted Inabnit stated he favored pro-opting into the health curriculum. He felt that he might find himself in an adversarial role against people he respected and cared for in the educational field. He urged that the curriculum not be mandatory.

Mrs. Rebecca Perry stated that as a member of Right to Life she was concerned with the effects of the entire curriculum, not only the portion on human sexuality. She listed items she felt were inappropriate in the curriculum and expressed objection to it being taught in the schools.

Mr. Ron Sexton told the Board that the result of the 60's "Do your own thing" philosophy was in existence today and from the peer pressure some children were school drop outs from this. He noted that opting out of the curriculum created peer

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pressure and was actually no option. He felt the curriculum should not be mandatory for students in respect to parents' beliefs.

Mr. Dennis Dunn, Soldotna High School counselor, told the Board they were previously remiss in not having a health curriculum. He recommended the Board continue in requiring the health credit for graduation.

Mr. Robert Racan, recent high school graduate, told the Board that teen age pregnancy increased in one high school he attended following introduction of health classes on human sexuality. He stated he was opposed to these classes in school.

Mrs. Darlene Wilder, former school board member, told the Board she supported the health curriculum as a graduation requirement. She noted that she felt the information should be available to students and that opting in would not work since often parents are not available or interested to make that decision. She felt the health curriculum was needed for learning life saving skills and was expected by the silent minority.

Mr. Carl Carlson requested the Board approve the health curriculum as an opt in class. He encouraged that all points of view be considered in taking the class.

Mrs. Julie McCormick told the board that she had reviewed the elementary health curriculum and found several areas to be in opposition to her religious beliefs. She stated her child will not take the class. She requested the Board review the health curriculum.

Mr. Rick HOFFLEY told the Board that his children would not attend the schools because the health curriculum was contrary to his religious beliefs. He felt that if a Christian approach was taken there would be no need to teach the curriculum. He requested the Board review their ideas on the issue.

Mr. Craig Stevens stated that after talking to a certified health instructor he would not want him to teach his children since he believed that abortion was an option to pregnancy. He questioned what kind of service the Board would provide for those children who will not be able to graduate if the curriculum was mandatory.

An unidentified parent stated he was concerned about who would be teaching his children and what the moral points of view would be. He suggested the class be allowed on an opt in basis for those who wanted to attend it.

CONSENT AGENDA  
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Mr. Bill Flowers told the Board that he had confronted a home economics teacher for teaching human sexuality and pregnancy. He stated that previously such topics were hid under the guise of home economics but now it was wide open. He commented that his last child would not attend school in the district.

Mr. Carl Aronson requested to speak again since he felt his reputation had been impugned by an earlier speaker. Mrs. Martin responded that she did not wish to set a precedent in having an individual speak more than once although she understood his situation.

Mrs. Melody Kowalki stated that teens attempt to make their own identity separate from their parents although they are insecure about themselves. She noted that teens are embarrassed talking to their parents about personal matters. She commented that she supported the health curriculum as a mandatory requirement.

Mrs. Julie Sexton expressed concern related to the structure of the health committee which her husband volunteered for. She was not pleased with the health curriculum selected by the committee and was unaware of the topics discussed in the health curriculum when the public hearings were held. She added that she felt the curriculum created conflict with Christian families.

Mrs. Bernadine Cooper expressed concern with the alternatives available to parents because the students still would be tested. She commented that these options were no options since the testing would be in areas that were not taught in the home. She added that most parents wanted the course to be opt in.

Mr. Gordon Dempsey told the Board he did not agree with the entire health curriculum. He noted that he had discussed it with the elementary and junior high school teacher and felt the sex education portion should be taught at home under the guidelines of the parents.

Mrs. Tracy Dukowitz told the Board she wanted to teach her children her own morals and not have them learn those of the teacher in health education classes. She felt there were several topics she would not consider for her children. She concluded that if the class was mandatory she would place her children in a private Christian school.

Rev. Joe Knox urged the Board to provide the health curriculum as an elective. He noted that if the course was a good course most students would take the course and it would stand on its own merits.

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(continued):

Mrs. Annette Myer requested the health curriculum be approved as an elective class. She felt those parents desiring their children not take the classes were being punished if the classes were mandatory due to other parents not taking on their responsibilities to teacher their children.

Mrs. Pam Lazenby stated that as a school volunteer she was aware of many students who do not have parents involved or interested in their education. She commented that it was important that children receive health information that is vital to them. She added that she looked forward to her children receiving the education from the health curriculum.

Mr. John Dahl stated he thought the health curriculum involved personal hygiene and nutrition, but found that the school district's curriculum covered many topics that he did not want taught to his children. He noted that trends change through the years and wondered if in years from now the Board would realize they had made a mistake. Unfortunately, such would have affected many children's lives. He urged the health curriculum not be a mandated course.

Mrs. Sharon Moock commented that she had her mind set on the health curriculum but after hearing both sides of the issue and the good intents of the parents, she recommended that in lieu of dropping such a valuable program that a viable alternative to opt in be approved.

Mrs. Annamarie Slate told the Board that she opposed the health curriculum especially the human sexuality material. She requested an opt in alternative be approved.

Mrs. Judy Ragland told the Board that she felt cleanliness and nutrition were good to be taught but objected to the morals that would be taught to her children. She requested it not be a mandatory class.

Mr. Asaiah Bates stated the Board should respect the rights of the individuals in both groups related to the mandatory requirement for the health curriculum.

Mrs. Shawna Maxwell stated that she made it all right in the world coming from a dysfunctional family. She noted that she did not feel that all the topics should be taught because of the moral issues involved. She noted that she liked the school system but did not like the health curriculum and would teach her children at home if the requirement for it was approved.

Mr. David Devorik stated he liked the school system but was opposed to the health curriculum as currently designed.

CONSENT AGENDA  
(continued):

Mr. Dwayne Anderson commented that the attitude of the teacher is inseparable from the subject matter they teach. He noted he had no objection from the curriculum but recommended that the class be optional for those who were opposed to it. He noted the common denominator on the issue was children and with the class being optional it could stand on its own merits.

Mr. Stephan Former stated he appreciated the efforts of the Board on the health curriculum but previously did not understand what the curriculum involved. Having realized what the curriculum contained, he stated that as a parent he did not endorse it.

Mr. Stephen Browman told the Board that parents needed to be concerned about their children and discuss whether the children wanted to participate in the class. He felt that opt in was the alternative to consider.

RECESS:

At 11:39 p.m., Mrs. Martin called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 11:50 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Mrs. Dimmick requested that Consent Agenda Items 6a (6), Approval of Policy Revision 006.6/Graduation Requirements, and 6a (7), Due Process, be considered separately. Mr. Kessler requested that Consent Agenda Item 6a (4), Approval of Board of Education Goals, be voted on separately.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #2, #3, #5, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve the Board of Education Goals for the 1989-90 school year. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Mr. Kessler stated that he did not feel that resource individuals would be necessary in the Board's continuing goals related to school board development and training. He felt the tasks could be accomplished through worksessions.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved to delete Item B. of Continuing Goal #3. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Wiley  
NO - Obendorf, Martin

Amendment carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

(continued):

Mr. Wiley commented that the district had conducted a survey during the last school year. Therefore, he did not feel it was necessary to have Item. B in new goal #1.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to amend the motion to delete Item B. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the amendment to delete Item C. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she felt these items to collect and assess effectiveness of the substance abuse programs had been completed last year. Dr. Larson stated that such action would eliminate the survey information and information then would have to be received from teachers. Additional information would be needed to add to the baseline data. Mr. Kessler stated he felt a committee appointed by the Board could assess the effectiveness of the school district's program and develop an action plan to deal with the problem. Mrs. Martin noted that policy did not allow for the school board to appoint committees.

RECESS:

At 12:05 a.m., Mrs. Martin called a recess to research the policy manual.

RECONVENE AFTER

RECESS:

At 12:12 a.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Mr. Sandahl reported that Policy 006.3 outlined the method of selection of curriculum committees which are approved by the Board after applications had been made through the regular selection process.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Wiley  
NO - Obendorf, Martin

Amendment to the amendment carried.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Wiley  
NO - Obendorf, Martin

Amendment carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to reword New Goal #1 to "Design an action plan to deal with substance abuse" and item a. to read, "Convene a committee of the board" Mr. Kessler seconded.

CONSENT AGENDA  
(continued):

Mrs. Fischer stated she felt it was time for the Board to develop an action plan since the problem had been reviewed last year. She noted that if the Board was the committee pit falls would be eliminated and community resources could be called in at the discretion of the Board. Mrs. Obendorf stated she did not favor a committee of Board. Mrs. Martin stated that it was the intent of the board to more actively involve parents and the community and that such a committee would be limiting.

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Massie, Kessler  
NO - Dimmick, Obendorf, Wiley, Martin

Amendment failed.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to amend the motion to reword Goal #1, "Design an action plan to deal with substance abuse." Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to reword Item a. "Convene a task group of community members, educators, students, law enforcement personnel, medical community, service organizations, legislators, churches, the board, etc. to review current substance abuse data, effectiveness of programs and develop an action plan to deal with the problem." Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mrs. Fischer explained the intent under service organizations would involve such groups as Lions, Rotary, and Chambers of Commerce.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve the change in policy 006.6 to include a .5 health credit for graduation requirements and ask the administration to make any changes to other policies that are inconsistent or in conflict with this policy or which are necessary to conform to the graduation requirements set by this policy. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Kessler questioned whether the Board would be able to make the changes in other policies that do not conform to the graduation requirements. Mr. Boedeker responded that it is possible to do this since there would be an implicit repeal to other policies. He noted this followed the Board's guidelines, but should be followed with care.

CONSENT AGENDA  
(continued):

Mrs. Dimmick requested the changes be submitted to the Board for information.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion that as alternatives to meeting this requirements under the above schedule, a student may satisfy the health credit requirement by: 1) requesting and completing the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's Health Correspondence Course or one offered by the State of Alaska with a passing grade, or 2) by taking the course but receiving approval from the teacher to accomplish alternative assignments to attendance in class and study of portions of the materials to which the student and his/her parents raise objections. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick noted that this would become part of #8 related to the .5 health credit.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether the correspondence course covered human sexuality. Dr. Larson responded that the correspondence study office was closed for the summer and he was unable to review the correspondence study curriculum to see if the topic was included. Mrs. Dimmick clarified her amendment which would allow for a number of alternatives available, therefore, there should be no problem in securing health programs to fill the alternative needs.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to table the motion until alternate courses are reviewed. President Martin ruled the tabling motion out of order. She quoted from Robert's Rules of Order to substantiate her action.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer challenged the chair's ruling.

Attorney Boedeker responded that the tabling motion was improper since a postponing motion would be the correct motion.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to postpone action until information on alternative courses was available. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated it was not good legislation to approve alternative courses without first reviewing them. Mrs. Martin commented that it was time the Board finalized the health curriculum since it had been in the process for three years. She considered the motion a delaying motion. Mr. Kessler stated the Board had considered the issue for a long time, but would be naive if they thought a vote would make the controversy go away.



CONSENT AGENDA  
(continued):

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Kessler  
NO - Dimmick, Massie, Obendorf, Wiley, Martin

Motion to postpone failed.

Mr. Kessler stated the alternatives did not satisfy the problem and that the Board would be sending mixed messages to the students.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she had read all the information provided to her both for or in opposition of the health curriculum and inclusion of human sexuality in the curriculum. She pointed out that the curriculum stressed abstinence and noted that Alaska State law 14.30.360 encouraged that all school districts initiate and conduct a program in health education for grades K-12.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Obendorf, Wiley, Martin  
NO - Fischer, Kessler

Amendment carried.

Mrs. Martin requested a legal response from the attorney related to the legality of the health curriculum. Attorney Boedeker responded there were no violations to freedom of speech and guarantees of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment or Alaska Constitution. Also, no freedom of religion principles were violated. He stated the Rights of Privacy and the Hatch Amendment were not violated. In his opinion, he did not feel the curriculum had any constitutional infirmities nor found it to be in conflict with statutes or regulations.

Mrs. Martin asked Attorney Boedeker to clarify where they would be if this was not placed in policy. He stated the health curriculum had been approved but they could not make it a graduation requirement unless the policy revisions were approved.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she felt it was necessary to get information and facts to the young people for the importance it is to their lives. She supported the health curriculum because it was legal and encouraged by the Department of Education, that abstinence was stressed in the curriculum, the students needed facts to make good choices, and the need for AIDS education was necessary where the disease is spreading in the state.

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(continued):

Mr. Wiley reminded the Board and audience that the health curriculum would be reviewed in two years, thus problems would be reviewed then.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she supported the health curriculum and was pleased there were alternatives for those who have objections to portions or all of the curriculum.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she was uncertain that the curriculum would accomplish all that it was intended to do and did not want to send mixed signals to the students. She also expressed concern in not knowing what the alternative correspondence course encompassed.

Mr. Kessler stated he was concerned about the AIDS concept which would be sending mixed messages to students. He felt abstinence before marriage and faithful monogamous marriages thereafter was the only explanation. He noted there was no need to mess up the message with other explanations or alternatives.

Mrs. Martin commented that she had read all the materials available and had listened to everyone on their views. She noted that much of what was included in the curriculum was already being taught in the schools in different subjects. Now the topics would be taught in one class. She encouraged parental involvement in the health curriculum and the many aspects of health which it covered.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Obendorf, Wiley, Martin

NO - Fischer, Kessler

Amended motion carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve revisions to Policy 007.2, Due Process. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick questioned how the revisions would effect implementation of the policy. Dr. Larson explained he had a high school administrator review the revisions recommended by the Board. He noted that an option was presented due to late assignments being required of the students.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the recommended changes with her additions to read, "Students suspended from school shall be permitted to make up school work missed. Work assignments for those classes appropriate to home study shall be available to the parent as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) school days following initiation of the suspension. For suspension longer than three (3) days, all

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work that will be due during the suspension period must be completed and turned in on the first day at the completion of the suspension. For suspensions of three (3) days or less, all assigned work including tests are due not later than three (3) school days following completion of the suspension. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Mrs. Fischer and Mr. Massie expressed concern that all assignments be completed while students are on suspension. Dr. Larson stated that was the intent of the policy, however, if a test or lengthy assignment was given on the last day of suspension, the students would be unable to complete the assignment before the conclusion of the suspension period.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
FUNDING:

Dr. Larson reported that the Community Schools funding from the Department of Education was \$39,257, a reduction of \$13,124 over last year's state appropriation. In addition, he reported the district committed \$26,455 to last year's program and provided no funding this year. He recommended the Board approve \$16,452 to the Community Schools Program which would reinstitute community schools programs for Homer and Soldotna and bring the program into budget amounts that would be eligible for matching funds for various community schools programs.

Mrs. Brooks Comfort-Waldorf requested the Board consider the funding request for the community schools program. She stated the funds would be well spent for activities in the communities.

Mrs. Florence Larson told the Board that the community schools program in Homer was a vital program to the community. She supported the request for funds to continue the program.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Community Schools funding in the amount of \$16,452. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether the funding for the program would eliminate Seward's Community Schools program. Mr. McCard responded the Seward program was not funded through their regular city budget this year due to notification from the district that funds from them would be greatly reduced. Since they were the last program added to the community schools program and their employees were hired by the city, it was understood that they would be the first eliminated when funds were reduced or depleted. The City of Seward has requested funding if additional funding was available.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to amend the motion to appropriate \$7,200 for the Seward Community Schools Program contingent upon City of Seward matching funding. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. McCard stated if the funds from Seward were less than the \$7,200, the difference would be returned to the school district.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she was concerned about future funding of programs and would not approve the request although she favored the program. She indicated she would like to see the programs operate within the funds available and, if necessary, increase their fees to cover the additional money needed.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf, Wiley, Martin  
NO - Fischer

Amended motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER  
EXCUSED:

At 2:15 a.m., Mr. Kessler was excused from the meeting.

SKYVIEW OPTIONS  
SURVEY:

Dr. Larson reported that he had reviewed the feasibility of a telephone survey of Central Peninsula residents related to options for Skyview School. He noted that it needed to be explored whether space would be available for the selected program(s) once the school opened and deadlines for seeking grant funds to operate programs at the school this year had passed. He further noted that the telephone survey would take 8-10 days of staff time or if contracted out would cost approximately \$1,500 where funds had not been budgeted.

Dr. Nels Anderson requested the Board prepare a five-year cost plan for the Skyview School before it opens.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to postpone the item on the Skyview Options Survey until the next meeting. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES/  
1989-90:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve hot lunch prices for the 1989-90 school year at \$1.75 for elementary students and \$2.00 for secondary students. This would be a \$.10 increase in elementary lunch prices. He noted that lunch prices had not increased in three years yet food prices and

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES/  
1989-90 (cont.):

related food service costs had increased. In addition, commodity food allocations had decreased and this year's milk and cheese products were no longer bonus items.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the 1989-90 school lunch prices as outlined. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Obendorf, Wiley, Martin  
NO - Fischer

Motion carried.

RECESS:

Mrs. Martin called a recess at 2:22 a.m.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 2:27 a.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

HOT LUNCH AGREEMENT/  
1989-90:

Mr. Dahlgren presented the Hot Lunch Agreement for the 1989-90 school year for Board approval. He noted the agreement included changes legislated into the National School Lunch Program and policy statement for Free and Reduced Price Meals. He recommended the Board approve the agreement between the KPBSD and Alaska Department of Education.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve the 1989-90 School Lunch Agreement as presented by Mr. Dahlgren. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SOLDOTNA LAND  
ACQUISITION:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a request to the Borough to purchase lots A and B of Aspen Flats Subdivision No. 4, Soldotna. He noted these lots were adjacent to the Soldotna Elementary School and could be used for a loading area for buses at that school.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Soldotna land acquisition as outlined by Mr. Dahlgren. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

STERLING ELEMENTARY  
PRINCIPAL/1989-90:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board appoint Mr. Sam Bushon as Principal of Sterling Elementary School for the 1989-90 school year. He noted that Mr. Bushon has been employed with the district since 1985 and served as Special Services Child Study Coordinator, Principal at Ninilchik Elem/High School, and Assistant Principal at Nikiski Junior-Senior High School.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the appointment of Sam Bushon as Sterling Elementary School Principal. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

INTERIM ASSOCIATE  
SUPERINTENDENT/  
1989-90:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board appoint Mr. John Dahlgren as Interim Associate Superintendent for the 1989-90 school year. The associate superintendent would serve management functions in the absence of the superintendent.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve the interim associate superintendent appointment of John Dahlgren for the 1989-90 school year. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Wiley commented that the bus driver in Moose Pass and Cooper Landing always did a hazardous bus route at no extra cost.

Mr. Wiley stated he would like to see a policy related to community participation through the parent advisory committees in the interview of head teacher positions, etc.

Mrs. Obendorf reported that she attended the farewell barbecue for Mr. Varick in June.

Mrs. Dimmick reported that she had accepted a request from the Association of Alaska School Boards to serve on the constitution and bylaws committee. The Board concurred with Mrs. Dimmick serving on the AASB committee.

Mrs. Fischer expressed concern that comprehensive items had been placed on the consent agenda. She requested that regular housekeeping items be placed on the consent agenda.

Mrs. Martin welcomed Superintendent Sandahl and Mrs. Radtke, personnel coordinator, to their new positions.

Mrs. Martin requested the school district tidy the appearance of the KCHS vocational houses in Kenai. She also requested a report on the status of the vocational houses be prepared for the board.

Mrs. Martin requested that parent advisory committees put the school name in the heading of their minutes.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Martin noted that requests for proposal from superintendent search consults would be opened on 4:00 p.m. on August 14. Award for contract would be made at the August 21 meeting. The Board would be meeting with the consultant on September 18.

Mrs. Martin announced the Board would conduct two student expulsion hearings on August 21 beginning at 4:30 p.m. She requested that dinner be catered for the Board that evening.

She also reported that the Budget Review Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on August 21.

Mrs. Martin reminded school board members that AASB resolutions are to be approved on September 18.

Mrs. Martin noted that statewide testing using the Iowa Test of Basic Skills would be held October 10-20. She questioned whether this would be a change for the school district. Dr. Larson noted grades 4, 6, and 8 would be tested and the tests would be provided by DOE.

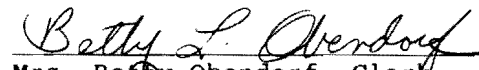
ADJOURN:

At 2:54 a.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Mildred Martin, President

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, Clerk

The Minutes of August 7, 1989,  
were approved on August 21, 1989,  
as written.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

August 21, 1989

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Mildred Martin, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations and Technology  
Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Melody Douglas	Ms. Judith Blume
Mrs. Joan Schrader	Ms. Anne Gentry
Mrs. Darla Wales	Mr. Paul Epperson
Mrs. Mary Horwath	Dr. Carla Anderson
Mr. Tod Traughber	Dr. Nels Anderson
Mrs. Gina Harwood	Mrs. Karen Honeysett
Mr. Ben Swan	Mrs. Betsy Staley
Mr. Richard Waisanen	Mrs. Sharon Moock

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Martin called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 4:30 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session as a quasi-judicial body to deliberate the evidence before them. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:15 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 6:16 p.m., Mrs. Martin called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 7:31 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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



ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Mildred Martin	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 9f, Approval of Joint Statement of the Maintenance Review Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of August 7, 1989, were approved with typographical corrections.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Mrs. Mary Horwath requested the Board allow a volunteer group of parents to rewrite objectionable portions of the health curriculum. She noted the School Board needed to make the parents aware of materials and subjects in the health curriculum and that clear and concise class outlines were needed to protect parents' rights.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mr. Sandahl noted that numerous letters had been received from the Department of Education related to many mini-grants being awarded to various schools and teachers within the school district.

Mrs. Martin reported that a revised Alaska Teacher Salary and Benefits Report had been received from the Association of Alaska School Boards. This report would remain on file at the School Board office.

She announced that information had been received from Mrs. Michael Cowper, Alaska's First Lady, related to her "Look to a Book Program."

Mrs. Martin read a joint agreement between the Administration of Peoples' Education of the Magadan Oblast and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. The nonbinding agreement outlined activities to be conducted during October, 1989 and March, 1990 in joint student/teacher/employee exchanges. Questions were raised by Board members as to funding the exchanges. Mr. Sandahl responded that no financial obligations were expected on the part of the school district for the October visit. Teachers would be funded through their own means. He noted that future transportation may present a problem. He stated that he would report back to the Board in September on this. Mr. Massie commented that he felt the proposed athletic competitions were beyond the scope of the district.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Martin presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Tod Traugher, 1988-89 student representative to the School Board. She extended appreciation to him for his excellent representation of KPBSD students. Mr. Traugher responded that he enjoyed his term on the Board presenting the students' point of view. He reminded the Board to listen to all constituents' views on issues in coming to decisions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Mr. Sandahl presented a listing of special reports which would be presented at Board of Education meetings this year. He invited Board members to attend the first administrator's meeting of the 1989-90 school year on August 23-24. He reported on the Summer Superintendent's Conference he attend in Juneau, July 30-31 and August 1. He felt some of the issues the superintendents discussed, i.e. elimination of vocational certification, at-risk students, foundation funding, educational endowment plan and student outcome testing, might be considered as AASB resolutions on September 18. He noted that ten certificated vacancies existed in the district due to recent resignations. He reported information was presented to the Board related to increased fuel costs for the 1989-90 school year. He stated that the yards at the KCHS vocational houses had been mowed. He concluded his report by inviting Board members to attend local schools where most in-service sessions will be conducted on Monday, August 28.

The Board requested the report on the Academic Decathlon be scheduled earlier than the April 16 date proposed on the list of reports for school board meetings for the 1989-90 year.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending July 31, 1989.

DISTRICTWIDE TEST  
RESULTS:

Dr. Larson reported the results of the Analytic Assessment Writing and CRT testing for the district. Scores on the Analytic Assessment test indicated that all grades except the 10th grade had improved results. CRT scores appeared to be nearing or above mastery at the 75 percentile in many grades. An exception to this was in chemistry/physics and earth science.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
SELECTION:

Dr. Larson presented the district's procedures for committee formulation as outlined in Regulation 006.3, Instructional Program.

Mrs. Fischer commented that the parent advisory committees were limited to only a few persons and suggested that notes be sent home from the principals related to committee involvement and input from the community. Mr. Wiley stated he felt the Board should have more input into the selection of committee members, rather than too much input from the administration, i.e., balance on the drug abuse committee. Dr. Larson responded that policy revisions would be needed since policy is now followed for committee selections.

RIP RETIREMENT  
REPORT/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke reported that retirement under the TRS RIP Program must be taken by August 1, 1990 after completion of the 1989-90 contract. She noted that only in extenuating circumstances, i.e., health, would early retirement be allowed to begin at the semester date.

FIRST READING/  
005.311,  
AIDS - PERSONNEL:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading to Policy 005.311, AIDS - Personnel. This policy follows state statute 4 AAC 06.140 which prohibits discriminatory employment activities for school district employees affected by the AIDS disease.

FIRST READING/  
POLICY 007.23,  
CORPORAL PUNISHMENT:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading of Policy 007.23, Corporal Punishment. He stated the policy follows State Board of Education regulations prohibiting corporal punishment in all Alaskan schools.

Board members Wiley, Fischer and Kessler expressed concern related to local authority being undermined by the state mandated regulation. Mr. Wiley requested a legal opinion on the policy if the School Board did not approve the policy. This report would be presented to the Board on September 18.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the Consent Agenda included Approval of Leave of Absence Requests/Certified; Resignations; Teacher Assignments/1989-90; and Leave of Absence Request/Classified.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUESTS/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve Leave of Absence Requests for the 1989-90 school year for James Simeroth, Mathematics, Kenai Central High; and Doug Emery, Science, Kenai Jr. High;

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations from Susan Welsh-Smith, Elementary, Razdolna Elementary; Dorothy Vaughan, Special Education/Speech, Sterling Elementary; Joanne McCabe, Librarian, Seward Elementary; Janet Tracy, Special Education/Resource, Homer Junior High; and Julie Frost, Grade 5, Seward Elementary effective immediately.

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1989-90 teacher assignments for Marlene Sledge, Special Education/Educationally Handicapped, Soldotna Junior High; Sharyn Harris, Special Education/Resource and Special Education/QUEST, Susan B. English Elem/High; Larry Goodrie, Physical Education (half-time), Homer High; Linda Raemaeker, Social Studies, Soldotna High (temporary); Pam Anderson, Mathematics (half-time), Homer Junior High; Maria Tapia, Spanish, Soldotna High; Nadine Efta, Grade 3, Susan B. English Elem/High; Nancy Tapsfield, Elementary (temporary), Seward Elementary; James Huff, Vocational Education, Susan B. English Elem/High; Atz Kilcher, Music (half-time), McNeil Canyon Elementary; and Stan Steffenson, Mathematics (half-time), Kenai Junior High.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/CLASSIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request from Mike Carroll, Custodian, Ninilchik Elem/High School from October 1, 1989 to April 1, 1990.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda items. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT EXPULSION  
HEARING  
RECOMMENDATIONS:

Dr. Larson reported that two expulsion hearings had been conducted earlier in the evening related to separate disciplinary incidences which occurred at Homer High School last spring prior to school dismissal.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved to uphold the hearing officer's report of May 30, 1989, expelling a Homer High School student with the following amendments: (1) he is not to be on the Homer High School premises at any time during the expulsion, unless by administrative approval; and 2) it is stipulated the student be allowed to reenter school for the spring semester, 1990, only after successful completion of a recommended treatment program. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board uphold the decision and recommendation of the hearing officer for a hearing held on May 23, 1989 which would result in expulsion. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SKYVIEW OPTIONS  
SURVEY:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board not conduct a telephone survey at this time related to options for the Skyview School. He stated that deadlines had passed to seek grant funding for programs and opening the school this year. He also commented that funds had not been budgeted to conduct the survey. In addition, the present options were conceptual only and the public might not understand what was to be accomplished under the options.

Dr. Carla Anderson requested that information be presented to the public before any consideration is given to opening the Skyview School. She suggested that costs for opening as well as maintaining the school for five years be made known prior to public hearings on the issues. She also requested that information be available regarding other programs, particularly at the elementary level, which would be effected by the opening of the school. She suggested other options be pursued such as shifting boundaries to fill other schools not filled to capacity.

SKYVIEW OPTIONS  
SURVEY (cont.):

Mrs. Sharon Moock reminded the Board that several parent advisory committees had previously volunteered to conduct telephone surveys if needed. She commented that for the past two years she had requested a map which logistically located students attending Soldotna High School. She felt that many students were attending the overcrowded school out of their district. She suggested that moving boundaries and enforcing boundary attendance might be necessary if the funds were not available to open the Skyview School. She also reminded the Board that they needed to consider budgeting for opening the new school in Seward also.

Mrs. Mary Horwath told the Board that she felt it was ludicrous to consider opening the Skyview School in view of the situations in other schools.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve the recommendations as presented by Dr. Larson. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Fischer commented that a survey at this time was not necessary. She stated she felt it was necessary to open the Skyview School and did not agree with boundary changes to not open the school. She stated similar reasons were used many years ago with the opening of Soldotna High School, which has provided an excellent program for the students.

Mrs. Dimmick requested that cost and program information be sought on the options available for Skyview School. She stated she did not intend for those programs to impact the regular operating budget.

Mrs. Dimmick noted that it was important to seek information on whether funds were available and whether people were interested in having the school used. Mr. Sandahl responded that there appeared to be a need to open the school, but administratively options and opening of Skyview School would be considered during the budget process for the 1990-91 school year. External sources of funding could also be pursued at that time. Mrs. Dimmick stated she felt the Board was missing the point in not conducting a survey of community interest for next year. She also requested that enrollment information be presented. Mr. Sandahl stated that this information would be known in October and presented to the Board at that time.

Mrs. Martin requested that information be prepared for the Board on grant funding available to the School District. Mr. Sandahl responded that a great deal of energy could be expended on such a report.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion to request the staff to report back at the Homer meeting as to availability of in-house staff members to research grant or alternative funding. Mr. Wiley seconded.

SKYVIEW OPTIONS  
SURVEY (cont.):

Mrs. Dimmick stated she realized that researching for grant funds would take time and she wanted to know whether the district had the available staff to accomplish this. Mr. Kessler stated the Board needed to decide which direction they were going before seeking funding for programs.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to postpone the motion until the Board had accurate information on September 18.

Mrs. Fischer explained her motion was not intended as a delaying motion, but rather allowing the Board time to seek accurate information upon which to make decisions on the Skyview School. Parliamentarian Kessler ruled the motion out of order since an item could not be postponed twice.

RECESS:

At 9:20 p.m., Mrs. Martin called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

The Board reconvened in regular session at 9:37 p.m.

Mrs. Dimmick, with concurrence of the second, withdrew the amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

NIKISKI JR/SR HIGH  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve the appointment of Mark Norgren as Assistant Principal at Nikiski Jr/Sr High School for the 1989-90 school year.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve the Nikiski Jr/Sr High School Assistant Principal appointment as recommended. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH  
CONTRACT:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board award the superintendent search contract to PNR Associates, Northbrook, Illinois. He noted that four requests for proposals had been received, but only the PNR proposal fulfilled all the requirements outlined in the proposal. He noted the bid from Joe Montgomery did not meet the intent of the proposal, the bid from the Association of Alaska School Boards was delivered after the bid opening time, and the proposal from the South East Regional Resource Center did not have a complete budget which was faxed to the central office after the proposal opening time. The budget for PNR proposal was for \$17,200 and \$21,000, depending on the scope of search the Board desired. He noted the Board would meet with the consulting firm on September 18 to establish the criteria of the search.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve PNR Associates to conduct the superintendent's search. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she preferred Alaskan hires whenever possible, however, due to the importance of the issue she felt it was best to hire the most qualified consultant to complete the superintendent's search. Mrs. Martin stated she had called the Anchorage School Board president who spoke highly of the recommended consultant firm and its services to their district. Mr. Kessler stated he was pleased with the consultants proposal but concerned with the fee.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf, Wiley, Martin

NO - Fischer

Motion carried.

JOINT STATEMENT OF  
THE MAINTENANCE  
REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Mr. Dahlgren told the Board that the joint committee between the School District and Borough had met regarding the transfer of the maintenance department to the school district. He noted that the Borough had contacted Mr. Jermain, labor attorney for the firm of Jermain, Dunnagan and Owens, related to legal items concerning borough employees in the transfer. It was noted that the borough employees would be technically terminated by the borough and hired at the discretion of the school district. The committee found no compelling reason to change at this time and recommended that both organizations work jointly to define major and minor maintenance as it affects the budget cap. It was also recommended that the Jermain, Dunnagan and Owens report of July 27, 1989 regarding the location of maintenance operations remain on file for future consideration.

Mrs. Joan Schrader questioned whether the firm of Jermain, Dunnagan and Owens was hired by a formal vote of the Board to assist with the maintenance committee review. Mrs. Martin responded that the borough mayor hired the firm.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the joint statement of the Maintenance Review Committee. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she felt the committee had done excellent work in identifying its goal and accomplishing the task. She noted that a change would have cost a great deal of money and upheaval which outweighed any real benefits to the taxpayers. She noted that a future committee might be needed to consider more efficient operation of the department.

Mr. Wiley expressed objection to the resolution because he felt the committee was slanted and that a decision had been made before any deliberation was made. He recommended it be reviewed again.

JOINT STATEMENT OF  
THE MAINTENANCE  
REVIEW COMMITTEE  
(continued):

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf, Martin  
NO - Wiley

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Joan Schrader requested clarification on the Magadan/Alaskan agreement in that there would be an exchange of an Eskimo language expert, and questioned how this could take place since this is an Athabascan area. Dr. Larson stated there were other areas of Alaska which would be involved in the exchange, thus allowing for this. She stated she would be interested in serving on various school district committees if this information was published in the news media. She also noted that she would like to see more female student representatives on the board. She encouraged that the Board not support the abolition of vocational education certification.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Dimmick complimented Mrs. Chris Monfor, the school district's public relations coordinator, and the Peninsula Clarion on the Back to Schools Issue of the paper. She felt the information was timely and appropriate.

Mrs. Dimmick requested she be excused from the next two school board meetings.

Mr. Kessler requested the Board receive more detailed information on the Skyview options and updating on enrollment and funding.

Mrs. Fischer requested the Board develop a policy as to how parents will be made aware of when and how controversial material is being addressed in the health curriculum. Mr. Sandahl responded that the administration is developing a plan and would bring this to the Board in October. The plan would be put into administrative procedures when approved by the Board. He did not recommend that such be placed in policy. Mrs. Martin requested a legal opinion be sought on this.

In response to Mrs. Fischer's recommendations related to the health curriculum, Mrs. Obendorf suggested that the public also be notified on the health curriculum.

Mrs. Obendorf also expressed appreciation in working with the student representatives and especially Mr. Traugber for his work on the Board.

Mrs. Martin noted four other candidates in addition to the two board incumbents had filed for seats on the School Board. In addition to Mrs. Obendorf and herself, Mr. Mike Tauriainen, Mr. Michael Mishou, Mrs. Gina Harwood and Mrs. Karen Honeysett



BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

were running for school board. She welcomed Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Honeysett to the meeting.

She noted that school board evaluation information had been distributed to the board members. She requested that responses be made to her.

Mrs. Martin recommended that she work with the administration to draw up resolutions for the AASB Conference. Items to be considered included support of the educational endowment fund, early funding, full funding, full construction reimbursement, instructional unit increase, AASB's stand regarding binding arbitration, a statewide salary schedule, the Nikolaevsk calendar, limit of drivers' licenses to school drop outs. Mrs. Dimmick suggested the Board consider a resolution related to a vocational education certificate.

Mrs. Martin appointed Mr. Kessler and Mr. Massie to serve on a forum related to strengthening board and teacher relations. This was outlined in Board Goal #3 for the 1989-90 year. She requested they work with the staff to proceed with this.

Mrs. Martin stated she had been asked to accompany Homer High School representatives to the School of Excellence awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in September. The Board concurred with the request.

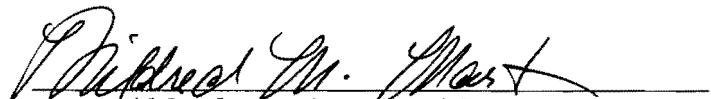
She reminded the Board that the first administrator meeting would be held on August 23-24.

ADJOURN:

At 10:14 p.m., Mrs. Fischer moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Mildred Martin, President

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, Clerk

The Minutes of August 21, 1989,  
were approved on September 18, 1989,  
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 Borough Administration Building  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669

September 18, 1989

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Mildred Martin, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mrs. Betty Obendorf, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
 Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
 Operations, and Technology  
 Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Joan Schrader	Ms. Anne Gentry
Mr. Mick Wykis	Mr. Robert Salo
Mr. Ed Pearson	Mrs. Susan Smalley
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mr. Steve Tarries
Ms. Betty Leonard	Mr. Paul Epperson
Mr. Rick Matiya	Mr. Ron Sexton
Mr. Dan Sexton	Mrs. Diane Simmons
Mr. Ben Swan	Mr. John Kistler
Dr. Lloyd Nielsen	Mrs. June Kohler
Mrs. Patricia Porter	Mrs. Darlene Wales
Mrs. Ann Letzring	Mrs. Janice Mullen
Mr. Frank Garrity	Ms. Judith Blume
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Waisanen	Mrs. Melody Douglas
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Mrs. Jacquie Imle
Mrs. Gina Harwood	Mr. Jack Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Petrosky	Mrs. Susan Westbrook
Mrs. Trena Richardson	
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Mildred Martin	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of August 21, 1989, were approved as written.
- HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Mr. Steve Tarries of the Peninsula Boy's and Girl's Club told the Board that currently 370 youths participate in their program. He noted the club provides activities that compliment the school districts' programs. He stated the club would need additional space in the future due to growing participation. He requested that the term "break even" be defined as it relates to the rental rate of the facility.
- Mrs. Joan Schrader, Vocational Advisory Committee representative, told the Board that their committee expected a follow-up soon on the recommendations of the DOE review last spring. She noted she was pleased the Board did not consider a resolution related to vocational certification in its resolutions to the Association of Alaska School Boards. She requested the Vocational Advisory Committee be allowed more active involvement in the budget process this school year.
- Mr. Ron Sexton volunteered his services to the Substance Abuse Task Force. He noted that a school board responsibility was to be responsive to the community, and through this endeavor he questioned the board's definition of "dysfunctional" families as alluded to in discussions on the health curriculum. He felt the Board should have addressed the public hearings on the health curriculum as "sex education" and people would have been more responsive in attending the meetings.
- Mr. Dan Sexton presented the Board with an outline of items to address in the health curriculum. He expressed concern that some teaching materials were inappropriate for classroom presentation and requested the Board replace the sexuality portion of the health curriculum with "Teen Aid" and "Sex Respect" curriculum. He further requested that public hearings be held on intent and direction of the health curriculum. He noted that proper opt out procedures were necessary to protect parental rights.
- Mrs. Fischer questioned when the Board would be receiving a policy related to opt out procedures and notification to parents on teaching of sensitive areas in the health curriculum. Dr. Larson responded that the policy would be presented to the Board at the October 16 meeting. Ms. Schmitt, Borough Attorney, told the Board that the State of Alaska does not require opt out procedures in the curriculum, and is instead a local matter.

HEARING OF  
DELEGATIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Kim Verney requested the Board extend the bus route on Keystone Drive, Soldotna, for a safe bus turnaround/pick up area. Her request was accompanied by a petition from families in the area, assurances from the Salamatof Native Corporation to use their property for parking at the turnaround, and a slide presentation displaying the current road conditions. The Board directed the administration to review the situation and report to them at their October 2nd meeting.

Mrs. Mary Horwath told the Board that procontraceptive curriculum has failed and requested they replace the teaching materials being considered for the district's health curriculum with the "Sex Respect" and "Teen Aid" curriculum. She presented the Board with printed materials to support her request.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Martin reported that information had been received from Dr. Daggett related to the original Health Advisory Committee. The information would remain in the instructional office files.

She noted that a performance chart had been received from the U.S. Department of Education related to student performance by individual states.

Mrs. Martin reported that the Board had been invited to send a representative to the Alaska Youth Ready for Work meeting to be held on October 4 at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage. Mrs. Fischer was appointed to represent the school board at this meeting.

Mrs. Martin read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Rick Musgrove, Jr. who informed the Board that they had withdrawn their children from KPBSD schools due to the recent approval of the required health curriculum. They stated that since they were not a dysfunctional family there are discriminated against and must seek education elsewhere.

Mrs. Martin noted a letter had been received from Carl Rose of the Association of Alaska School Board requesting a board resolution related to support of the educational endowment fund.

Mrs. Martin announced a letter had been received inviting the Board to attend a meeting with the Borough Assembly and city mayors on October 4, 1989 at 2:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Room. The meeting would relate to the educational endowment fund.

She read a letter from the Alaska State Red Ribbon chairman announcing that October 22-29, 1989 was Red Ribbon Campaign Week which supported a program for drug free youth. The Board requested a proclamation be prepared on this for the October 2, 1989 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS (cont.):

She acknowledged the Board had received the Kenai Peninsula College's Course Bulletin for the 1989-90 year.

Mrs. Martin stated the 1989 Alaska School Administrator Salary and Benefits Report had been received from the Association of Alaska School Boards. She requested copies of the document be made for the school board members.

Mrs. Martin noted that six seats were open on the AASB Board of Directors. She encouraged that local board members consider the positions and complete their nominations forms by October 15.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Martin presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mr. Ed Pearson, Head Custodian at Kenai Central, as an expression of gratitude for his dedicated efforts within the district for the past ten years.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Mr. Sandahl reported that school enrollment is above projection for the 1989-90 school year by 93 students. He commented that the personnel department has handled situations where additional staff were needed to alleviate crowded classrooms.

He announced that Governor Cowper would be in Soldotna on October 4 to meet with the School Board and Borough Assembly at 2:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Room related to the educational endowment fund.

Mr. Sandahl reported that Dr. Richard Carignan of the Grants Administration Office received an award from the Alaska Council on Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse related to his work in this area.

Mr. Sandahl commented that he was pleased Mr. Pearson was honored by the School Board. He stated he considered him a special person and an assistant in the field.

Mr. Sandahl announced that Project Leadership for district administrators would be held on Thursday, September 21, followed by the monthly administrators meeting on Friday, September 22.

ACCREDITATION REPORT:

Mr. Epperson presented a historic review of the accreditation process in the district. He reported that five high schools and three elementary schools are currently accredited through the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. Mr. Kellum, principal of Soldotna Junior High School, apprised the Board on the process his school is currently following in working toward accreditation of that school. It was noted that Nikiski Junior/Senior High School is also working towards accreditation.

MAGADAN AGREEMENT AND  
TEACHER EXCHANGE:

Mr. Rick Matiya and Ms. Betty Leonard reported that plans are underway for a fall/winter Youth Summit with students and staff of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and Magadan, USSR. He noted that applications from students and staff are to be returned to his office by the first of October. They noted that no district expenses would be involved in the Youth Summit and currently the instructional office is working on travel arrangements for the exchange. They noted it was the intent of their office to develop the program into an efficient operation which could be shared with other school districts and communities in the state.

RECESS:

At 9:30 p.m., Mrs. Martin called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 9:45 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending August 31, 1989. He noted the district would be conducting a student enrollment count October 2-27 to determine funding for the school year. He further noted that early indications of expenditures on employee health insurance costs appeared to be lower this year.

KCHS VOCATIONAL  
HOUSE BUILDING  
PROGRAM:

Mr. Dahlgren reported on the KCHS vocational house building project which began twenty years ago. He stated that houses are constructed through the Construction Trades Class and currently one house is up for sale, one is nearing completion and another is to be completed during the 1989-90 school year. He further commented that a building advisory committee appraises the school and teachers on review and changes to the house plans. He stated the class is currently working on the yards of the houses to make them more saleable.

Mrs. Fischer commented that since the building advisory committee was being reactivated it would be appropriate that the Board receive a membership listing of the committee. She also requested they receive listings of other committees of the board.

POLICY 005.19/SEX  
BIAS BIENNIAL  
TRAINING:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading to a new policy 005.19, Sex Bias Biennial Training. Introduction of the policy would bring the district into compliance with a recommendation from the Department of Education that such a policy to be in place. The policy would direct training of certificated personnel in the recognition of sex bias in instructional materials and techniques to be accomplished biennially.

POLICY 006.3/  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
PROGRAM:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading to revisions on policy 006.3, Instructional Program. The revisions included a review, selection and replacement of instructional materials

POLICY 006.3/  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
PROGRAM (continued):

found to exhibit sex bias. Although such efforts are in practice, a Department of Education review recommended this be placed in written policy of the district.

Mrs. Martin requested that PTAs be included in the listing of community participants in the curriculum development cycle in policy 006.3.

POLICY 007.13/ACCESS  
TO RECORDS:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading to revisions on policy 007.13, Access to Records. The revisions, which were recommended by school administrators, would prohibit the release of student directory information when used for personal or commercial purposes.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. president, told the Board their organization was looking forward to a good school year with a positive working relationship with the Board. She stated she was pleased the school district had addressed the staffing problems early in the school year.

Mrs. Susan Westbrook, Sears Elementary PTA chairperson, requested the Board support a Latch Key Program through the Peninsula Boy's and Girl's Club. She noted a survey by their group indicated a serious need for this service in the community.

Mrs. Darla Wales, Nikolaevsk PAC Chairperson, told the Board they were appreciative of playground improvements at their school. She also commented that their school hosted a delegation of Soviet dignitaries last week, and Close-up sponsored an Elder's Dinner which raised \$350 for that group. She invited the Board to a Russian fashion show on Thursday, September 21.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of KCHS House Sale; Policy 005.311/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome/AIDS; Policy 007.23/Corporal Punishment; Policy 007.23R/Corporal Punishment; 1989-90 Teacher Appointments; Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Certified; Resignations; AKCIS Grant Application; Leave of Absence Request/Certified; and Civic Leave Request.

KCHS HOUSE SALE:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the sale of the KCHS vocational house located on Lot 12, Block 3, Deepwood Park Subdivision, Kenai, for \$80,000. The offer was submitted through Beluga Realty, Inc.

POLICY 005.311/  
ACQUIRED IMMUNE  
DEFICIENCY SYNDROME/  
AIDS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve a new policy 005.311, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) - Personnel. The policy was in accordance with state law that no district employees would be transferred, suspended or terminated from

POLICY 005.311/  
ACQUIRED IMMUNE  
DEFICIENCY SYNDROME/  
AIDS (continued):

employment because of the AIDS disease unless the disease prevents the employees from fulfilling his/her duties or unless there are lesions which increase the risk of transmission of the disease.

POLICY 007.23/  
CORPORAL PUNISH-  
MENT:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve revisions to policy 007.23, Corporal Punishment. The revisions were in accordance with state regulations where the use of corporal punishment is prohibited in public schools.

POLICY 007.23R/  
CORPORAL PUNISHMENT:

Dr. Larson reported that policy 007.23R, Corporal Punishment, would be eliminated since the regulation originally prescribed the manner in which corporal punishment would be administered.

1989-90 TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1989-90 teacher assignments for Susan Dougherty, Grades K-1, Razdolna Elementary; Connie Wheat, Math/Science, Kenai Central High (temporary); Deanna Allard, English/Drama (half-time), Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Kathleen Thompson, Grade 6, Soldotna Elementary (temporary); Lisa Schmitter, Counselor, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Jeanne Fredrickson, Grade 6, Seward Elementary; Kirstie Leslie, Grade 5, Seward Elementary; Neal Dallman, Special Education/Resource, Soldotna High; Elizabeth Stachow, English, Soldotna High; and Barbara Ralston, Grade 1, Sears Elementary (temporary).

SICK LEAVE BANK  
DRAW/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 17 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Mary Toutonghi, Special Education/Speech, Sears Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1989-90 school year for Virginia Walters, Special Education/Resource, Kenai Central High; and William Hatch, Social Studies, Kenai Jr. High.

AKCIS GRANT  
APPLICATION:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve a mini-grant application "AKCIS Infusion to Kenai Peninsula Schools." The \$14,00 grant would place AKCIS software in KPBSD high schools and provide inservice to counselors on the system.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/  
CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for the 1989-90 school year for Debbie Piper, Grade 3, McNeil Canyon Elementary School.

CIVIC LEAVE:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve two days of civic leave for Tom Atkinson, English, Soldotna High, on September 22 and September 25, 1989.



ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve Consent Agenda items #1 through #10. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECONSIDERATION OF  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
MATERIALS COMMITTEE:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board establish a Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee for the 1989-90 school year. The committee would convene when a request is made to reconsider instructional materials. Members of the committee are: Cliff Massie, Board Member; Sam Bushon, Principal; Jim Holcomb and Liz Burck, Teachers; and Sallie Bailie, Barbara Eastham, Mary Horwath, Community Members.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the appointments to the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee as outlined by Dr. Larson. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Mrs. Fischer requested that she be notified when the committee convened. Mrs. Martin requested that all school board members be notified of meetings of the committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL SPACE AT  
KENAI ELEMENTARY:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve the use of additional space at Kenai Elementary for People Count. He noted that People Count would use the space to address the educational and vocational needs of welfare recipients and school drop-outs who have not completed basic educational needs. No funds would be committed to this project by the school district.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the additional space at Kenai Elementary for People Count. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf questioned whether there was adequate space for both People Count and the Peninsula Boy's and Girl's Club at Kenai Elementary School. Mr. Dahlgren responded that currently there is space available for both organizations, but some restructuring would be needed to separate the groups. He also noted that the administration was monitoring student enrollment at Sears Elementary School and if the area continued to grow Kenai Elementary School might be reopened as a school building to house students in the future.

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported that three resolutions were presented for consideration to be forwarded to the Association of Alaska School Boards. The resolutions dealt with the instructional unit value, school term, and no driver's license for student dropouts. He also stated it was recommended that the Board consider twenty one resolutions prepared by the AASB Board of Directors.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve the 1989 Resolutions for AASB as outlined. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf requested separate consideration on AASB Resolutions 88-4, Binding Arbitration, and a new resolution, Right to Strike.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she would like to postpone action on the resolutions because not all board members were present and additional information was anticipated on the dropout restriction on drivers' licenses.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to postpone the resolutions until the October 2 meeting. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Wiley requested the Board hold a worksession on the resolutions prior to the next school board meeting. Mrs. Martin announced a worksession on this would begin at 4:00 p.m. at Homer High School on Monday, October 2.

Motion to postpone carried unanimously.

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Petrosky requested an extension to the bus route on Roosevelt and Lincoln streets in the Skyview area. They noted that 17 students in that area walk more than three-fourths of a mile to the bus stop. The Board directed Mr. Dahlgren to research the bus route problem and prepare a recommendation for them at the October 2 meeting.

Mrs. Joan Schrader commended the Board for postponing action on the ASSB resolutions for public comments and guidance at the worksession on October 2. She also noted that Mr. Epperson would represent the KPBSD at the Alaska Youth Work Project meeting. She questioned when a new student representative would be selected. Mrs. Martin responded that the student representative would be selected at the October 11 Districtwide Student Council Meeting.

Mr. John Kistler questioned when a "real" teacher would be assigned to the fourth grade at Tustumena Elementary School. Mrs. Radtke responded that a teacher has been assigned and would begin work next week.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Wiley stated he attended the Hope Parent Advisory Committee meeting on September 12. He commented that parents were upset over the need for more teaching staff at that school. It was also felt that additional time was needed to assist the administrators in the small schools.

Mr. Wiley announced that he would be unable to attend the Vocational Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 19. Mrs. Fischer volunteered to attend that meeting.

Mrs. Obendorf requested a report be presented to the Board on the art program in the elementary schools. She commented that this was an important area to give further consideration in the curriculum.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether the administration had researched her inquiry on the use of theater equipment by private citizens. Mr. Dahlgren responded that a written report was in the Board's information packet. He added that the theaters' budgets had been reduced in the past few years and as a means to earning extra revenue, equipment has been rented to organizations and fund raisers. He noted that currently individuals are being trained in the use of theater equipment in an effort to make the facilities more accessible to the community. In some instance, technical crew members have been involved with the operation of the equipment when rented.

Mrs. Fischer requested the Board support the Red Ribbon Day in October. She suggested the Parent Advisory Committees have petitions on the recriminalization of marijuana available at their open houses or other school activities. She stated she could certify these petitions. Mrs. Martin suggested that this be announced at the September 22 administrator meeting.

Mrs. Martin, with concurrence of the Board, requested that protocol be adhered to with future Hearing of Delegations being limited to five minutes in their presentations.

Mrs. Martin announced that the student representative to the Board would be selected at the October 11 Districtwide Student Council Meeting at Soldotna High.

She urged members of the Board to consider running for a position on the AASB Board of Directors. She requested their nominations be submitted to her or the superintendent by October 2.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Martin thanked the Board for their time spent with Dr. Lloyd Nielsen from PRN Associates related to the superintendent search.

She noted the Homer track team did well in a meet two weeks ago.

Mrs. Martin requested the application for the instructional service committee be posted in the local media.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she was pleased with Nikiski Junior High School's recent football win.

Mrs. Martin questioned whether the materials referred to by Mr. Sexton in his presentation would be used in the classroom. Dr. Larson responded those materials would not be used in the classroom, but were a part of the curriculum that was reviewed. The section quoted by Mr. Sexton was from a lesson plan book that was deemed inappropriate for use in the KPBSD. He added that a meeting would be held in October to review materials that would be used in teaching the health curriculum. Mrs. Martin requested that Mr. Sexton be advised of the meeting. Mrs. Fischer questioned whether the materials were approved by the Board and could have been used by the staff prior to the meeting between Mr. Sexton and Dr. Larson. Dr. Larson stated the material was not intended for use, but could have been used.

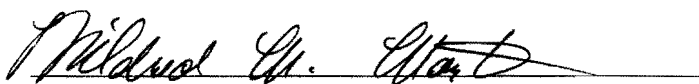
Mrs. Martin announced the next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting would be held in Homer on October 2, 1989 at the Homer High School theater.


ADJOURN:

At 11:15 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Mildred Martin, President

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, Clerk

The Minutes of September 18, 1989, were approved on October 2, 1989, with a correction.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Homer High School  
Homer, AK 99603

October 2, 1989

- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Mildred Martin, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Member
- STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management
- OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Ben Swan Mr. Dennis Dempsey  
Ms. Betty Leonard Sen. Paul Fischer  
Mrs. Lora Craig Mr. Kenneth Moore  
Mrs. Patti Boiley Mr. Serve Wilson  
Mr. Robert Bell Mr. Rick Ladd  
Mr. Lincoln Saito Mrs. Mary Horwath  
Mrs. Marianne Gross Mr. David Brann  
Mr. Jim O'Toole  
Others present not identified.
- CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Martin invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL: Mrs. Mildred Martin Present  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick Absent - Excused  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf Present  
Mr. Clifford Massie Present  
Mr. Wayne Kessler Present  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer Present  
Mr. Michael Wiley Present
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the deletion of Item 5c, Approval of Leave of Absence Request/Certified.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of September 18, 1989, were approved with a correction.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported a copy of a letter to David Brann had been received which announced Mr. Brann being selected for the National Council for Geographic Education Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award. Mr. Brann was one of twenty teachers in North America to receive this award. Mr. Sandahl commented the district was proud of Mr. Brann's accomplishment.

He noted that a communication had been received announcing that Peter Dolan, Nikiski High School student, and Stephen Obendorf, Soldotna High School student, were semi-finalists in the 1990 MERIT Scholarship competition.

Mr. Sandahl noted Homer High School won the State III-A cross country championship this past weekend. He noted the cross country team from Seward won the State Academic Award with a 3.63+ grade point average. The Homer cross country team was second with a 3.63 grade point average.

Mr. Sandahl announced the annual AASB Conference would be held November 11-14 in Anchorage.

He reported that student attendance was 75 students over projection.

Mrs. Martin read an August 28 letter from Dr. Marcus Deede, who extended congratulations to the Board on their decision to support the health education curriculum and the required credit for graduation. Dr. Deede wrote that many health-care providers would be happy to extend help in any way to facilitate the full benefit of this curriculum to the students.

Mrs. Martin reported a letter had been received from Dr. Dennis Daggett outlining the process and procedures related to the advertising and marketing of the health curriculum several years ago.

She read a letter from Senator Ted Stevens congratulating Homer High School on its selection as a National School of Excellence. Senator Stevens noted that he had contacted Secretary of Education Cavazos encouraging him to make the School of Excellence award in Alaska during his visit to the state in October. Mrs. Martin stated an effort had been made for President Bush to make the award, however, this was not successful and instead Secretary Cavazos would make the award in Anchorage on October 10. She noted the award had also been made in Washington, D.C. on September 28.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Martin stated a letter had been received from Donavon Wegner, AASB President, announcing meetings for the Forum on Youth at Risk would be held in Anchorage, October 17-18 and the Alaska's Youth: Ready for Work would be held on October 4 in Anchorage. She noted Mrs. Fischer would attend the October 4 meeting and requested a board volunteer to attend the Youth at Risk Meeting.

She noted a video had been received from the Association of Alaska School Boards related to last year's conference. It was recommended that board members review the video to share information regarding the valuable experience in attending the conference.

Mrs. Martin read two letters from Joan Bennett Schrader who encouraged the Board's continued support on the use of vocational certification statewide, and nonapproval of the board's resolution to AASB related to the school term. Mrs. Schrader indicated more information and fiscal concerns needed to be addressed on the lengthening of school days to comply with the 180 day school calendar.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Martin presented a special plaque to Homer High School recognizing the staff and students for their part in making their school a School of Excellence. Mr. Dempsey, Homer High School Principal, accepted the plaque on behalf of the school. She noted that Mr. Kessler, school board member; Jaron Ballentine, Homer High School student; and Lois Jones, Homer High School teacher, were in Washington, D.C. to receive the national award last week.

KENAI PENINSULA  
ADMINISTRATOR ASSOCI-  
ATION:

Mr. Dempsey, Kenai Peninsula Administrators Association representative, requested the Board change the starting date for the 1990-91 school year not earlier than the last Monday in August. He noted a late starting date effected the secondary schools with fall sports activities and practice time, inequity in salaries of coaches who must forfeit summer employment in order to begin coaching responsibilities, eligibility checks, importance of fall activities and the school spirit related to this, and students leaving school in May for fishing employment while school is dismissed in June. He also requested a secondary principal be placed on the Calendar Committee.

HOMER PARENT ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Marianne Gross, Homer Parent Advisory Chairperson, requested the Board reinstitute the teleconferences with their organization. She requested the teleconferences be held on important issues with a week's advance notice.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Policy 005.19, Sex Bias Biennial Training; Policy 006.3, Instructional Program; Policy 007.13, Access to Records; Resolution, Drug Free Youth; Governor's Drug Free School Grant Application; Sick Leave Draw Request/Certified; Teacher Assignments; Resignations; Substitute Teacher Contracts; and AASB Board of Directors Nomination.

POLICY 005.19/SEX  
BIAS BIENNIAL TRAIN-  
ING:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve revisions to policy 005.19, Sex Bias Biennial Training. He noted this revision specifies that certificated personnel will be trained in the recognition of sex bias in instructional materials and techniques which may be used to overcome the effects of sex bias. This would be accomplished biennially.

POLICY 006.3/  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
PROGRAM:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve revisions to policy 006.3, Instructional Program. He noted the revisions would include reference to identification of sex bias in the selection or replacement of instructional materials. He commented that this is currently in practice within the school district, but a recent DOE review recommended that this practice be placed in district policy.

POLICY 007.31/ACCESS  
TO RECORDS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve revisions to policy 007.31, Access to Records, which would prohibit release of student directory information when used for personal or commercial purposes.

DRUG FREE YOUTH  
RESOLUTION:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve Resolution 89-90-2, Drug Free Youth. The resolution endorsed the Board's support of Red Ribbon Week, October 22-29, in encouraging drug free youth in the State of Alaska.

GOVERNOR'S DRUG FREE  
GRANT APPLICATION:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve the district's application for the Governor's Community Grant for Substance Abuse Prevention in the amount of \$40,000. If approved the grant would provide funds to train teachers in recognizing substance abuse among students, provide training to help facilitate support groups, expand on Student Assistant Programs, and coordinate these programs with local mental health and substance abuse agencies.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUESTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve draws from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Rocklyn Johnson, Art (5/6 time), Ninilchik Elem/High, 17 days; and Suzanne Legner, Grade 2, Soldotna Elementary, 24 days.



1989-90 TEACHER  
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1989-90 teacher assignments for Karen Landerholm, Grades 4-5, North Star Elementary (temporary); Henrietta Ledger, Special Education/Resource, Homer Junior High (temporary); Eileen Clark, Grade 3, McNeil Canyon Elementary (temporary); and Edward Seims, Grade 1, Sterling Elementary (temporary).

RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Donald Mai, Mathematics, Seward Junior/Senior High, effective the end of the 1989-90 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for substitute teachers Karen Eslin, Kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Eileen Clark, Grade 3, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Sonja Miller, Art/Foreign Language, Ninilchik Elem/High; and Darlene Gehrke, Mathematics (half-time), Ninilchik Elem/High.

AASB BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve the nomination of Betty Obendorf to the Association of Alaska School Board's Board of Directors.

Mrs. Fischer requested that separate consideration be given to Consent Agenda Items 5a (2), Approval of Policy 006.3, Instructional Program; and 5a (5) Governor's Drug Free School Grant Application.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #3, #4, #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve policy 006.3, Instructional Program. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Mrs. Fischer expressed concern on the timeline for the elementary and secondary health curriculum and questioned whether approval of the policy would negate the intent of the curriculum. Dr. Larson responded that no changes were being made on the curriculum timelines, but rather the revisions dealt with a Department of Education compliance review recommendations to implement practices related to sex bias identification in the curriculum. He noted the curriculum timelines had been approved earlier by the Board.

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Massie, Obendorf, Wiley, Martin  
NO - Kessler

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the Governor's Drug Free School Grant Application as outlined. Mr. Kessler seconded.



ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion by rewording section 5.3, Milestones/Management Plan, for October 16, 1989 "From the list of top three candidates, the Director of Grants Administration will select a SAP Trainer for the Student Assistant Program for recommendation to the Board", and for June 30, 1990 "The Director of Grants Administration will submit a final report to DOE and the Board." Mr. Kessler seconded.

In response to Mr. Kessler on whether these items would automatically come to the Board, Dr. Larson stated if a new certificated employee were hired, such would come before the school board in the regular manner, but if it were an internal transfer this would not be presented to the Board. Dr. Larson also noted all reports to DOE come to the School Board before final submission to Juneau.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

BUS ROUTE EXTENSION:

Mr. Dahlgren reported that he and the Laidlaw Transportation area manager had traveled Lincoln and Roosevelt streets where Mr. and Mrs. Petrosky had requested for a bus route extension. He noted they found the streets inadequate for school bus travel, and it was his recommendation that the request be denied.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the bus route extension as recommended. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf requested clarification on the motion for voting purposes. Mrs. Martin responded that a positive vote would uphold the administration's recommendation to deny the request.

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported that three resolutions were recommended for approval to be forwarded to the Association of Alaska School Boards for consideration at their November meeting. The resolutions dealt with increasing the instructional unit value, endorsing development of alternative calendars to conduct an equivalent 180 student days in session, and supporting legislation that would not allow student dropouts to possess a valid driver's license until age 19. He further noted that it was recommended the Board approve twenty one of forty two resolutions recommended by the AASB Board of Directors.

ACTION Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the resolution dealing with instructional unit value. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

ACTION Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to delete the last "whereas" section which stated the State provides funds for education as stated in the State Constitution." Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Fischer commented that the State Constitution does not address a level of funding for education.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mrs. Obendorf moved the Board approve the AASB resolution "School Term." Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mr. Wiley spoke in opposition to the motion and stated that most students are away from school due to fishing and hunting, but that the resolution did not directly address these problems. He felt the Board should encourage more student attendance rather than decrease it.

ACTION Mrs. Obendorf moved to amend the motion to include the words "seasonal employment, and" in the second paragraph of the resolution. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf, Martin  
NO - Wiley

Amended motion carried.

ACTION Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the AASB Resolution "Student Dropouts - No Driver's License." Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Wiley requested the Board give separate consideration to AASB resolutions 88-4, Binding Arbitration, 88-26, Corporal Punishment, 88-20 Recriminalization for the Possession of Marijuana, and a new resolution, Joint Legislative Committee on School Performance.

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ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve the AASB resolutions except those requested for separate consideration. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board postpone action on Resolution 88-4, Binding Arbitration, until the first meeting in October, 1990. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mr. Wiley explained that the Alaskan school boards had adopted a compromise on this in Juneau last spring, therefore, there was no need to go into this at the present time. Mrs. Fischer stated she felt the compromise did not mean that the boards were less firm on their stand for binding arbitration.

Vote on call for the question carried unanimously.

VOTE TO POSTPONE:

YES - Kessler, Massie, Obendorf, Wiley, Martin

NO - Fischer

Motion to postpone carried.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve Resolution 88-26, Corporal Punishment. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mr. Wiley stated the Board had already approved a policy on corporal punishment and support of such a resolution would only indicate autonomy by local school boards. He felt approval of the resolution would be redundant and in opposition to state law. Mrs. Fischer commented that she felt the district previously had a policy in place that addressed corporal punishment quite well. She expressed objection to the State Board of Education mandating this legislation. Mrs. Obendorf stated that although she opposed corporal punishment, she supported the resolution since it would give school boards local control.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to table resolution 88-26, Corporal Punishment. Motion died for lack of a second.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 88-26:

YES - Fischer, Kessler, Massie, Obendorf, Martin

NO - Wiley

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Resolution 88-20, Recriminalization of Marijuana. Mrs. Obendorf seconded.

Mr. Wiley expressed objection to the resolution noting he felt this was a social problem that needed to be solved through education rather than through legislation. Mr. Massie stated education was important, but that something needed to be done immediately to help alleviate the problem. Mrs. Martin commented that she felt it was important that Alaskans support the national laws, and not send mixed messages to its youth. Mrs. Fischer spoke in support of the resolution and reminded the Board that the state might be in jeopardy of not receiving federal funding if such legislation was not in place.

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf, Martin  
NO - Wiley

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve a new resolution entitled "Joint Legislative Committee on School Performance." Motion died for lack of a second.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. David Brann, Homer Junior High School teacher, commented that copies of "250 Ways to Enjoy Homer, Alaska" had been distributed to the Board. He called attention to Homer Junior High School's cross curricular program and its students who received acknowledgment in the booklet.

Mr. Jim O'Toole commented that he supported the activities of the school, but did not agree that sport activities should control the starting dates of school. He complimented Mr. Wiley on his stand in opposition to the recriminalization of marijuana.

Mrs. Mary Horwath presented materials to the Board related to teaching human sexuality in the schools. She requested the board review the district's health curriculum and consider incorporating the Teen Aid Program in it.

Mr. Wiley commented that he was sorry to read Mr. Mai's letter of resignation. He stated that Mr. Mai has been an excellent teacher for the 28 years that he has been in the district.

He stated he would make copies of Mrs. Fischer's report on the Vocational Education Committee for the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS:

In response to Mr. Dempsey's request that a secondary principal be appointed to the Calendar Committee, Mrs. Obendorf stated a principal is on the committee.

Mrs. Obendorf requested the board review its policy on parent advisory committees. She noted that not all schools have individual parent groups to represent them when they are part of an areawide parent advisory committee.

She reported that she attended the Theater Advisory Committee Meeting on September 19. She noted the committee recommended the theater manager continue current practices for renting equipment. She added that the theater manager does not advertise or solicit rental of equipment, and equipment rental is a service to the committee.

Mr. Massie extended congratulations to the Homer High Cross Country Team on recent competition at the region meet.

Mrs. Fischer stated that the combining schools in various parent advisory committees was a decision made by the schools. She cautioned the Board in making a decision which is not that of the respective groups.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she favored sports activities, but other educational experiences would be gained by students attending 4-H activities at the state and local fairs. She stated that perhaps KPSAA could be contacted to change their schedules as it relates to the school calendar.

She stated she was pleased the Teen Aid Curriculum would be considered at the Health Curriculum Meeting on Tuesday, October 3.

Mr. Kessler apprised the Board on his being in attendance at the White House in Washington, D.C. for the School of Excellence Awards ceremony. He noted Homer High School's representatives were Jaron Ballentine, student, and Lois Jones, teacher.

Mrs. Martin reminded the Board of a meeting on October 4 at 2:00 p.m. with the Borough Assembly and city mayors. Governor Cowper would be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Martin announced a Health Curriculum Meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Borough Building, Soldotna on Tuesday, October 3.

BOARD COMMENTS

(continued):

Mrs. Martin announced the Board would meet with Dr. Nielsen and Dr. Plath at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16 related to the Superintendent Search. The regular school board meeting would begin at 6:30 p.m. and public input on superintendent characteristics would be received at 7:30 p.m. during the meeting. If members of the community are unable to attend the meeting, written comments will be received by the Board.

Mrs. Martin noted that a video tape is available on the Teen Aid Program. She requested that copies be available on October 16 if members want to review this prior to the meeting. She also suggested that if members were unable to view the video tape that copies be made for board members for individual review.

She announced the 1989 AASB Conference would be held in Anchorage, November 11-14, 1989. She requested that members submit their registration forms to AASB prior to October 13.

Mrs. Martin requested that all PTA groups be invited to the PAC Orientation. Mrs. Martin noted she favored reviewing the district's policy related to parent groups. She noted that PACs are not affiliated with a state organization and are not informed of changes in State Board of Education regulations. She encouraged the formation of separate parent groups at each school. She suggested the Board hold a worksession on this at the first meeting in November.

Mrs. Martin expressed appreciation to the Board for their support over the past year when she served as president of the board. She noted it had been a pleasure to work with each of the members on the issues before the board.

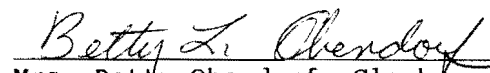
ADJOURN

At 9:13 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Mildred Martin, President

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, Clerk

The Minutes of October 2, 1989, were approved on October 16, 1989, with corrections.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

October 16, 1989

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Schrader  
Mrs. June Kohler  
Ms. Anne Gentry  
Mrs. Trena Richardson  
Mr. Dan Sexton  
Mr. Paul Epperson  
Mr. Floyd Heimbuch  
Mrs. Kathy Heus  
Dr. Karl Plath  
Mr. Duane Anderson  
Mrs. Barbara Eastham  
Ms. Judith Blume  
Mr. Dennis Murray  
Ms. Janie Dunworth  
Sen. Paul Fischer  
Mrs. Amy Budge  
Mr. Victor Hall  
Mr. Ron Sexton  
Mrs. Janis Mullin  
Mr. Kearlie Wright  
Dr. Lloyd Nielsen  
Mrs. Betsy Staley  
Mrs. Gina Harwood  
Mrs. Melody Douglas  
Mrs. Judith Queen  
Mrs. Linda Swarner  
Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Dimmick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Mrs. Dimmick welcomed the student representative, Chris Strube from Ninilchik High School, to the meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Newly elected board members Mrs. Betty Obendorf and Mr. Michael Tauriainen were sworn into office by Notary Public Barbara Jewell.



ROLL CALL: Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick Present  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf Present  
Mr. Clifford Massie Present  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer Present  
Mr. Wayne Kessler Present  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen Present  
Mr. Michael Wiley Present  
Mr. Chris Strube Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD: Mrs. Dimmick announced that nominations for reorganization of the board were in order beginning with the position of president.

ACTION Mr. Massie moved to nominate Mrs. Obendorf for President of the Board. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Wiley requested unanimous consent on the vote. Mrs. Fischer objected to the request.

Motion carried.

ACTION Mr. Wiley moved to nominate Mrs. Dimmick for Vice President of the Board. Mr. Massie seconded.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved to nominate Mr. Kessler for Vice President of the Board. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

VOTE: Dimmick - 4  
Kessler - 3

ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved to nominate Mr. Wiley as Clerk of the Board. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved to nominate Mr. Massie as Treasurer of the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

ESTABLISH MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE: Mr. Wiley moved the Board establish their meeting date, time and place for the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Room at Soldotna. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of October 2, 1989, were approved with corrections.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported that a communication had been received from Mrs. Rubadeau informing him that three grants had been received by the special services program for a total amount of \$12,171. He noted the three grants would address needs in the area of physical education adaptations, interagency training, and solicitation of public input on community needs for disabled citizens.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented Plaques of Appreciation to Joan Bennett Schrader in recognition of her many years of service to the school district through her work on the Vocational Advisory Committee; and to Amy Budge, McNeil Canyon Elementary Teacher, for her dedication to education as a special services teacher, in-service presenter, teacher trainer, program designer and consultant.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Mr. Sandahl invited the Board to attend the Parent Group Orientation Meeting on Thursday, October 19.

He reported on attending a meeting earlier in the day in Anchorage with other Alaskan superintendents working on the issue of increasing the instructional unit value.

Mr. Sandahl reported the in-service sessions last week for the certificated and support staff were successful and many complimentary comments had been received on these.

He noted that he and Mr. Dempsey, Principal of Homer High School, received the second presentation of Homer High School's School of Excellence Award from Secretary of Education Cavazos in Anchorage last week.

Mr. Sandahl reported that he attended the Districtwide Student Council Meeting held at Soldotna High School last week. He noted that Mr. Chris Strube, Ninilchik High School senior, was elected by his peers at that meeting to be their representative to the School Board.

He announced the Board would receive projected enrollment data for the 1990-91 school year at their November 6 meeting. He noted this information would be used as the basis for next year's budget. He commented that districtwide full day kindergarten sessions are being considered for next year. In addition, all student populations will be reviewed for overcrowding and space needs may result in new school grade configurations.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
REPORT:

Mr. Epperson presented a historic review of the Academic Decathlon which began in 1968 in California. Since then 38 states have been involved in this program, and the KPBSD has participated for four years. Both Soldotna High and Kenai Central High schools have won state championships in this and participated in national competition. He noted that this year's program will involve students with A, B, and C grade point averages from four district high schools.

HEALTH CURRICULUM  
IMPLEMENTATION  
REPORT:

Dr. Larson presented a historic review of the comprehensive health curriculum adopted by the Board in May, 1989. He noted information was presented on procedures for those students desiring to opt out of portions of the health curriculum. Through these procedures the student would be required to accomplish an alternative health curriculum topic while not being involved with the topic his/her peers are studying. Materials for the topic(s) the parents have chosen to opt out of will be made available for parents to review with their child should they choose to do so. A timeline for implementation of the K-12 health curriculum was included in the report.

Mr. Kessler stated he felt uncomfortable with the opt out procedures being approved under the report section of the board agenda. He requested it be placed on the next business meeting agenda. He questioned how the parents would know when and what materials would be taught. He felt parents should know the topics and areas being covered in the curriculum as well as defined intentions of the performance indicators. Dr. Larson responded that the guidelines spoke to the issue at the elementary level and this is separate from the opt out procedures at the secondary level. Mr. Sandahl commented that the report was a basis on which to begin implementation of the Board's adopted curriculum. He noted the administration's procedures were requested earlier by the Board.

Mrs. Fischer noted that she had twice previously requested a policy outlining procedures for notifying parents when objectionable materials would be taught. She stated she did not feel the report addressed this issue. Dr. Larson responded that the administration felt the procedures would suffice. She noted that although the borough attorney stated a policy was not needed, the Board had directed that a policy should be developed for its own protection. She requested the policy be developed before additional items were approved on the health curriculum. Mr. Sandahl commented that a brief, generic policy could be developed which would be followed by administrative procedures. Mr. Kessler expressed objection to this and stated that the subject area was not generic, but complex due to the comprehensive nature of the subject.

HEALTH CURRICULUM  
IMPLEMENTATION  
REPORT (cont.):

Mrs. Dimmick noted that it would be difficult to determine what is objectionable to some parents and not objectionable to other parents. She stated that since most objections dealt with human sexuality, perhaps these could be taught at the end of the course or parents be notified by a published schedule from the school.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that he felt the Board should work towards reconciling differences related to the health curriculum before anything else was approved on the curriculum.

RECESS:

At 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 7:40 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

PUBLIC HEARING/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH:

Dr. Lloyd Nielsen, consultant with PNR Associates, introduced his partner, Dr. Karl Plath, and extended an invitation to the public for comments on the superintendent search. He requested the public limit their comments to three areas: (1) describe the community as you would describe it to a complete stranger, (2) list 3-5 key issues facing this school district over the next five years, and (3) outline key characteristics to be sought in a superintendent. Dr. Nielsen concluded the public hearing by reviewing the superintendency search procedures and timelines for the process.

Mr. Floyd Heimbuch told the consultants that the Board needed a process to predict a successful outcome in the superintendent search. Through this endeavor he urged that all parties have mutual understanding in input and expectations. He noted that area resident perceptions of themselves might not be consistent with actuality which could lead to misunderstanding. He concluded that he felt financial problems and leadership imposed towards dealing with these were the biggest problems facing the district.

Mr. Kearlie Wright, Soldotna resident, described the Kenai Peninsula School District as a diverse district with native schools, large high schools, and varied sized elementary schools in scattered locations. He added the communities were friendly and the area offered six months of winter. He stated he felt future problems included hiring and keeping quality teachers, addressing the community's expectations in the health curriculum, dealing with the youth drug problem, and eliminating useless classes in order to maintain academic standing in students. He felt the new superintendent should be one with a vision for the district, have experience in health education, be a leading professional current in educational trends, should dress for success, should be involved in the community and children's activities, and love children.

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PUBLIC HEARING/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH (cont.):

Mrs. Judith Queen, Nikiski Elementary PTA Chairperson, described the Nikiski community as a developing rural area on a good road system with three schools. Oil and fishing were the key employers of the area which also presented unique scheduling problems for those involved. She noted the schools were the community centers of the area. The PTA felt the budget, continued support for debt retirement funding, early funding, community involvement in curriculum development, and consistent testing within the district were key issues to be addressed. They felt the superintendent should be accessible to staff and community, love children, be fiscally responsible, and have good communication skills.

Mrs. June Kohler, President of the Kenai Peninsula Federation of Teachers, stated the district schools ranged in size from 15 to 900 students with varied ethnic backgrounds, the economy primarily consisted of industries in oil, fishing, construction and related services, and there were many labor organizations represented on the Peninsula. Key issues they felt were important were maintenance of a quality education system in spite of financial problems, continued academic and vocational standards to prepare students for work or further education, responding to charges that American students are far behind foreign students, address at-risk student problems and work with community and staff. They felt the new superintendent should be able to deal with changes in society, be sensitive to employee needs, recognize the value of the collective bargaining process and be enthusiastic to meet these issues.

Mr. Glen Schrader, Kenai resident, told the Board and consultants that the superintendent should be from Alaska in order to understand the state and its ethnic problems. He recommended the new superintendent strongly support vocational education.

Mrs. Kathy Heus, Kenai parent, stated the peninsula was a semi-rural, but urban community encompassing 16,000 square miles with a population of 40,000 people. She noted that peninsula residents had access to outdoor activities as well as cultural activities. She felt issues of importance for the next five years included funding, dealing with at-risk students, maintaining equal access to education for all students, and planning for technology within the district. She felt the future superintendent should be a "people" person and a team worker, should be involved with the community, have a strong knowledge of technology and information services, and be a person who is sincerely interested in servicing the school population in all areas.

L PUBLIC HEARING/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH (cont.):

Mrs. Barbara Eastham, member of the State Board of Managers for the State PTA, commented that many similar areas had already been addressed and added that the new superintendent should welcome parents into the schools. She felt many of the schools' problems could be solved by parent involvement.

Mrs. Janis Mullen, Soldotna Elementary PTA representative, stated she felt the City of Soldotna was a stable community where the majority of families were in the middle income range. She also noted there were a number of transient and single parent families in the area. The PTA felt future key issues dealt with planning for a changing population, finances, finding quality teachers and administrators, and continuing to strive for the best education possible. She noted the next superintendent should be able to draw the diverse populations of the peninsula toward a common goal for the best education possible for children, have a varied background in education to be sensitive to all student needs, recognize the arts in education, have excellent leadership qualities, be able to encourage parent involvement in education, have high ethical standards and be easily accessible to parents and staff.

L Mr. Victor Hall, parent, stated he felt key characteristics for a superintendent included leadership by being an innovator, an educational futurist, a risk taker, a motivator, a generalist who could tackle issues of moral responsibility, and a person who would be accountable for policies and personnel. He felt technology and information services, international education in social studies and interdependence internationally were key issues the superintendent needed to address.

Mr. Duane Anderson, parent, stated the Kenai Peninsula is not truly rural but is definitely not urban. He urged that interested applicants for the superintendency visit the area to meet and understand the area and its people, which is a melting pot of individuals with diverse backgrounds and educations. He felt that key issues for the next five years dealt with personal health standards of students dealing with AIDS, sexuality, and drug and alcohol abuse. He commented that he felt the best qualified person for the job was probably a woman, one who could inspire the staff as well as being able to deal with other issues in the district.

L Mr. Dennis Murray, Soldotna parent, suggested the Board hire an internal candidate who was familiar with the district. He also urged the Board hire the superintendent quickly in order to be on task with staff retirements, new hires, etc. He suggested the new superintendent be hired and on the job by March 15.

**PUBLIC HEARING/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH (cont.):**

Mrs. Joan Schrader, Kenai resident, stated she felt the future superintendent should know that \$20,000 was the average income of peninsula residents when dealing with students and parents in the district. She felt key issues dealt with vocational education training of students in preparing them for work, public input into the budget, a core curriculum that involved vocational education classes, and implementation of the health curriculum dealing with life and death issues. She felt the superintendent should be an individual with a focus for the future and have an understanding of the local diversity and its problems.

Mrs. Linda Swarner, Kenai parent, stated she felt the new superintendent should accomplish what is best in education and this person should be available to the public. She felt this person should be assertive toward educational needs of students. She described the City of Kenai as an urban town with paved streets, but the city also contained rural areas within its boundary. She noted Kenai also had commercial as well as industrial areas within the city.

**RECESS:**

At 8:45 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:**

At 9:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

**SAT/ACT TEST  
REPORT:**

Dr. Larson reported that Kenai Peninsula Borough School District students scored on the average slightly better than the national or state average on the SAT and ACT tests for the 1988-89 school year. He cautioned that the test results were a comparison of students taking the test and not all district students. Therefore, this should not be considered as a single measure to rank districts. He noted the higher the percent of students taking the test, the lower will be the average scores tending toward the national average.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending September 30, 1989.

**FIRST READING/POLICY  
008.21/PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES:**

Dr. Larson presented the first reading for revisions to Policy 008.21, Parent Advisory Committees. The revisions set in policy current practices for the establishment of Chapter I-M (Migrant Education) parent advisory committees. This revision to policy was recommended by a DOE review last spring.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. President, extended congratulations to Mrs. Obendorf on her reelection and selection as President of the Board. She also extended a welcome to Mr. Tauriainen as the Board's newest member. She reiterated the organization's position on quality education and offered their help in this effort. She also thanked the school board and administration for its support of the in-service sessions this year. She also expressed appreciation on having an opportunity to offer input into the superintendent search when meeting with the consultants earlier in the day.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 1989-90 Teacher Appointment, Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Support Staff; Resignation; Substitute Teacher Contracts; and Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Certified.

1989-90 TEACHER  
APPOINTMENT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the 1989-90 teacher appointment of Gregory Hopkins, Special Education/QUEST (half-time), Tustumena (temporary).

SICK LEAVE BANK  
DRAW/SUPPORT STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 3 days from the Support Staff Sick Leave Bank for Vicky Johnson, Food Service Manager, McNeil Canyon Elementary.

RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Lola Williams, Counselor/Special Education/Resource, Bartlett Elem/High, effective the end of the 1989-90 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for 19-day substitute teachers Margo Kaleva, Special Education/Speech, Sears Elementary; and Heather Cook, Language Arts, Social Studies, Homer Junior High.

SICK LEAVE BANK  
DRAW/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 24 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Rose Shearer, Special Education/Resource, Soldotna High.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #5. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS:

Mr. Glen Schrader commented that if the Board operated under "Robert's Rules of Order" the officers of the board should not have been selected by secret ballot. In reference to the health curriculum he commented that many citizens were naive to believe that students were uninformed on human sexuality.



PUBLIC COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Janis Mullen, Soldotna Elementary PTA Vice President, stated she hoped the Board would not add more burdens on the teachers by preparing notices related to the health curriculum. She added that parents at Soldotna Elementary were pleased with the health curriculum as presented to them, and no objections to the health curriculum had been received. She felt that parents could review the health curriculum at the beginning of the year and file an opt out form then for portions of the curriculum they did not want their children to attend.

Senator Paul Fischer invited the Board and administration to attend a special senate hearing related to the foundation unit on November 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Borough Assembly Room.

Mr. Ron Sexton told the Board that he did not feel the public had ample time to respond to media notices for serving on the Substance Abuse Committee and other committees of the Board. He also questioned how many persons had applied for the Substance Abuse Committee. Dr. Larson responded that seventeen individuals applied for membership and those seventeen people were appointed to the committee. Mr. Sexton recommended that specific letters on important committees be sent to parent mailing lists.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Tauriainen stated he was pleased to be on the Board and looked forward to serving the community in that capacity for the next three years.

Mrs. Fischer stated that she had submitted a written report to the Board on the Youth Ready to Work Conference held in Anchorage recently. She commented that the meeting was well organized with a large attendance. She noted additional information would be sent on the meeting.

She asked that the Board direct the administration to strongly publicize the districtwide extended day kindergarten.

Mr. Kessler responded to Mr. Schrader's earlier statements related to voting by secret ballot under Robert's Rules of Order. He noted that these rules outline procedures for secret ballot voting when used by small assemblies.

Mr. Kessler questioned whether the Board would sit on the Substance Abuse Committee. Dr. Larson responded that Board members are included and meetings will begin on November 7 when regular meeting dates would be set.

BOARD COMMENTS

(continued):

Mr. Strube, student representative, commented that he was honored to represent the students on the Board. He stated he would present the student's point of view on issues.

Mr. Wiley stated he enjoyed the in-service sessions on October 12-13. He added that he was impressed with the caliber of teachers he met during the sessions.

He expressed concern on the overcrowding at Tustumena Elementary and suggested the Board look at an addition for that school.

He also stated he was concerned with the supply funds allocated to the small schools, especially in the area of texts and library books. He requested that this be reviewed.

Mr. Wiley commented that next week was Red Ribbon Week to encourage drug free schools. He reminded Board members to wear their red ribbons recognizing this.

Mrs. Dimmick expressed appreciation to the individuals who addressed the consultants and Board on the superintendent search.

Mrs. Dimmick reported that she participated in the AASB Committee on Bylaws and Constitution in September via teleconference. She noted a report would be forthcoming from the committee.

Mr. Massie stated he was pleased with the in-service sessions held last week at Soldotna High School. He stated he was particularly impressed with the guest speaker.

Mrs. Obendorf thanked Mrs. Fischer for her report on the Youth Ready to Work Meeting.

She commented that she had given the Board information from the Theater Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Obendorf expressed appreciation to those members of the public who spoke on the superintendent search.

Mrs. Obendorf announced the Parent Advisory Group Workshop would be held on Thursday, October 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Borough Assembly Room. She encouraged Board members to attend.

She also announced that the AASB Conference would be held in Anchorage on November 11-14.

She urged Board members to attend the Special Senate HESS Meeting on November 2.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):


Mr. Sandahl commented that the annual membership meeting of the Alaska School Insurance Company would be held on November 10.

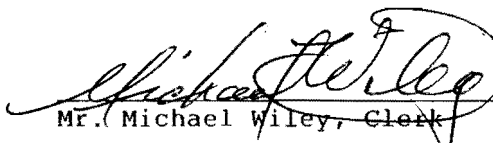
ADJOURN:

At 9:45 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of October 16, 1989,  
were approved on November 6, 1989,  
with a correction.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

November 6, 1989

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
- Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President
- Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk
- Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer
- Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member
- Mr. Wayne Kessler, Member
- Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member
- Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

- Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning, Operations, and Technology
- Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services
- Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Mr. John Kistler               | Mrs. Barbara Eastham   |
| Mr. Ben Swan                   | Mrs. Janice Mullen     |
| Mr. Mervyn Eggelston           | Mrs. Jan Hall          |
| Mrs. Mary Rubadeau             | Mr. Ron Sexton         |
| Dr. Nels Anderson              | Mrs. Mary Horwath      |
| Mrs. Melody Douglas            | Ms. Judy Blume         |
| Mrs. Vickie Leach              | Mr. Stan Steadman      |
| Miss Becky Thorpe              | Ms. Sharon Jean        |
| Mrs. Lisa Delvon               | Mrs. Celeste Haakenson |
| Mrs. Dottie Hulen              | Mrs. Gail Presely      |
| Mrs. Christie Kvasnikoff       |                        |
| Others present not identified. |                        |

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:31 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION:

At 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board reconvene in regular session. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Betty Obendorf Present  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick Present  
Mr. Clifford Massie Present  
Mr. Michael Wiley Present  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer Present  
Mr. Wayne Kessler Present  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen Present  
Mr. Chris Strube Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of October 16, 1989, were approved with a correction.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Sandahl reported a meeting had been held on October 26 with Kenai area parent advisory groups to discuss overcrowding and space allocations for the 1990-91 school year. He noted a similar meeting would be conducted on November 14 for Soldotna area parents.

Mr. Sandahl reported that November 12-18 is Geography Awareness Week and American Education Week. He commented that he was very pleased with the excellent staff of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

In view of recent child abuse cases in Anchorage, Mr. Sandahl apprised the Board on procedures the district follows in such instances. He noted there was cooperation between the school district and legal authorities. Mrs. Fischer questioned whether the district's policy needed to be addressed as to privacy of records. Mr. Sandahl responded that this section of policy could be reviewed.

Mr. Sandahl reported a statewide meeting of counselors was conducted at Skyview recently. He also noted that a technology meeting was held in Homer last week.

He announced that Cooper Landing Elementary School shared the honor as Alaska Champions in the President's Council on Physical Fitness Award for the 1988-89 school year.

Mr. Sandahl reported the Board would be holding a worksession on extended day kindergartens prior to the next school board meeting.

Mr. Sandahl commented that three mini-grants had been submitted related to people helping people, vocational training course and counseling. He also noted the district had received a Governor's Substance Abuse Grant in the amount of \$10,131.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT (continued):

He reported that a communication had been received notifying the district that Marlene Keene was one of 70 teachers nationwide to complete the Summer Geographic Institute.

Mr. Sandahl concluded his report by noting that commendations had been received on behalf of President Bush recognizing Rick Matiya for his work on alternative schooling/bilingual education through his project between Soldotna Elementary School and Magadan School Number 1, U.S.S.R.

FIRST READING/POLICY  
006.33 AND 006.33R/  
HEALTH CURRICULUM:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading to policy 006.33 and 006.33R, Health Curriculum Opt Out Procedures. The policy and regulation outlined procedures to be used by students not desiring to participate in a portion or all of the required health curriculum.

Mr. Kessler commented that he felt the Board was creating procedures for the administration for something the school board should be doing. He further stated the policy did not respond to the question on what students would be opting out of, and that the intentions of the indicators and curriculum were not spelled out.

Mr. Wiley stated he was satisfied with the policy and that it met the requirements the board requested. He noted parents could review the curriculum, receive a schedule for teaching the various topics in the curriculum and opt out procedures would be available to parents who did not wish their children to take the course.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that he felt there were portions of the curriculum that needed to be addressed especially where public concern had been expressed. He felt the Board needed to insist that these sensitive areas be addressed before the opt out procedures could be approved.

Mrs. Fischer stated she felt the parents needed to know what was being taught in the classes as well as knowing the topic to be taught. Mrs. Dimmick responded that the board could not please everyone all the time, and the administration had responded quite well to the Board's request for an opt out procedure. She noted that the timeline for teaching the various topics should be prepared by the district curriculum office rather than leaving the responsibility to the principals. She requested this be added to the policy and would give centralized control to the health curriculum. She also commented that the district had been forthright in making materials available for parental review, and parental concerns could be worked out as they arise. She stated she had received many communications requesting the health curriculum be retained and taught.

FIRST READING/POLICY  
006.33 and 006.33R/  
HEALTH CURRICULUM  
(continued):

Mr. Strube stated he felt the opt out procedures were excellent and addressed the needs of students not wanting to take part or all of the health curriculum classes. He added that the policy specifically stated that the parents could review and discuss the curriculum with the teachers, principal and curriculum directors if they desired to do this.

SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY  
PTA:

Mrs. Janice Mullen, Soldotna Elementary PTA secretary, requested the Board reconsider its policy and recognize all parent groups from KPBSD schools. She noted that currently their school is officially represented by the Soldotna Schools Parent Advisory Committee although their organization functions as a separate group in various activities and fund raisers at their school. She also requested that their organization be listed in the directory of PAC/PTAs.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that the Board should reinforce parent involvement in the schools through the parent groups. He also recommended that they should be listed in the directory.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Retirement Incentive Program (PERS), Extended Field Trip Requests, Rescinding Certificated Resignation, Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Certified, Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Support Staff, Resignations, Teacher Appointment, and Unpaid Leave of Absence Request/Certified.

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE  
PROGRAM (PERS):

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the Retirement Incentive Program with the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Employees must apply for the early retirement program no later than March 31, 1990 and retire prior to November 1, 1990. The district could anticipate a net savings of \$323,989.11 over a three year period from this program.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUESTS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for 26 students to travel to Magadan, U.S.S.R., November 10-20, 1989 to participate in the Soldotna/Magadan Youth Summit; for 6-16 Kenai Central High School students to travel to Cancun and Mexico City, Mexico, March 15-25, 1990 to study the history and culture of the Mexican and Mayan people; for 22 Soldotna High School students to travel to Dallas, Texas, December 27, 1989 through January 2, 1990 to perform in the Cotton Bowl Parade; and for 80-100 Soldotna High School students to travel to Los Angeles, California to perform for an adjudicated panel of music professors, March 17-24, 1990.

RESCIND CERTIFICATED  
RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve rescinding the resignation of Kenneth Moore, Principal, Nikolaevsk Elem/High. The resignation would have been effective the end of the 1989-90 school year.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 7 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Rocklyn Johnson, Art/French (3/4 time), Ninilchik Elem/High.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUEST/SUPPORT  
STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw as needed to 24 days from the Support Staff Sick Leave Bank for Kelly Bishop, Special Education/Aide, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1989-90 school year from Mary Jeanne Lewis, Grade 1, Nikiski Elementary; Charles Simons, Grade 5, Soldotna Elementary; Gene Williams, Social Studies, Homer High; and Shirley Henwood, Grade 2, Chapman Elementary.

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the appointment of Deborah Verney, Special Education/Pre-school, Sears Elementary (temporary) for the 1989-90 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request from Rocklyn Johnson, Art/French (3/4 time), Ninilchik Elem/High effective the 1989-90 school year.

Mr. Massie requested that Item 6a (2), Approval of Extended Field Trip Requests, be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items, #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item 6a (2), Approval of Extended Field Trip Requests. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Massie questioned the number of days students would be away from school for those trips scheduled during spring break. Dr. Larson responded that students would miss one day of school. Mrs. Dimmick expressed appreciation to the staff in making every effort to schedule extended field trips during vacations and spring break.

Motion carried unanimously.

ENROLLMENT  
PROJECTIONS/  
1990-91

Mr. Sandahl reported the business manager had prepared enrollment projections for the 1990-91 school year at 8,974 or an increase of 239 students above the current year. He explained that a straight line projection was used in projecting the enrollment at most schools. Slight increases were noted for the Seward schools, Paul Banks Elementary, and McNeil Canyon Elementary.



ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the enrollment projections for the 1990-91 school year as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Dr. Nels Anderson questioned how many instructional units were anticipated for the next year. Mr. Sandahl responded that he anticipated approximately 800 instructional units would be generated for the 1990-91 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISION/  
008.21, PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

Dr. Larson presented revisions to policy 008.21, Parent Advisory Committees, which would place in policy current practices for establishing a Chapter I-M (Migrant Education) parent advisory committee.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve revisions to policy 008.21. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that she had no objections to the policy revisions presented by Dr. Larson, but in view of Mrs. Mullen's earlier request related to parent group recognition she felt action should be postponed until the Board had time to review the policy related to this and receive input from the parent groups. She noted the Board always encourages parental involvement in the schools.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board postpone action on the motion until their December 4 meeting. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she hoped there would be no confusion during the revision process on which group would be recognized as the official voice of the school to the Board.

Mr. Kessler commented that even though a group is not recognized as the official body of the school, it could function, serve a purpose and work with the Board. He noted that the PAC is the liaison between the school and the Board.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that the PACs were elected by the community, whereas the PTA was a nationally recognized parent group which is a strong organization in individual schools. She felt it was legitimate to have two groups in a school because they served different functions. She also noted that some communities do not have parent advisory committees.

Mr. Wiley stated he felt where PACs and PTAs existed in an individual school the school should decide which organization would be the official voice of the school.

Motion to postpone carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 8:50 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER

At 9:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

RECESS:

PTR FORMULAE/  
1990-91:

Mrs. Radtke presented five staffing formulae for the 1990-91 school year. The formulae were Schedule A for Elementary Schools (K-2, K-3), Schedule B for Elementary Schools (K-6, K-8, 3-6, 4-6), Schedule C for Secondary Schools, Schedule D for Small Schools, and Schedule E for Special Education. She noted the staffing formulae remained the same as for last year with the exception of increasing the ratio of school psychologists-students to bring the district closer to recommended guidelines of the National Psychological Association.

Mrs. Fischer requested that the additional teaching positions be noted as new and increased positions just like any new items during the budget process.

Dr. Nels Anderson questioned why the projected personnel for Skyview School was reduced to eight positions this year. Mrs. Radtke responded that the staff was prepared as per the staffing formula which was the same amount as last year's projection.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the Regular Education and Special Education Professional Education Staffing Schedules for 1990-91 as presented by Mrs. Radtke. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Kessler stated he felt school librarians should be separate from the formulae, and each library should have a librarian hired to run them.

Mr. Massie stated he felt the junior-senior high schools should be allocated an additional period for their athletic director. He felt this grade combination required additional time to work with the activities in their particular schools.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she felt the title of athletic director should be changed to include activities since not all events related to athletics.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to change the name of the athletic director to activity/athletic director. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

PTR FORMULAE/  
1990-91 (cont.):

Mr. Wiley expressed concern that the small schools staffing formula included the school administrator, which might be shortchanging the district. He noted the small schools generated a higher proportion of funds than larger schools, although this funding was not directly proportional to allocations to these schools. He noted this needed further attention during the budget process as it relates to small school administrator responsibilities.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 9:30 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

The Board reconvened in regular session at 9:37 p.m.

STEP 3 GRIEVANCE  
HEARING:

Mr. Sandahl reported the Board had conducted a Step 3 Grievance Hearing at the beginning of the meeting.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved that in the matter of K.P.E.A. Grievance #90-1, Step 3, after hearing testimony presented to the Board, the Board deny the grievance and requested relief and adopt the narrative related to the specific reasons. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Mervyn Egelston, Soldotna parent, expressed concern related to sex education in the schools. He noted objections to the health curriculum which included sex education had been raised by parents at the Soldotna Parent Advisory Committee, however, this was not reported to the Board. He suggested the Board have the committee gather suggested materials from the opposition to review and compromise in rewriting the health curriculum.

Mrs. Vickie Leach, Soldotna parent, requested the Board consider funding of intervention specialists at the elementary school level. She felt that many student problems which surface in junior and senior high school could be avoided at the elementary level through work with the intervention specialists. She thanked the Board for the extended day kindergarten at Soldotna which she felt was beneficial to students.

Mrs. Lisa Delvon, Mrs. Celeste Haakenson, Mrs. Dottie Hulen, Mrs. Gail Presley, and Mrs. Christie Kvasniknoff donated their three minute time allocations to Mrs. Mary Horwath. Mrs. Horwath commented that she did not see why parents were expected to review all the health curriculum materials when they do not know what the teacher was going to decide to teach when considering the opt out procedures. She felt the

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

(continued):

October health curriculum meeting did not address the issues community members had brought before the Board. She stated the public felt they had not had an opportunity nor time to review other educational materials to be considered in the health curriculum, particularly the sex education portion.

Mrs. Dimmick stated it was the Board's responsibility to see that students were properly informed about various topics and questioned what the Board needed to do to allow what some members of the public felt was adequate dialog with them. Mrs. Fischer requested the Board conduct a worksession to receive input from the public and review materials they felt comfortable in being taught. Mrs. Obendorf commented that proper procedures needed to be followed and this would be through the Health Curriculum Committee as outlined in board policy.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board hold a worksession on the health curriculum for public input. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf clarified that the worksession would relate to health curriculum materials, not rewriting the curriculum. It was also recommended that the Health Curriculum Committee also attend the worksession.

The Board scheduled a worksession on health curriculum materials for November 27, 1989 at 7:00 p.m.. The worksession would be advertised in the media.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Pam Lazenby, Kenai parent, spoke in support of the health curriculum as presented to them earlier in the year. She noted the health curriculum hearings had been advertised and well attended by Sears Elementary School parents. All parents in attendance favored the curriculum. She also stated that parents at Sears Elementary were pleased with the extended day kindergarten program at their school.

Mr. Tom Hess, Anchor Point parent, stated he was pleased the Board would be conducting a worksession to receive parental input on the health curriculum. He also suggested the Board consider using "Teen Aid" as part of the health curriculum.

Mr. Dan Sexton commented that he felt the intent and direction of the health curriculum could be addressed through the use of the "Teen Aid" curriculum. Additionally, he felt the worksession could resolve differences between parents and the health curriculum.

Mr. John Kistler stated he felt the split level class at Tustumena Elementary seemed to be working well, but the level of education was somewhat less than in previous years. In

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS  
(continued):

regard to upcoming negotiations, he reminded the Board that 86% of the people were non-union and did not have the benefits negotiated by KPBSD employees. He urged the Board to hold the pay scales to current levels, except for school nurses and custodians. He also commented that if funds were available the Board should open Skyview School if this did not affect current programs.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Wiley commented that he was pleased to see that Mr. Moore's retirement had been rescinded. He also commented that he was sad to see Mr. Simons' resignation after his many years of excellent service to the district. He announced that the DARE Program had been expanded to Cooper Landing and Moose Pass schools, and hoped that grant funding could be secured to introduce the program to other schools in the district.

Mr. Tauriainen reiterated his support to local parent groups and encouraged their work in the schools.

Mr. Strube commented that he had received numerous letters and telephone calls from student leaders in the district who expressed unanimous support of the health curriculum.

Mrs. Dimmick stated the Board needed to clarify at a later worksession whether schools could use only a portion of the health curriculum rather than have to use it in its entirety.

She expressed concern that the Board consider a section on the agenda for board members' reports, perhaps separate from Board Comments.

Mr. Kessler noted that the report section of the agenda was an appropriate place for members to present their reports.

He called attention to Mr. Swarner's memorandum related to increasing the instructional unit. He commented that Board members should keep the information on hand for use later.

Mr. Kessler commented that the purpose of the consent agenda was to pass items quickly without discussion unless removed from the consent agenda. He felt the board might not be following proper procedures on this.

Mrs. Fischer told the Board she was pleased the Board would be holding a worksession on the health curriculum. She stated she was pleased with the positive approach of the "Teen Aid" curriculum, which was also addressed at the Youth for Work meeting. She suggested Board members consider curriculum that focus on a positive point of view.

BOARD COMMENTS

(continued):

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether the district would be in the 100% category related to funding for building needs especially with crowding due to extended day kindergartens. Mr. Sandahl responded that he had discussed this with Representative Swackhammer who felt comfortable with current legislation, but perhaps the Board should discuss this in a worksession with the legislators prior to the legislative session.

Mrs. Dimmick suggested the Board meet in a worksession to discuss building needs prior to meeting with the legislators.

Mrs. Obendorf announced the Board would conduct a worksession on November 20 to review the extended day kindergarten and building needs of the district. The worksession would begin at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Obendorf reported that she and Mrs. Fischer attended the Parent Group Orientation Meeting on October 19. She noted that participants indicated an interest in an areawide parent advisory committee. She encouraged the Board's support on this item.

She stated she attended the Senate HESS meeting held in Soldotna on November 2. She expressed appreciation to Mr. Kessler and Mrs. Fischer for their attendance at the meeting and to Mr. Swarner and Mr. Sandahl for their excellent presentation.

Mrs. Obendorf appointed Mr. Tauriainen and Mr. Kessler to serve on the Scheduling Committee, and Mr. Massie to represent the Board on the Calendar Committee. She noted that all board members would serve on the Drug Abuse Committee.

She stated she attended the Flag Pole Dedication at Kenai Peninsula College on October 25. Funds for this project were raised by the student body.

She announced that she would participate in the Youth Summit with Soldotna and Magadan, U.S.S.R.. Therefore, Mrs. Dimmick would chair the November 20 meeting. She commented that she would be paying her expenses for the trip as all other participants were required to do.


Mrs. Obendorf reminded Board members of the annual Association of Alaska School Boards Conference to be held in Anchorage, November 11-14.

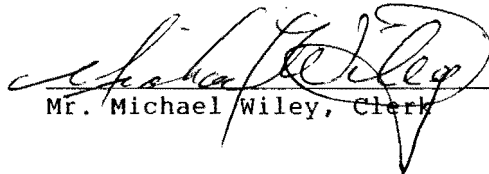
ADJOURN:

At 11:15 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of November 6, 1989,  
were approved on November 20, 1989,  
with corrections.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

November 20, 1989

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
- Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President
- Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk
- Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer
- Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian
- Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member
- Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member
- Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

- Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning, Operations, and Technology
- Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services
- Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Mr. Ron Sexton                 | Mr. Dan Sexton         |
| Mrs. Trena Richardson          | Mr. Eric Weatherby     |
| Miss Kerri Ann Weatherby       | Miss Christy Fairchild |
| Mrs. Barbara Fairchild         | Mr. Duane Anderson     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Glen Schrader     | Ms. Anne Gentry        |
| Ms. Kari Mohn                  | Mrs. Susie Franklin    |
| Miss Alaska Franklin           | Mrs. Vickie Leach      |
| Mr. Larry Nauta                | Mr. Ben Swan           |
| Mr. Robert Dover               | Mr. Frank Garrity      |
| Mr. Paul Epperson              | Mr. John Kistler       |
| Mrs. Mary Horwath              | Mr. Carl Miller        |
| Dr. Eugene Mumford             | Mrs. Janis Mullin      |
| Ms. Judy Blume                 | Mrs. Melody Douglas    |
| Mrs. Arlene Wiley              | Dr. Nels Anderson      |
| Mr. Rich Karsten               | Mrs. Judy Christie     |
| Mrs. Donna Cotman              |                        |
| Others present not identified. |                        |

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

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| Mrs. Betty Obendorf    | Present |
| Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick   | Present |
| Mr. Clifford Massie    | Present |
| Mr. Michael Wiley      | Present |
| Mrs. Joyce Fischer     | Present |
| Mr. Wayne Kessler      | Present |
| Mr. Michael Tauriainen | Present |
| Mr. Chris Strube       | Present |



- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of November 6, 1989, were approved with corrections.
- HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Miss Kerri Ann Weatherby, Soldotna High School student, requested the Board waive KPSAA regulations to allow her and Christy Fairchild to serve as managers of the Soldotna High School hockey team. She noted that other schools in the State of Alaska allow students of the opposite sex to serve as team managers. She requested the Board waive the regulations as soon as possible since the hockey season had already begun.
- COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from the Homer Parent Advisory in which they reiterated their support of the comprehensive health curriculum previously approved by the Board. The PAC felt protocol had been followed and the majority of parents and members of the Homer community supported the new health curriculum. They urged the Board's implementation of the curriculum as approved.
- Mrs. Obendorf reported a letter from Governor Cowper had been received which thanked the Board for their interest in the Educational Endowment Amendment and urged their support of HJR 13.
- She noted a letter had been received from the Susan B. English Elem/High School Parent Advisory Committee expressing concern about the gymnasium floor. She stated that with Mr. Dahlgren's assistance she had responded to the parent advisory committee on this issue.
- Mr. Sandahl read a communication from Paul Banks Elementary School Principal, Lewis McLin, who stated he was humble and proud to represent the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District when he accepted the national award at the National Distinguished Principal's Conference in Washington, D.C. recently.
- AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Obendorf presented Plaques of Appreciation to Mrs. Susie Franklin, Redoubt Elementary librarian, and Mrs. Donna Cotman, Redoubt Elementary nurse, in recognition of their efforts in providing exemplary programs and time to make their school a special learning environment.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Sandahl reported that the success of the district related to goal setting and planning. These efforts included Board Goals, administrator needs assessment and Management By Objectives set by the building administrators. Goals in these categories were presented in a written report to the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT (cont.):

Mr. Sandahl reported a core team retreat would be held on February 23 as part of the Drug Free Grant. Further information on this will be submitted to the Board later.

Mr. Sandahl reported that revisions to policy 008.121, Parent Advisory Committees/PTAs, would be presented to the Board on December 18.

Mr. Sandahl commented that the 1990-91 budget timeline had been published and was available to interested persons.

He stated worksessions had been conducted in Kenai and Soldotna related to overcrowding and use of facilities. The next meeting for discussion on facility use for Soldotna schools will be held at Skyview School on December 7. A meeting is also anticipated the first part of December in Kenai. The Board will receive recommendations related to this issue at the December 18 meeting.

EXTENDED DAY KINDER-  
GARTEN REPORT:

Ms. Betty Leonard, Director of Elementary Education, reported on the success of the two-year pilot program for extended day kindergartens in the school district. She defined extended day kindergarten as four and one half hours of school with call-back time at one to one and one half hours in length for specifically designed work with individuals or small groups of children needing remediation. She noted that seven schools participated in the extended day kindergarten program this year and it was her recommendation that four other schools be phased in for the next school year. She noted that research supported extended day kindergartens, particularly for at risk students.

ELEMENTARY ARTS  
REPORT:

Ms. Betty Leonard reported that the arts as it relates to visual arts, music and drama are taught in the district's elementary schools through various means, depending on the school size and staff. She stated the arts are taught as a basic form of communication, used to meet the needs of student's learning styles, help to build self worth and self esteem, develop appreciation and evaluation and stimulates thinking, enrichment and observation skills. She listed numerous district projects which included band, chorus, forensics, annual plays, pottery showings, holiday art shows, festivals, etc.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE  
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported the Calendar Committee would be meeting on November 27 to finalize their recommendation to the Board. The Board will consider the calendar recommendations at their December 4 meeting. He noted that it appeared the calendar would be standardized for students to begin school on the last Monday in August.

DISTANCE EDUCATION  
REPORT:

Mr. Paul Epperson, Director of Secondary Education, reported 32 students at four high school sites are involved in a learning program through the Satellite Telecommunications Educational Program from Spokane, Washington. Currently, students are taking classes through the satellite learning system in calculus and Japanese I and II. He reported that enrichment courses and staff development are also available through the system.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending October 31, 1989.

AUDIT REPORT:

Mr. Swarner commented that the School District and Borough had changed their auditing firm to Coopers and Lybrand this year. Mr. Rich Karsten and Mrs. Judy Christie reported on the district's compliance and internal controls for the year ended June 30, 1989 in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. In addition to reviewing the district's revenue and expenditures, Mrs. Christie recommended the Board address six areas in the financial system needing improvement. Mr. Swarner concluded the report by stating that the administration would respond to the audit recommendations at the Board's December 18 Meeting.

RECESS:

At 9:08 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 9:20 p.m., The Board reconvened in regular session.

BUDGET TRANSFER  
REPORT:

Mr. Swarner reported on the following budget transfers: #1, Kenai Central High, \$375; #2 Kenai Central High, \$124; #3, Kenai Central High, \$124; #4, Kenai Central High, \$405; #5, Kenai Central High, \$373; #6, Kenai Central High, \$1,280; #7, Soldotna High, \$6,320; #8, Soldotna High, \$474; #9, Soldotna High, \$101; #10, Soldotna High, \$633; #11, Soldotna Elementary, \$2,500; #12, Soldotna High, \$628; #13, Soldotna High, \$900; #15, Unallocated/Grants Administration, \$13,355; #16, Unallocated/Grants Administration, \$3,765; #17, Unallocated/Grants Administration, \$50; #18, Purchasing Services, \$854; #19, Warehouse/Purchasing, \$854; #20, Soldotna High, \$389; #21, Soldotna High, \$630; #22, Kenai Central High, \$2,482; #23, Special Services/Kalifornsky Beach Elementary/Kenai Junior High/Soldotna Elementary/Redoubt Elementary/Mountain View Elementary/Soldotna High, \$5,050; #24, Special Services/Paul Banks Elementary/Chapman Elementary/Seward Elementary/Homer High/Kenai Central High/Sears Elementary, \$3,200; #25, Special Services/Redoubt Elementary/Seward Elementary/Paul Banks Elementary/Nikiski Elementary/Sears Elementary/Mountain View Elementary, \$2,400; #26, Special Services, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary/Redoubt Elementary/Soldotna Elementary/Sterling Elementary/Chapman

BUDGET TRANSFER  
REPORT (cont.):

Elementary/Paul Banks Elementary, \$2,500; #27, Special Services/Paul Banks Elementary/Seward Elementary/Elementary/Homer High/Homer Intermediate/Homer Junior High, \$2,680; #28, Special Services/Kalifornsky Beach Elementary/Kenai Central High/Kenai Junior High/McNeil Canyon Elementary/Mountain View Elementary/Nikiski Elementary, \$2,920; #29, Special Services/Nikiski Junior High/Nikolaevsk Elem-High/Ninilchik Elem-High/North Star Elementary/Redoubt Elementary/Seward Elementary, \$2,320; #30, Special Services/Seward High/Soldotna Elementary/Soldotna Junior High/Sterling Elementary/Susan B. English Elem-High, \$2,620; #31, Special Services/Tustumena Elementary, \$460; #32, Unallocated/Districtwide Services/Community Schools, \$16,452; #33, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$80; #34, Districtwide Services, \$15,000; #35, Soldotna High, \$36; #36, Elementary Curriculum/Bartlett Elem-High/Chapman Elementary/Cooper Landing Elementary/English Bay Elem-High/Intermediate/ Hope Elementary, \$5,095; #37, Elementary Curriculum/Ninilchik Elem-High/North Star Elementary/Paul Banks Elementary/Port Graham Elem-High/Razdolna Elementary/Redoubt Elementary, \$11,560; #38, Elementary Curriculum/Kalifornsky Beach Elementary/McNeil Canyon Elementary/Moose Pass Elementary/Mountain View Elementary/Nikiski Elementary/Nikolaevsk Elem-High, \$13,020; #39, Elementary Curriculum/Sears Elementary/Seward Elementary/Soldotna Elementary/Sterling Elementary/Susan B. English Elem-High/Tustumena Elementary, \$18,610; #40, Elementary Curriculum/Elementary/Voznesenka Elementary/Alternative Programs, \$1,030; #41, Soldotna High, \$274; #42, Homer Junior High, \$45; #43, Director-Instruction, \$705; #44, Elementary Curriculum/Paul Banks Elementary, \$200; #45, Soldotna High, \$1,720; #46, Elementary Curriculum/Moose Pass, \$1,100; #47, Port Graham Elem-High, \$200; #48, Special Services, \$5,000; #49, Seward High, \$500; #50, Seward High, \$110; #51, Special Services, \$400; #52, Soldotna Elementary, \$1,900; #53, Soldotna High, \$805; #54, Homer Junior High, \$254; #55, Unallocated/Bartlett Elem-High, \$973; #56, Special Services, \$560; #57, Kenai Central High, \$183; #58, Seward High, \$400; #59, Homer Intermediate, \$1,421; #60, Soldotna High, \$770; #61, Soldotna High, \$171; #62, Soldotna High, 1,000; #63, Soldotna High, \$247; #64, Seward High, \$200; #65, Seward High, \$110; #66, Kenai Central High, \$647; #67, Kenai Central, \$30; #68, Kenai Junior High, \$219; #69, Data Processing, \$2,000; #70, Soldotna High, \$400; #71, Secondary Curriculum, \$2,100; #72, Homer High, \$550; #73, Kenai Central High, \$1,800; #74, Kenai Central High, \$210; #75, Homer Junior High, \$1,000; #76, Purchasing Services, \$40; #77, Homer High, \$1,529; #78, Seward Elementary, \$275; #79, Soldotna Elementary, \$2,380; #80, Soldotna Elementary, \$635; #81, Homer High, \$1,275; #82, Kenai

**BUDGET TRANSFER**  
**REPORT: (cont.):**

Central High, \$149; #89, Kenai Central High, \$291; #90, Soldotna High, \$3,107; #91, Soldotna High, \$453; #92, Soldotna High, \$223; #93, Soldotna High, \$451; #94, Kenai Junior High, \$70; #95, Seward High, \$185; #96, Homer High, \$557; #97, Soldotna Elementary, \$1,660; #98, Nikiski Junior-Senior High, \$240; #99, Soldotna High, \$349; #100, Seward High, \$109; #101, Soldotna High, \$1,969; #102, Kenai Junior High, \$152; #103, Homer Intermediate, \$1,826; #104, Homer Intermediate, \$208; #107, Kenai Junior High, \$70; #108, Warehouse, \$200; #109, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$346; #110, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$1,200; #111, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$229; #112, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$160; #113, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$208; #114, Skyview Junior-Senior High, \$2,565; #115, Soldotna High/Food Services, \$192; #116, Soldotna High, \$410; #117, Chapman Elementary, \$490; #118, Chapman Elementary, \$567; #119, Cooper Landing Elementary, \$400; #120, Cooper Landing Elementary, \$200; #121, Nikolaevsk Elem-High, \$171; #122, Purchasing Services, \$81; #123, Warehouse, \$450; #124, Special Services/Seward High, \$250; #125, Districtwide Instruction, \$5,572; #126, Secondary Curriculum/Susan B. English Elem-High/Ninilchik Elem-High, \$400; #127, Food Service, \$200; #128, Warehouse, \$100; #129, Kenai Central High, \$1,000; #130, Kenai Central High, \$1,541; and #132, Special Services/Moose Pass, \$200.

**K.P.E.A.:**

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. President, thanked the Board for their recognition of the certified and support staff during American Education Week.

**SEWARD PARENT**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Dr. Eugene Mumford reiterated the Seward Parent Advisory Committee's support of the health curriculum and noted a Seward representative was needed on the Health Curriculum Committee. He added the parent advisory committee also supported the arts program in the district. He expressed concern related to the traffic flow pattern at the Seward Schools and noted that signs were needed there. Mr. Dahlgren responded that the borough maintenance department would provide the signs once the Seward schools administration advised them on what they needed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Items presented on the consent agenda were Approval of Teacher Assignments, Teacher Resignations, Substitute Teacher Contract, and Sick Leave Draw Requests/Certified.

**TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:**

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1989-90 school year for Ann Kendall, Special Education/QUEST, Nikiski Elementary (half-time, temporary); and Irma Peterson, Kindergarten, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary (temporary).

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve resignations for Lois Jones, English, Homer High School, effective the end of the 1989-90 school year; and Rocklyn Johnson, Art/Language Arts, Ninilchik Elem/High, effective November 7, 1989.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACT:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve a contract for 19-day substitute teacher Karen Syvrud, Music (7/10 time) Sears Elementary School.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUESTS:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve draws from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Kelly Macauley, Grade Paul Banks Elementary, 4 days; and Elaine Larson, Music (7/10 time), Sears Elementary, 3 days.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #4. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Steve Seplocha, Laidlaw bus drivers' representative told the Board that a contract agreement has been reached between the bus drivers and Laidlaw Transportation Company. He noted that wages may have been driven down with the contract agreed upon by the contractor and the Board. He recommended the Board support HB 90 which included a floor for bus drivers' wages and that the Board consider contracting changes which would reduce bus driver turnover with a floor wage, reasonable fringe packages, and recognition for years of driver's service.

Mr. Eric Weatherby requested the Board grant a temporary waiver at the meeting related to Christy Fairchild's and Kerri Anne Weatherby's request to be managers of the Soldotna High School hockey team. He further stated the KPSAA handbook should be amended since it was discriminatory, noting that males serve as managers of female teams. He felt the duties of managers would not create embarrassing situations for the students.

Mr. John Kistler stated that in view of overcrowding in area schools that Soldotna High School, Sky View School and Kenai Central High School should be converted to 7-12 schools similar to Nikiski Junior-Senior High School. He further recommended that the junior high schools be converted to elementary schools. He commented that the district's portable classrooms needed attention and/or replacement.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Massie stated he was pleased with the Shakespearean Program held last week and hoped this program would be continued in the future.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Dimmick questioned whether it would be appropriate for the Board to take action on Mr. Weatherby's request. Mr. Sandahl stated it was up to the Board, however, he suggested that information be prepared for the Board on this issue.

Mrs. Dimmick requested the administration report back to the Board at the next meeting on the KPSAA regulation, Chapter 18 regulations, etc.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved that the KPSAA regulation and Board adopted policy be temporarily waived until the Board acts on it in two weeks. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Parliamentarian Kessler reminded the Board that they needed to suspend the rules before any non-agenda item could be acted upon. A 2/3 vote would be necessary to suspend the rules.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board suspend its rules. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Kessler cautioned the Board on suspending the rules, that precedence was a serious matter, and in this incident only one side of the issue was presented.

VOTE TO SUSPEND RULES:

YES: Dimmick, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO : Fischer, Massie, Kessler  
Advisory Vote: Yes

Motion failed.

Mr. Kessler stated he felt the concern expressed by the Seldovia PAC about the gymnasium floor was a serious matter that needed attention.

Mr. Kessler questioned what the mechanics were for arranging for the Shakespearian Troupe in the district. He noted teachers and parents in the Homer area had expressed concern about the subject matter presented. Dr. Larson responded that theater directors and English teachers in the buildings arranged for the troupe. In addition to school funding, the instructional office contributed money towards the program.

Mr. Kessler noted that the middle school concept had received recognition lately, and he suggested that everyone needed to work together on this concept.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mr. Strube questioned the status of Miss Weatherby's and Miss Fairchild's request since the motion to suspend the rules failed. Mrs. Obendorf stated the students had not been granted permission to continue to serve as managers. Mr. Strube stated he felt this was a mistake for them to wait an additional two weeks for a decision on this matter.

Mr. Tauriainen congratulated the Ninilchik team on their recent win.

Mr. Wiley recommended the administration find an appointment to the Health Curriculum Committee from the Seward area.

Mr. Wiley stated he was pleased with Mr. Sandahl's report on goals. He hoped a report would be presented later to identify follow-up on the MBOs.

Mr. Wiley suggested the administration review the 7-12 grade configuration for the high schools as suggested by Mr. Kistler.

He requested a clarification on the Sterling Elementary decrease in enrollment for the 1990-91 school year. Mr. Dahlgren stated the enrollment was based on a straight line projection of students and a decrease resulted from the small kindergarten class.

Mrs. Obendorf thanked the Board members who attended the AASB Conference. She noted that other school districts stated they felt middle schools had been successful for them. She also stated she was pleased with the displays on successful school programs, two of them being from the Kenai Peninsula.

Mrs. Obendorf requested Mr. Kessler and Mrs. Dimmick represent the Board at the AASB Negotiations Conference in Anchorage, December 7 and 8.

Mrs. Obendorf directed the administration to seek an opinion from the attorney related to the KPSAA regulation on participation by students of the opposite sex.

Mrs. Obendorf commented that in relation to a public concern raised on the voting for board officers by secret ballot she had checked with the attorney and had been advised that the Board was correct in voting for officers by secret ballot.

Mrs. Obendorf announced that the Substance Abuse Committee would meet on November 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Borough Building. All Board members are members of that committee.



BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf announced that the Board would be meeting with the Kenai Peninsula Legislative Delegation on December 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Room.

Mrs. Obendorf requested Board members to advise her on which committees they currently serve on.

Mrs. Obendorf commented that no definite date was known on the Magadan trip, but when she is on this trip Mrs. Dimmick would serve in her absence.


Mrs. Obendorf announced a worksession has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27 to receive public input on health curriculum materials.

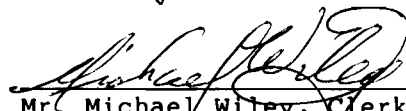
ADJOURN:

At 10:08 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of November 20, 1989,  
were approved on December 4, 1989,  
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 Borough Administration Building  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669

December 4, 1989

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
 Mr. Wayne Kessler, Member  
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
 Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
 Operations, and Technology  
 Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Weatherby	Miss Kerri Ann Weatherby
Mrs. Barbara Fairchild	Miss Christy Fairchild
Mr. Ron Sexton	Mr. Dan Sexton
Mrs. Darla Wales	Mr. John Kistler
Mr. Harold Jackson III	Mrs. Nancy Rollins
Rev. Raymond Arno	Rev. Ted Inabnit
Mr. Stan Steadman	Mr. Thomas Maughan
Mr. Kris Kimball	Mrs. Joan Kimball
Mrs. Sharon Traughber	Mrs. Mary Horwath
Mr. Ken Tarbox	Mrs. Celeste Haakenson
Mrs. Vickie Leach	Mrs. Gail Presley
Mr. Merv Egelston	Mr. Rick Matiya
Mrs. Arlene Gordon	Mrs. Trena Richardson
Ms. Betty Leonard	Mrs. Janis Mullen
Mr. Thomas Boedeker	Dr. Nels Anderson
Mr. Ben Swan	Mrs. Pat Boraas
Mrs. Susan Smalley	Mr. Sam Bushon
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hall	Sen. Paul Fischer
Mrs. Melody Douglas	
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Kessler moved the Board go into executive session as a quasi-judicial body to deliberate the evidence before them.

RECONVENE AFTER  
 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:35 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 4f, Approval of Informal Hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of November 20, 1989, were approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl announced that notice had been received that the KPBSD placed well in Future Problem Solving competition recently. He noted that Nikiski Junior-Senior High, Kenai Junior High, and Redoubt Elementary schools placed second in various categories. In addition, numerous third place positions were received by district teams.

Mr. Sandahl reported a letter had been received from Ginger Steffy, President of Kenai Peninsula College, related to an agreement whereby QUEST students in sophomore, junior and senior grades will be able to take college courses at the college.

Mr. Sandahl read a letter from Mr. Don Standifer, Soldotna resident, who requested the School Board not be swayed by biased, invalid statistics when considering the health curriculum. Mr. Standifer stated he felt the health curriculum should be taught in its entirety.

Mrs. Obendorf noted a communication had been received from Deborah Germano, Homer Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson, which unanimously supported the opt out procedures for the health curriculum.

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hulien who requested the Board develop opt in procedures for those students desiring to participate in the health curriculum. They also requested that abstinence-only curriculum such as Teen Aid and Sex Respect be taught.

Mrs. Obendorf stated a letter had been received from the Kenai Caucus inviting the Board to a reception for local legislators on December 5 at Mykel's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf noted a letter had been received from Senator Jay Kerttula stating he would be unable to meet with the Board on December 5. He requested a listing of board priorities be sent to him.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. President, told the Board that the K.P.E.A. Executive Board had voted unanimously for the implementation of the health curriculum as written and adopted with opt out procedures for those students not desiring to take portions of the class. She also stated that the Executive Board favored a perpetual calendar which would start school on the fourth Monday of August each year with a two week Christmas vacation, one week spring break and school being dismissed before June. She stated such a calendar was educationally sound for teachers and students due to Alaskan daylight hours, eliminated a need for a calendar committee, would set dates for parents and teachers to plan around, solved high school fall sports scheduling problems, allowed teachers to attend summer learning academies, and created savings to families traveling prior to June.

K.P.A.A.:

Mrs. Jan Hall, K.P.A.A. President, requested the Board adopt school calendars which would begin the fourth Monday in August. She stated the organization's reasons for this were the same as those presented by Mrs. Richardson for K.P.E.A. In addition, she stated that fall sports activities helped to build school spirit, there would not be a break between soccer and basketball sports at the elementary level where often the same teachers coach all sports activities, and there was concern that high school students would leave school the last of May to secure summer employment.

SOLDOTNA PTA:

Mrs. Janis Mullen, Soldotna PTA Vice president, urged the Board to adopt the opt out procedures for the health curriculum. She felt enough time had been spent on the topic and it was time for the curriculum to be implemented. She stated their organization had considered the overcrowding issue at their school and suggested that portable classrooms not be considered, that the extended day kindergarten not be eliminated, and there be a move to a 6-7-8 grade middle school concept with proper planning for this grade configuration. It was their understanding the Skyview School would open as a 7-12 school.

NIKOLAEVSK PAC:

Mrs. Darla Wales, Nikolaevsk Elem/High School Parent Advisory Committee representative, requested that their school receive earlier notification on important worksessions in order that notices could be sent home to parents.

SOLDOTNA SCHOOLS PAC:

Mrs. Vickie Leach, Soldotna School Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson, told the Board their group wholeheartedly supported the extended day kindergarten program and the opt out procedures for the health curriculum. She presented

SOLDOTNA SCHOOLS PAC  
(continued):

letters from the PAC and community members related to the opening of Skyview School. She stated the PAC would like a worksession related to opening of the school and currently were not ready to present a recommendation on the issue.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Furniture and Equipment List, Extended Field Trip Requests, Resignations, Teacher Exchange Application, Sick Leave Draw Request/Certified, and Sick Leave Draw/Support Staff.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$9,746.34.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUESTS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for 7 Homer High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., April 21-28, 1990, for an American Government Study; and for 20 Soldotna High School students to travel to Los Angeles, California, March 19-26, 1990, to receive special choreography instruction.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1989-90 school year from Marky Maughan, Language Arts, Soldotna Junior High; Lee Poleske, Social Studies/Spanish, Seward Junior-Senior High; Theresa Jelacic, Grade 4, Soldotna Elementary; William Mattson, Business Education, Kenai Junior High; Peter Larson, Executive Director - Instruction, Central Office; Margaret Lilla, Grade 3, Redoubt Elementary; Janet Brown, Grade 5, Mountain View Elementary; Nora Satathite, English, Nikiski Junior-Senior High; Thomas Murphy, Drama/English, Kenai Central High; Marjorie O'Reilly, Grade 5, Mountain View Elementary; Sherry McGuinness, Business Education, Soldotna High; Frank Miller, Mathematics, Ninilchik Elem/High; Shirley Forquer, Grade 2, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; Mary Thompson, Mathematics, Homer High; Nina Knight, Grade 2, Sears Elementary; Sharon Waisanen, Grade 5, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Richard Waisanen, Counselor, Soldotna High; and Warren Crawford, Counselor/Teacher, Soldotna Junior High.

TEACHER EXCHANGE  
APPLICATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an Australian Teacher Exchange application for DeWayne Craig, Mathematics, Kenai Junior High. The application would be forwarded to the Department of Education.

SICK LEAVE REQUEST/  
CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 24 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Karen Wessel, Language Arts, Homer Junior High.

SICK LEAVE REQUEST/  
SUPPORT STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 164 hours from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Jeanne Mansfield, Custodian, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary.

CONSENT AGENDA  
(continued):

Mr. Kessler requested that Consent Agenda Item 4a (2), Approval of Extended Field Trip Requests, be considered separately.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #3, #4, #5, and #6. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item #2, Approval of Extended Field Trip Requests. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Kessler expressed concern that board approval should be made prior to fund raising activities beginning for extended field trips. Dr. Larson stated the three month timeline for Board approval did create problems since often students needed additional time for fund raising. Mr. Kessler stated he hoped the sponsors had alternate plans for use of the funds if the requests were not approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY 006.33 AND  
006.33R/HEALTH  
CURRICULUM OPT OUT  
PROVISIONS:

Dr. Larson reported that Policy 006.33 and 006.33R, Health Curriculum Opt Out Provisions, were presented for the second reading and approval. The policy and regulation would provide opt out provisions for those students not desiring to take portions or all of the required health curriculum. Students would accomplish an alternative activity while not being involved with the topic his/her peers were studying.

Mr. Merv Egelston stated he felt the Board was taking on too much by trying to adopt the health curriculum which was too broad and taking responsibility away from parents.

Mrs. Gail Presley, Ninilchik parent, told the Board she felt that teaching the health curriculum was delving into private family lives. She stated teaching children human sexuality was the parents' responsibility, not that of the school board.

Mrs. Eileen Becker, Homer parent, expressed concern related to an opt out program since the district did not have an abstinence-only health curriculum. She stated she felt the current health curriculum would not work. She stated an earlier meeting in Homer indicated Homer parents wanted an abstinence based program in their schools. She felt her standards were undermined by the current program.

Mrs. Celeste Haakenson, Sterling parent, stated there should be opt in procedures rather than opt out procedures. She felt an abstinence program should be taught.

OPT OUT PROVISIONS  
(continued):

Mrs. Vickie Leach, Soldotna parent, told the Board that the opt out procedures for the health curriculum would give parents a choice if they desired their children not to take the health curriculum. She felt this was the same as for all other classes, and urged the Board to approve the opt out procedures.

Reverend Raymond Arno, Homer minister, objected to the teaching of the health curriculum without the Board establishing a purpose for the curriculum. He recommended the Board adopt opt in provisions to the curriculum, and if this is not possible, that an acceptable curriculum be available to those persons who elected to opt out of the curriculum.

Mrs. Tracy Dukowitz, parent, stated she objected to opt out procedures which should be opt in procedures with an abstinence-only program for the human sexuality portion of the health curriculum.

Mrs. Sharon Traugher, Nikiski parent, told the Board that the opt out procedures took a negative approach rather than a positive approach to the policy. She felt the opt out procedures would place added pressure on already pressured high school students. She also felt there was pressure on the parents who would need to review the curriculum materials. She requested an abstinence-only program be taught.

An unidentified parent stated she did not support the opt out provisions because it would be stressful and embarrassing to students. She felt an opt in program would relieve teen age pressure. She also suggested the district teach an abstinence-only program for human sexuality.

Mrs. Mary Horwath urged the Board to approve an opt in program rather than the proposed opt out program. She stated that she had been told that the correspondence course would take one and a half hours per day for the class and questioned whether this was acceptable to parents and the state.

Mr. Ken Tarbox, Soldotna parent, stated the opt out procedures met the criteria as set forth in the district's graduation requirements. He further stated the opt out procedures met the intent and purpose with clear guidelines to parents and students, and was not disruptive to the system. He concluded that the Board would be consistent with its policies to approve the opt out provisions which would allow parents to make timely decisions if they felt their students should be removed from controversial issues in the health curriculum.

Mr. Kris Kimball, Nikiski parent, told the Board that he felt the teaching of human sexuality was a sacred area which should be left to parents. He stated he would not consider the KPBSD as a district for his child to attend if opt in procedures to the health curriculum were not available.

OPT OUT PROVISIONS  
(continued):

Mr. Thomas Maughan, Bartlett Elem/High School Principal, stated he respected parents' rights to teach sexual matters to their children, but felt this information should be available to students upon which to make decisions.

Mr. Ron Sexton, parent, told the Board he did not feel there had been response from the Board related to public objections to the health curriculum. He questioned whether the Board was ready to take personal liability if a person received harmful effects from training, such as AIDS or other temporary illness and disorders. He stated he opposed the opt out form which he felt was a parent pacifier in order to establish a new curriculum.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, stated he supported the opt out procedures which would give parents options to remove their children from programs they felt were objectionable. He stated he also felt it was poor behavior for the audience to applaud the speakers who objected to the opt out procedures.

Mr. Harold Jackson III, Soldotna parent, stated he favored opt in rather than opt out procedures. He stated he felt the current curriculum was a liberal humanistic approach to human sexuality which conflicted with his religious beliefs.

Mrs. Nancy Rollins told the Board she favored the opt out procedures as presented by the administration. She noted that no matter how the curriculum was written some parents would not be pleased with it. Therefore, the opt out procedures addressed the concerns of parents.

Rev. Ted Inabnit, Soldotna parent, stated there have been excellent choices for students to opt into classes. He stated he was appalled that students would have to opt out of the health curriculum and take an alternate course to satisfy the graduation requirements. He recommended the Board consider an opt in procedure for this class.

Mr. Stan Steadman, Bishop for the Soldotna Congregation of the Latter Day Saints, stated their group opposed the opt out provisions and requested that opt in provisions be provided instead. He also recommended that the Teen Aid curriculum be adopted.

Mrs. Susan Smalley, Kenai parent, stated that opt out provisions should not present any problems to parents, as such has been in existence for some time. She stated that the opt out procedures have proven they work.

Mrs. Joan Kimball, Nikiski parent, expressed opposition to the opt out procedures. She felt the procedures would add pressure to teen age students. She stated that as a member of



OPT OUT PROVISIONS  
(continued):

the health curriculum committee parent involvement was stressed on the committee, and noted that although parents had spoken at the public hearings many parents had also spoken to the Board recently. She requested the Board review the section on human sexuality in the health curriculum.

Mr. Dan Sexton stated he felt the Board and various speakers for an abstinence program were at an impasse. He stated that he did not completely support the opt out procedures and encouraged that the Teen Aid program be introduced. He stated that representatives from the Teen Aid Program would be happy to meet with the Board related to their program. He felt that family values should be considered when teaching the health curriculum.

RECESS:

At 9:00 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 9:10 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that a letter had been received from Mr. Carrol Martin who stated he was in opposition to the health curriculum.

Mrs. Arlene Gordon from Homer requested the Board make the health curriculum an opt in course. She expressed concern that the manner in which abortion would be addressed was not clear to parents.

Mrs. Judy Ragland, parent, suggested the health curriculum be an opt in option rather than an opt out one.

Mr. Rick Matiya, Supervisor of the Alternate Study Program, clarified that all high school correspondence courses, not only the health curriculum, based on regular classroom time need one and a half hours study time daily. Mrs. Fischer questioned whether a student could be allowed one regular period in the school day to take the correspondence course in health curriculum if they desired to opt out. Dr. Larson stated the student would need to schedule the class for a graduation requirement and if possible schedule the class within the school day.

Mrs. Obendorf noted the administrative recommendation included both policy and regulation. She requested the Board vote on these separately.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve policy 006.33, Health Curriculum Opt Out Provisions. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion to insert the words "district prepared" and "school prepared" to the first paragraph. Mr. Kessler seconded.

OPT OUT PROVISIONS  
(continued):

Mrs. Dimmick stated rewording to the sentence would read, "Prior to instruction each semester (secondary) or year (elementary) each school is responsible for disseminating a district prepared health curriculum topic outline and school prepared tentative topic timeline to parents." She felt that in this way it would be clear to parents the district's and school's timelines on topics. Dr. Larson stated the motion typified what the school-district currently does.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether there could be abstinence-only and contraceptive health curriculum classes which the students could opt into. Dr. Larson responded that this would be difficult to present in small schools where only one class is taught, the health curriculum would need to be rewritten, and would present problems in in-servicing and training teachers.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved to amend the motion, first paragraph of policy 006.33, "All of these instructional outlines must have annual Board of Education approval." Mrs. Fischer seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen  
NO - Massie, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Amendment carried.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved to amend the motion to add the words "or the entire", to the second paragraph of policy 006.33. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Kessler stated the amended sentence would read, "Parents are responsible for following the opt out procedure contained in the regulation to exclude his/her child from portions of or the entire health curriculum."

In response to a question from Mr. Wiley, Dr. Larson stated that at the secondary level students would opt out of the health curriculum course, but at the elementary level the students would opt out of the entire curriculum, K-12. Mr. Kessler explained that was the intent of the amendment. Dr. Larson also explained this would create a great deal of difficulty for teachers and administrators at the elementary level.

OPT OUT PROVISIONS  
(continued):

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Tauriainen  
NO - Dimmick, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - No

ACTION

Amendment carried.

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion to add the word "annually" to the second paragraph to read, "Parents are responsible for annually following the opt out procedure..." Mr. Kessler seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved to amend the motion to include a third paragraph to policy 006.33 to read, "To allay concerns of major areas of objection, the Board of Education identifies the intent of the following questionable areas of study: 1) homosexuality shall not be taught as a viable alternative life style, 2) abstinence only will be taught as the only approved method of contraception for youth, 3) abortion shall not be taught as a method of birth control, and 4) masturbation shall not be endorsed or encouraged. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Wiley questioned what affect this amendment would have on the curriculum. Dr. Larson stated the curriculum writing committee was going in this direction and would then be working on the timeline once the policy and regulations were approved dealing with the specific controversial issues. Mr. Kessler stated it was his intent that these areas be identified for the document areas. Mrs. Obendorf stated she had no problems with the concept of the motion, however, the Board would doing the committee's work and, instead, this recommendation should come from the health committee. Mrs. Fischer felt this was a responsibility of the Board as directed by the electorate. Dr. Larson stated it was difficult to perceive the effect on the curriculum by the direction especially in the areas of contraceptives when needing to inform students on the dangers of other methods of contraceptives. Mr. Wiley commented that he felt facts needed to be taught, and felt the amendment was confining. Mrs. Dimmick stated she felt adoption of the amendment would not preclude discussion on other contraceptive methods, but that abstinence was the only safe method. Mr. Tauriainen suggested the word "acceptable" could be substituted for the word "approved". Mr. Kessler responded that he felt "approved" was a more accurate word for this motion. Mr. Massie stated he felt the Board could not pick out sections of the curriculum as objectionable when other people in the public might have other areas which they felt were objectionable. Mr. Kessler stated these areas were selected because these four areas were identified by parents.

Mr. Wiley requested separate votes on the amendments.

OPT OUT PROVISIONS  
(continued):

VOTE ON TO ALLAY CONCERNS OF MAJOR AREAS OF OBJECTION, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IDENTIFIES THE INTENT OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONABLE AREAS OF STUDY: 1) HOMOSEXUALITY SHALL NOT BE TAUGHT AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE LIFE STYLE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley  
NO - Massie, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON 2) ABSTINENCE ONLY WILL BE TAUGHT AS THE ONLY APPROVED METHOD OF CONTRACEPTION FOR YOUTH:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen,  
NO - Massie, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - No

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON 3) ABORTION SHALL NOT BE TAUGHT AS A METHOD OF BIRTH CONTROL:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley  
NO - Massie, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - No

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON 4) MASTURBATION SHALL NOT BE ENDORSED OR ENCOURAGED:

YES - Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley  
NO - Dimmick, Massie, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Massie  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amended motion carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve 006.33R, Health Curriculum Opt Out Provisions. Mr. Wiley seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to add the words "or the entire", to the first line of the second paragraph to make the regulation consistent with the policy. Mr. Kessler seconded.

OPT OUT PROVISIONS  
(continued):

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Tauriainen, Obendorf  
NO - Wiley  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Amendment carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to delete the second sentence of the second paragraph. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated she did not feel it was necessary to have the second sentence in the regulation which was already self explanatory. Mrs. Dimmick stated rewording of the sentence would express the purpose of the procedure.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the amendment to include the words "or all" to the second sentence of the second paragraph. Mr. Kessler seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf  
NO - Tauriainen, Wiley  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Amendment to the amendment carried.

RECESS:

At 10:30 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 10:39 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Massie  
NO - Dimmick, Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - No

Amendment failed.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT MANAGER  
LIMITATION  
RECOMMENDATIONS/  
KPSAA HANDBOOKS:

Mr. Sandahl reported that an appeal had been presented to the Board at their November 20 meeting to waive KPSAA regulations and allow female managers for the Soldotna High School hockey team. He noted opinions from the Department of Education and attorney were presented as guidelines for the Board. He further stated the Alaska School Activities Association was not in a position to offer an official interpretation. He noted that since hockey is a co-ed activity it was his recommendation that: 1) Section VI, G of the KPSAA activities

L STUDENT MANAGER  
LIMITATION  
RECOMMENDATIONS/  
KPSAA HANDBOOKS  
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handbook, Manager Limitations, remain as it is written in the handbook, 2) since hockey is determined a co-ed sport that female students be allowed to participate in the requested positions, and 3) that the Soldotna High female students are eligible to be managers provided they meet the qualifications and are selected for this position.

Mr. Eric Weatherby, speaking on behalf of his daughter Kerri Ann and Christy Fairchild, requested the Board approve the recommendations of the administration in allowing the two female students to be managers of the hockey team. He questioned the Board on their rationale for not allowing volleyball and wrestling to be co-ed sports which he felt were discriminatory where students of the opposite sex could not serve as managers of these teams.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Mr. Sandahl's recommendation and direct the administration to follow the normal timeline to review recommendations to change managers' duties in the KPSAA handbooks. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she was concerned that the Board needed to consider the recommendations in the letter from the Department of Education related to review of managers' duties. Mr. Sandahl stated the managers' duties and other concerns would be reviewed on the regular timeline for presentation of the KPSAA handbooks to the Board in May. This is to be accomplished in accordance with the annual agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

L EXPANDING EXTENDED  
DAY KINDERGARTEN  
PROGRAM:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board consider expanding the extended day kindergarten programs within the existing kindergarten school sites and to other schools where facility space is available. He noted the Board had received information from Ms. Leonard at the November 20 meeting related to the extended day kindergartens. This item would be considered during budget preparation for the 1990-91 school year.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, suggested the Board postpone this item until available class space is known at the schools.

Dr. Nels Anderson told the Board they should first know the funding and space available before approving this item.

Mrs. Janis Mullen stated she supported expanding the extended day program. She noted the decision would be left to the building administrators and would be based on whether they had space available for the program.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve expanding the extended day kindergarten as outlined by Mr. Sandahl. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mrs. Fischer questioned which schools would be considered for the extended day kindergarten. Ms. Leonard responded that those schools would be Nikiski Elementary, Redoubt Elementary, Sterling Elementary and Bartlett School.

Motion carried unanimously.

KPBSD SCHOOL  
CALENDAR:

Mr. Dahlgren reported the Calendar Committee recommended the Board approve the 1990-91 and tentatively approve the 1991-92 and 1992-93 calendars. For the 1990-91 school year, the first day of school for students would be September 4, 1990 with the last day of school for students on June 5, 1991. The 1990-91 calendar included Christmas vacation from December 22 through January 6 with spring break from March 23 through 31. Subsequent calendars for 1991-92 and 1992-93 consisted of students beginning school after Labor Day.

Mrs. Janis Mullen expressed dissatisfaction that the late school start meant that students would be dismissed in June. She stated the wording on the calendar survey was confusing and open ended. She commented that she favored a late start in August with students out of school by the end of May.

Mr. Duane Anderson stated he felt the spring break was a waste of time where children gained little from this time away from school. He favored students returning to school after Labor Day and ending school at the end of May.

Mr. Strube stated students needed a break and a week in spring was good for them. He also commented that this was the only time seniors could take their class trips.

Mrs. Mary Horwath stated she felt spring break was important and children enjoyed that time with their family. She suggested that school begin close to the beginning of September and end close to the beginning of June.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the calendars for 1990-91, 1991-92, and 1992-93 as outlined. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen stated the Scheduling Committee was currently working on various options which could be affected by the school calendar. Mr. Massie commented that he did not believe the survey was very good and that adjustments should be made to the beginning dates of the school year. He noted that

KPBSD SCHOOL  
CALENDARS  
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comments from the administrators and teaching staff should be considered. Mrs. Fischer commented that the later starting date would give 4-H club members an opportunity to participate in the local and state fairs, as well as allowing time for other families to return later from vacation.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Kessler, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Massie, Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Motion carried.

INFORMAL  
HEARING:

Mrs. Obendorf noted that Board had conducted an informal hearing with a teacher earlier in the meeting.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board deny the petition presented to it to overturn the involuntary transfer of the petitioner since the petitioner had not shown a basis for overturning that action. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Tauriainen, Obendorf  
ABSTAIN - Wiley  
Advisory Vote - Abstain

Motion carried.

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Nels Anderson stated that some students would be adversely effected in taking the health curriculum due to the number of periods in the school day. He suggested that the Board consider a seven period day for the district's high schools to allow for additional electives.

Mr. Duane Anderson stated he favored a middle school concept to help alleviate overcrowding in the Soldotna area. He felt the middle school concept could encompass a 6-7-8 combination, affecting the sixth grade on a one year basis. He encouraged the administration to make an expeditious decision on this matter.

Mr. Ron Sexton told the Board that in approving the opt out procedures they were putting a burden on parents to review all the health curriculum materials. He also advised the Board that they needed to inform all parents of their rights on this issue.



PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS  
(continued):

Mr. Dan Sexton requested the Board follow up on the Teen Aid curriculum. He noted that the director of the Teen Aid company would meet with the Board if they desired such to review the curriculum. He also noted the Teen Aid Curriculum had been approved by the National School Board Association, U.S. Health and Human Services, and other organizations.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Kessler suggested that Board members consider sharing responsibility in attending the various budget hearings in the district.

He questioned what was happening with the concept of a boroughwide activities association. Mr. Sandahl stated administrators had met last week to discuss the issue. He noted contact had been made to ASAA related to this.

Mr. Kessler also commented that he felt the superintendent search timeline should be moved one month ahead of the current schedule.

Mrs. Fischer commented that the list of resignations included very good teachers, but she looked forward to new teachers with fresh ideas in the district.

Mr. Strube commented that he had listened carefully to good parents who spoke to the opt out procedures. He noted that everyone was concerned on what was best for their children and it was impossible for the board to satisfy everyone. He stated he represented the students on the board and his vote represented their views. He commented that fall sports activities start in August which was essential that practice begin before the regular school calendar.

Mr. Tauriainen requested information on activities that are co-ed and those that are not. Mr. Sandahl responded that information would be provided on this issue.

Mr. Wiley asked to be excused from the December 18 meeting due to work commitments.

Mrs. Obendorf announced the Scheduling Committee would meet on December 12 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Tauriainen will serve as the Board's representative on that committee.

Mrs. Obendorf reported the Board would meet with peninsula legislators at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 1989, in the Borough Assembly Room.

Mrs. Obendorf announced the Budget Review Committee would meet January 10-12, 1990 in the superintendent's office. Mr. Tauriainen and Mr. Massie were appointed as the board's representatives on the committee.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf stated Mr. Wiley and Mrs. Fischer would be the board's liaisons on legislative issues.

She reported that she had contacted New York City's curriculum director related to their health curriculum. She noted their school district in-serviced parents as part of implementing the curriculum in their city. She suggested the KPBSD consider this concept.

Mr. Sandahl noted the Board would receive a report on the opening of Skyview School at the December 18 meeting. He suggested the Board hold a worksession on this issue prior to that meeting. With concurrence of the Board, Mrs. Obendorf announced the Board would conduct a worksession on Monday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. related to the opening of Skyview School.

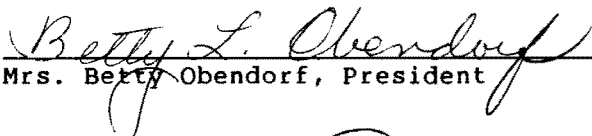
She stated the Substance Abuse Committee would meet on December 14 at 9:00 a.m. All school board members are members of this committee.

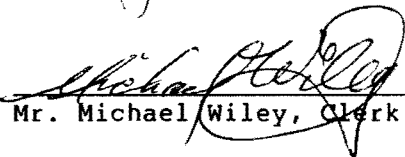
ADJOURN:

At 12:05 a.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of December 4, 1989,  
were approved on December 18, 1989,  
with corrections.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

December 18, 1989

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mr. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mark Norgren	Mr. John Kistler
Mr. Ken Tarbox	Mrs. Janis Mullen
Mr. James White	Mrs. Susan Smalley
Mr. Don McCloud	Mrs. Carole Bear
Mr. Ken Brown	Mr. Alan Phillips
Mrs. Mary Armstrong	Mrs. Marlene Benson
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Nauta	Mr. Roger Liebner
Mr. Ed Pearson	Mr. Tom Boedeker
Mrs. Meldoy Douglas	Ms. Judy Blume
Mrs. Vickie Leach	Mrs. Jacquie Imle
Mr. Ben Swan	Mr. Mick Wykis
Mr. Frank Garrity	Mrs. Linda Swarner
Mr. Mike Bundy	Mrs. Mary Rubadeau
Mr. Robert Dover	Mrs. Zada Friedersdorff
Mrs. Trena Richardson	Ms. Betty Leonard
Mr. Chris Prince	Mrs. Nancy Rollins
Mr. Stan Steadman	Mr. Sam Bushon

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Absent - Excused
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Absent - Excused
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 9a (6), Approval of Vocational Education Grant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of December 4, 1989, were approved with corrections.

HEARING OF  
DELEGATIONS:

Mr. Ken Brown, Director of the Borough Public Works Department, and Mr. Alan Phillips, Fire Chief for the Ridgeway-Sterling Fire Service Area, requested the Board transfer Lot 1 of Lot 4 adjacent to Sterling Elementary School to the fire service area for needed expansion as a training facility. This area encompassed 1.3 acres and would be fenced-in and have a green belt to obscure the proposed storage area. The Board requested the administration report back to the Board at their January 15, 1990 meeting on this. This would also be scheduled as an action item. Additionally, the Board requested the fire service area present their plan to the Borough Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported a letter had been received from Deborah Germano, Homer Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson, inviting the administration to visit Homer in January to discuss facility needs for that area. Mr. Sandahl stated the administration would accomplish this in January or February.

Mr. Sandahl noted a letter had been received from Karen Ryals, Vocational Education administrator for the Department of Education, awarding the district \$46,500 pending satisfactory negotiation to implement an alternative school program in the Homer area. He credited Mike Bundy, Homer High School Assistant Principal, in writing the grant.

Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Ridgeway-Sterling Fire Service Area related to a land request. She noted this request was made earlier in the meeting.

She stated a communication had been received from the Susan B. English Elem/High School Parent Advisory Committee related to their ongoing concern to the school's gymnasium floor. The PAC invited the Board to visit their school to view the conditions.

Mrs. Obendorf reported a letter had been received from the Kenai Peninsula Education Association requesting the Board to open bargaining for negotiations. The first meeting was set for Monday, January 8, 1990 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Obendorf stated a letter had been received from the Ninilchik senior class sponsor related to their senior class trip. She noted this would be referred to Dr. Larson for processing in the proper channels.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf commented that a letter had been received from Tami Resier, Nikolaevsk Parent Advisory Chairperson, who indicated the PAC endorsed the opt out provisions to the health curriculum which identifies the intent in areas of questionable study. They thanked the Board for listening and responding to concerns expressed by parents.

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from Kim Strand, Sterling PTA Chairperson, listing their recommendations for the opening of Skyview school. Those recommendations were: 1) Skyview be opened as a traditional 9-12 high school, 2) that Sterling area students be bused to Skyview with the option to attend SoHi if they provide their own transportation, and 3) all other schools be left as they are pending the building of a new facility in the near future.

Mrs. Obendorf noted a communication had been received from Governor Steve Cowper related to the Board's support of HJR 13 for the Educational Endowment.

Mrs. Obendorf noted a letter had been received from Dr. Lloyd Nielsen, Superintendent Search Consult, updating the Board on Phase II of the KPBSD superintendent search. Dr. Nielsen expressed concern related to the salary which might be too low to attract highly qualified applicants. Mrs. Obendorf noted that Dr. Nielsen would advise the Board in January if this continued to be critical to the choice of candidates for the position.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented Plaques of Appreciation to Mrs. Carole Bear in recognition of her many years of volunteer services at Redoubt Elementary School, and to Mr. Don McCloud for his six years of dedicated work as the Borough Maintenance Department's Director in developing one of the finest maintenance programs in the state.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Mr. Sandahl reported the annual Academic Decathlon was held last week with Kenai Central High being the 1989-90 district champions. The teams will compete in state competition later this year.

He noted the latest issue of the Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals newsletter featured Lewis McLin as Alaska's National Distinguished Principal. He commented that the district was proud of Mr. McLin's accomplishments.

Mr. Sandahl reported that he and Mr. Dahlgren had been in close contact with the borough's emergency center related to Mt. Redoubt eruptions. He noted that close monitoring of the ash situation was taking place and physical activities for students have been minimized. Mrs. Dimmick requested that disaster plans be reviewed for the schools which have been designated as emergency shelters.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ended November 30, 1989.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE  
TO AUDIT REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented a report on six areas addressed in the auditors report of the school district. He noted the district has made corrective efforts on several of the items, however, he was in disagreement with suggestions to limit dollar amounts on manual checks since the district is required to make various deposits within time limitations. An example of this was payroll taxes. He further stated he did not feel the suggestion to implement an accounts payable subsystem would be cost effective.

DATA PROCESSING  
REPORT:

Mr. James White, Director of Data Processing, presented a historic overview of the district's data processing system. He also reported on the present status of the data processing program and the district's relationship with the borough as it relates to sharing of computer mainframe equipment and personnel services. He advised the Board that the computer agreement with the borough expires at the end of December, although the borough will allow the school district continued use until a new agreement is completed. He noted the Board needed to consider numerous budgetary items in this area. He also reviewed the long range data processing report with the Board. The Board requested a January worksession on the district's computer program.

DISTRICT IN-SERVICE  
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mrs. Mary Armstrong reported on the district's in-service sessions conducted October 12-13 for district personnel. She also apprised the Board of plans for future in-service sessions next year. The key note speaker for 1990 will be Dr. William Perky, writer, researcher, and lecturer from the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Dimmick questioned whether the key note speakers were video taped. Mrs. Armstrong stated the district had not done this in the past, but could pursue the notion. She also commented that some speakers are opposed to having their presentations taped.

FIRST READING/POLICY  
008.21 & 008.21R/  
PARENT ADVISORY  
GROUPS:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading to policy 008.21 and 008.21R, Parent Advisory Committees. He noted the title of the policy would be changed to "Parent Advisory Committees and Parent Teacher Association." The policy and regulation revision included involvement by parent teacher associations. Additionally, the policy authorized the establishment of parent advisory groups for all district federal programs. He further indicated that wherever the word "PAC" is currently used in the policy manual, that would be changed and referred to as parent advisory groups.

FIRST READING/POLICY  
008.21 & 008.21R/  
PARENT ADVISORY  
GROUPS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf stated she was interested in seeing that each school have a parent group established. She questioned whether the words "or communities" would be misinterpreted as an areawide parent group. The Board requested that parent advisory committees and parent teacher associations receive copies of the proposed policy and regulation for their input.

FIRST READING/POLICY  
007.2, DUE PROCESS:

Dr. Larson reported administrators had requested a policy change to policy 007.2, Due Process, which clarified that hearings for school suspensions of more than five school days will be conducted if appealed in writing to the executive director - instruction within ten school days. He noted the change was also made based on school law.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. President, told the Board their organization was appreciative of the working relationship with them. She expressed concern with the approved 1990 calendar and recommended that the Board reconsider a calendar which would begin school on the last Monday of August. She stated that late starting/ending effected academic learning, fall sports activities, upgrading of credits by teachers, extended contracts for librarians, counselors, etc. who would work well into the summer, and involve more expensive family summer travel. She also noted that Alaska's best weather for family activities occurs in May and June. She commented a survey of teachers indicated 77% favored starting school on the last Monday in August, having a two week Christmas vacation and a one week spring break, and being out of school before the first of June. She reminded the Board that most teacher are also parents.

K.P.A.A.:

Mr. Frank Garrity, Spokesperson for K.P.A.A, asked the Board to reconsider the school calendar for the 1990-91 school year. He stated the secondary administrators were especially concerned with the late start and the effects on the fall school sports programs of football, cross country running and swimming. He noted that the state ASAA calendar could not be changed and the schools would have to follow the established schedule. With the late start, administrators would not be on duty before the required training and several games will have taken place before school begins. He proposed the Board consider extending the principal contracts, pay the athletic director or a combination of the two suggestions if the calendar was not revised.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether the starting and stopping times for the sports activities could be changed. Mr. Garrity responded that those dates are mandated by the state with tournament dates set.

SOLDOTNA PTA:

Mrs. Janis Mullen, Vice President of the Soldotna PTA, told the Board a joint PTA meeting was held on November 21, 1989 related to Policy 008.21, Parent Advisory Committees. She noted their primary concern was that every school should have its own parent group. The group also expressed concern that both PAC and PTA groups be listed in the district directory, but realized this might not be possible due to the time the directory is published. She felt that by leaving the words "or communities" in the policy, the Board was not strongly endorsing formation of parent groups for each school. She presented PTA information to the Board from Mrs. Barbara Eastham, State PTA Vice President.

SOLDOTNA PAC:

Mr. Ken Tarbox, Soldotna Parent Advisory Committee Vice President, stated the committee was appreciative of the administration in setting up public meetings related to the opening of Skyview School. The committee recommended the Skyview School be opened as a traditional high school with grades 9-12 provided boundary changes ensure that at least 400 students attend the school, that a work group be appointed to examine the potential for a middle school in the Soldotna area, have the administration develop a plan to share the resources between the high schools, i.e., foreign language, QUEST, vocational education, special services, music and art; and the Board spend significant time and effort to follow through on the funding of the school proposed by the administration.

RECESS:

At 9:17 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 9:30 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Furniture and Equipment List, Resignations, Substitute Teacher Contract, Sick Leave Bank Draw/Certified, Leave of Absence Request, and Vocational Education Grant.

FURNITURE AND  
EQUIPMENT LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$77,782.32.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1989-90 school year for Carolyn Bagley, Physical Education, Soldotna Junior High; A.J. Kuhl, Physical Education, Nikiski Elementary; Daniel Greer, Media Center, Seward Elementary; and Patricia See, Kindergarten, Sears Elementary.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a contract for 19-day substitute teachers Mary Griffin, Grade 3, Paul Banks Elementary; and Corene Hall, Grade 4, Mountain View Elementary.



SICK LEAVE BANK DRAW/  
CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of two days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Janene Driscoll, Special Education/Speech, Soldotna Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for James Hunter, Vocational Education, Soldotna High.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
GRANT:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve a Carl Perkins Vocational Education Grant for Homer High School in the amount of \$56,319. The grant would provide a Flex School/Alternative High School program in Homer.

Mr. Mike Bundy, Homer High School Assistant Principal, told the Board that word had been received from the Department of Education that \$46,500 would be approved pending negotiations on the grant. He noted there was need for an alternative high school in the Homer area and it was the intent that the program would be housed away from the school campus. The reduction in the original proposal dealt with lease of a facility and associated utilities. The Department of Education felt the school district should provide funding for this part of the program. He stated that he was currently checking on various off-campus sites in Homer which could house the program and was attempting to find other sources of funding for the lease and utilities. The program would run January 2 through June 15, 1990.

Mrs. Radtke asked that Item 9a (5), Approval of Leave of Absence Request, be deleted from the Consent Agenda.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #2, #3, #4 and #6. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mr. Massie requested that item #6, Approval of Vocational Education Grant, be removed for separate consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Vocational Education Grant. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mr. Kessler stated he would abstain from voting since one of the sites being considered for the alternative school was his suite of offices. He felt this was a conflict.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Tauriainen, Obendorf  
ABSTAIN - Kessler  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Motion carried.

REVISED 1990-91  
CALENDAR:

Mr. Sandahl noted suggested calendar revisions were presented for consideration. The calendar represented an early start for students on the last Monday of August. Mr. Sandahl noted fiscal implications for the currently approved calendar involving five high school sports programs could amount to \$41,800 in extended work calendars for principals, athletic directors, custodians and secretaries.

Mrs. Vickie Leach told the Board that she served on the Calendar Committee as the parent's representative. She stated that the majority of parents surveyed requested a late start for students. She requested the Board consider the parent's opinion on this.

Mrs. Zada Freidersdorff, teacher, stated that students are tired by the end of the year and productive learning does not take place effectively during the longer days of June when children are ready for vacation. However, by the end of August students are ready to return to school. She requested the Board consider the younger students and approve a revised school calendar to begin school at the end of August. She also requested that Christmas vacations not be shortened beyond two weeks. She noted that approximately 25% of her class is away now, three days before Christmas vacation.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, stated he resented the slurs of the education association that the calendar was slanted. He felt the survey fairly represented the parents when considering their children and their education. He stated he felt sports activities should be part of education but not rule the calendar.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the revised calendar to begin school on the fourth Monday in August. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mr. Kessler stated the Board needed to deal with fiscal considerations of the calendar which begins school after Labor Day. Thus the reason to reconsider the 1990-91 calendar.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she felt the athletic directors, not school administrators, would need extended contracts for sports practice. She stated she did not feel this was an unfair amount and the programs could be monitored closely on a one-year trial basis. She added that this would give the Board an opportunity to see if such a calendar was workable and pleased the people. Mr. Tauriainen stated he felt the parents wishes should be considered, and that the sports problems could be worked out, possibly at the state level. He

REVISED 1990-91  
CALENDAR (cont.):

also suggested that there be a skeletal staff to reduce the \$41,800 in expenditures. Mr. Sandahl responded that he did not feel it was fair to request employees to give up one month of vacation time and only receive part-time compensation for their work. Mrs. Obendorf questioned whether the school district had control over the starting times for fall sports. Mr. Sandahl responded that local school districts had little or no control over the activities calendar set by ASAA. Mr. Kessler called attention to parents' and teachers' concerns related to learning and family time at the end of the school year in May. He also noted the district has always wanted the best teaching staff and they needed time for summer courses to be current in their educational fields. Mr. Massie stated he had considered parental concerns, but based on presentations by the teachers and administration considering what was best for students he would vote for the revised calendar. Mrs. Obendorf stated she was concerned that the amount of money needed for extended contracts could fund a regular teacher instead.

VOTE:

YES - Massie, Kessler, Obendorf  
NO - Dimmick, Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Motion failed.

FACILITIES USE  
RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported that meetings had been conducted with parents in the Kenai and Soldotna areas related to overcrowded conditions at their schools. In addition, the Board conducted a worksession prior to the Board meeting related to this. His recommendations for Soldotna were: 1) open Skyview as a Grade 9-12 high school, 2) consider adding Sterling students to the defined Skyview attendance area, 3) appoint a task force to study the middle school concept including research on design and effectiveness and determine appropriateness as a long term solution to existing and future overcrowding at elementary and/or junior high schools, 4) allow district to pilot middle school concept where facilities exist, staff has been inserviced and public desires this; and 5) update the five year facility needs recommendations to accurately reflect needs, i.e., identify location and type of school needed to accommodate growing population in Soldotna area. His recommendations for the Kenai area were to remain status quo for the next school year and have the instructional team and principals involved work with parent groups of the Kenai area to explore middle school options and the reconfiguration of schools in that area. He noted that opening Skyview School as

FACILITIES USE  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
(continued):

a traditional 9-12 high school from an educational standpoint was the best, from an economic standpoint it was the most economical of all plans considered, from the long range standpoint it was the best and most permanent solution, in terms of use of the facility it was the best and what peninsula residents originally voted for. He added that this would be the best way to use the capital funds as designated. Opening the school as a 9-12 best fit the Board's philosophy on school size and grade levels.

Mr. John Kistler spoke in support of opening Skyview as a traditional high school or junior college if the Board could truly justify the expenditures for such a facility and its continued use.

Mrs. Diane Porter, Kenai parent, urged the Board to pursue research and implementation of the middle school concept for the school district. She noted that her reading on this subject indicated the middle school provided a good transition between elementary school and high school. She also asked the Board to consider the middle school concept when hiring staff and a principal for Kenai Junior High.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board adopt recommendations #1, #2, #3 and #5 of Mr. Sandahl's recommendation for the Skyview School. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she did not feel it was time to pilot middle school programs until the task force had completed its study on the middle school concept. She further stated the Board could not afford to do nothing as such would have effects throughout the school district, i.e., portables could be moved from Soldotna High School to other areas needing them otherwise taxpayers would be spending \$500,000 for portables. She also noted the residents voted for a high school, therefore, the Board's responsibility was to open it in that capacity and thereby retain the high school grade alignment for Soldotna. She also noted that Sterling students would be attending the Skyview High School, but could attend Soldotna High School if they provided their own transportation.

The Board requested a report from the Middle School Task Force be presented next fall prior to budget time.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he felt the district's tenuous financial position was uncertain and for that reason would not vote to approve the motion.

FACILITIES USE  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
(continued):

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf  
NO - Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve the administration's recommendation to remain status quo for Kenai schools for the next school year and have the administrative team and principals involved work with parent groups in the Kenai area exploring middle school options. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned how the middle school concept would effect overcrowding at Kenai schools. Mr. Sandahl responded that the middle school concept is on hold, but action to open Skyview School would make a portable classroom available to Sears Elementary which is qualified for an additional teacher. Mountain View Elementary School students would remain at that school.

In response to a question from Mrs. Obendorf, Mr. Sandahl stated the task force for Kenai could work with other task forces working on the middle school concept.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Susan Smalley, Kenai parent, stated that parents were interested in the middle school concept because of educational needs of students, not only reorganizing schools to allocate students. She commented that if the middle school concept were to be implemented a principal should be hired with that background. Staff should also be chosen who were trained to teach middle grades.

Mr. John Kistler told the Board they should spend an equal amount of time investigating the middle school concept as is done for other areas of the curriculum. He felt it would take two years to research and implement such a program. He added that such a program should not incur additional costs to the district. He expressed his displeasure on the district running a deficient budget which ultimately came from taxpayers. He asked the Board to carefully consider expenditures on all programs as they begin the budget process.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Kessler extended congratulations to the KCHS teams in winning the Academic Decathlon. He also commented that Mr. McLin has done an excellent job as principal at Paul Banks Elementary School and was pleased with the publicity on this.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mr. Kessler questioned whether Seward school bus tires have been changed due to a recent incident. Mr. Dahlgren responded that although studded tires are not required on buses, Seward buses have been fitted with studded tires.

Mr. Kessler commented that he was pleased the grant for the Homer alternative program was approved. He felt this was a good way to reach students who have left school due to various reasons. He felt in the long run this would be productive both to the young people and the community.

Mrs. Dimmick expressed appreciation to Paul Epperson, the staff and students for their work with the Academic Decathlon. She also expressed appreciation to Dr. Larson and his secretary for their work with the Substance Abuse Committee. She felt the committee was accomplishing their work in a good manner.

Mrs. Dimmick questioned whether the district had the same bus contractor as the Mat-Su School District and whether our school buses were regularly inspected. Mr. Dahlgren responded that the KPBSD has a different contractor and all buses are inspected twice a year.

Mr. Tauriainen wished everyone a merry Christmas and hoped they did not overlook the real meaning of the season.

Mr. Massie commented that he was pleased with the Academic Decathlon and was happy to have been a part of the program again this year. He stated he was pleased Mrs. Dimmick and Mrs. Obendorf were at the event. He encouraged other board members to become involved in this program.

Mrs. Obendorf confirmed that the Board would receive a report from the Middle School Task Force at the first meeting in November. She appointed Mrs. Dimmick as the board's representative to the committee.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she was impressed with the students participating in the Academic Decathlon. She noted students were asked the question "Who influenced your life the most?" Kenai students responded with "My Mom" or "Mrs. Massie." She stated she felt this was a fitting tribute to Mrs. Massie's devotion to students.

She announced the Board would hold its next meeting on Monday, January 15, 1990.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:12 p.m., Mr. Kessler moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 12:57 a.m., Mr. Kessler moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Massie seconded.

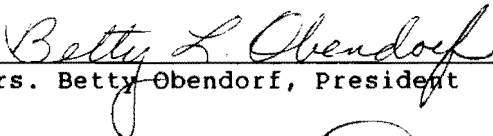
Motion carried unanimously.

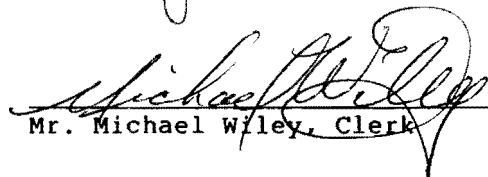
ADJOURN:

At 12:58 a.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of December 18, 1989,  
were approved on January 15, 1990,  
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

January 15, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mr. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. David McCard	Mrs. Karen Fair
Mr. Ken Tarbox	Mr. Ken Brown
Mrs. Janice Mullen	Mrs. Karen Dale
Mrs. Pauline Mills	Mr. Rick Matiya
Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartigan	Mr. Robert Dover
Mr. Duane Anderson	Mrs. Pam Lazenby
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Schrader	Mrs. Sharon Mook
Mrs. Brooks Comfort-Waldorf	Mr. Ben Swan
Mr. Sam Bushon	Dr. Nels Anderson
Mrs. Susan Westbrook	Mr. Alan Phillips
Mr. John Burkholder	
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Dimmick called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Absent - Excused
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 9a (8), Approval of Resignation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of December 18, 1989, were approved as written.



COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Dimmick announced the Board would be meeting with Dr. Lloyd Nielsen, superintendent search consultant, on Wednesday, January 31, 1990, beginning at 9:30 a.m. to review superintendent applications. The session would be held in the Borough Administration Building, Soldotna.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Dimmick presented Plaques of Appreciation to Pauline Mills, Alternative Schooling Program administrative secretary, for the professionalism she exhibits in her position; and to Nancy Hartigan, McNeil Canyon Elementary School speech therapist, for the exceptional educational efforts she makes for the students at her school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Mr. Sandahl reported that a decision will be announced next week on the manner in which the three school days will be made up due to closures encountered from the eruption of Mt. Redoubt. He advised the Board on precautionary measures taken during this time. In addition, he commented that the emergency management team received medical input which was significant.

Mr. Sandahl announced that Project Leadership would be held on Thursday, January 18, and the monthly administrator's meeting would follow on Friday, January 19.

Mr. Sandahl noted that he has nearly completed mid-year evaluations of administrators in the district.

He reported that budget review sessions were held January 10-12, and expressed appreciation to representatives from the Board, teacher's association, administrator's association, support staff association and Borough Assembly for their time and input on the budget.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
REPORT:

Mr. David McCard, Director of the Community Schools Program, presented an overview of the history, funding and offerings of the Community Schools programs currently being operated in Soldotna, Seward and Homer. Mr. McCard also explained the six components of the program which included K-12 enrichment, expanded activities for youth, expanded activities for adults, facility and resource usage, interagency cooperation, and community development. He called the Board's attention to the shortfall in funding over the past several years, and recommended the Board consider a superintendent who is supportive of community school programs and the value they contribute to our communities. Mrs. Karen Fair, Coordinator of the Soldotna program, and Mrs. Brooks Comfort-Waldorf, Coordinator of the Homer program, highlighted activities from their programs.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending January 3, 1990.

SOLDOTNA PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ken Tarbox, Vice President of the Soldotna Advisory Committee, addressed the Board on policy revisions related to due process and parent advisory committees. He stated the PAC was opposed to the due process policy revision as proposed since it eliminated any appeal process for suspensions of less than five days. They felt students and parents should have a right to appeal and presented their rewording of the policy. On behalf of the PAC, he requested the Board postpone action on the policy revisions related to parent advisory committees for one month. They requested that the administration and representatives from the PAC and PTA organizations meet to elaborate on the policy. He expressed concern that the proposed policy did not address the process of how a parent group would be selected to represent its school, and parents should have the right to choose which representation they desired, either PAC or PTA. He also noted that both groups differed in their organizational and governing precepts which needed to be reviewed. The PAC felt that parent involvement in the schools was very important but the policy was inconsistent in its guidelines through the revisions.

SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY  
PARENT TEACHER  
ASSOCIATION:

Mrs. Karen Dale, Soldotna Elementary Parent Teacher Association President, stated their group wished to be recognized in the parent group directory and be officially recognized by the Board. She stated it was unclear in the proposed policy revisions whether they would be included in the directory and if not, requested the Board make changes that this be done. The group felt a central council was needed which would consist of representatives from individual parent groups to work on issues which affected all students. She read a letter from Soldotna Elementary Principal David Dickerson, who endorsed recognition of the Soldotna Elementary School PTA as an official representative of that school.

Mrs. Fischer questioned what was involved in membership to the PTA and whether only members of the PTA could be elected to serve as officers of that group. Mrs. Dale responded that only PTA members could be officers and membership involved an annual \$6.00 fee.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Early Graduation Requests, Extended Field Trips Requests, Teacher In-service Days, Teacher Appointments, Sick Leave Request/Certified, Leave of Absence Request/Certified, Furniture and Equipment List, and Resignation.

EARLY GRADUATION  
REQUESTS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve requests for early graduation from two Nikiski High School students.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUESTS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve extended field trips for two Bartlett High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., April 1-8, 1990, to participate in the Close-Up Foundation Program; for 4 Bartlett High School seniors to travel to Leningrad and Moscow, U.S.S.R. to study the culture as their senior class trip, April 17-26, 1990; for 20 Kenai Junior High School students to tour Washington, D.C., March 18-23, 1990; for 13 Seward High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., March 25-31, 1990, to participate in the Close-Up Foundation Program; for 9 Soldotna Junior High School students to travel to Orlando, Florida, March 18-24, 1990, to experience a hands-on learning experience in science and language at various centers there; for 3 Susan B. English High School seniors to travel to Maui, Hawaii, March 18-26, 1990, to study the Polynesian culture; and for 9 Ninilchik High School seniors to travel to Waikiki, Hawaii, March 19-26, 1990, to study the Polynesian culture on their senior class trip.

1990-91 IN-SERVICE  
DAYS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve forwarding an application to the Department of Education for in-service days on August 31 and October 11-12, 1990. August 31 would be used to implement newly revised curriculum documents, be an orientation for new teachers and hold required local and state training, i.e., first aid for coaches, child abuse detecting and reporting, etc. The annual district in-service would be held on October 11-12, 1990.

TEACHER APPOINT-  
MENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teacher appointments for the 1989-90 school year for Atz Kilcher, Teacher (half-time), Flex-School, Homer High (temporary); and Sonja Miller, English/French (half-time), Ninilchik Elem/High (temporary).

SICK LEAVE DRAW/  
CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of two days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Janene Driscoll, Special Education/Speech, Soldotna Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for the 1990-91 school year for James Hunter, Vocational Education/Wood, Soldotna High School.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$29,617.85.

RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of James Wagstaff, Physical Education, Kenai Central, effective January 18, 1990.

L ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #8. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mrs. Fischer requested that Item 9a (7), Approval of Furniture and Equipment List, be removed for separate consideration.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the Furniture and Equipment List with the removal of the AMF Power System Volleyball Standards, the two McBride P3256 Portable Basketball Standards, the one Stackhouse #CPEC Ball Cage and 100 Unisex Jerseys. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Massie stated he would abstain from voting on the item. Mr. Strube questioned how the Board could vote on the item since four votes would be required to pass the motion. Mrs. Fischer suggested that the item could be postponed until the next meeting when more Board members would be in attendance.

RECESS:

At 8:37 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 8:39 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Mrs. Fischer withdrew her motion.

L ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve all the furniture and equipment items except those that are from Athletic Supply Company. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 8:40 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 8:47 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY  
TO RIDGEWAY/STERLING  
FIRE SERVICE AREA:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the transfer of Lot 1 of Government Lot 4 to the Ridgeway/Sterling Fire Service Area to be used as a training and storage area. He noted this action had the approval of the principal who had discussed this with the parent advisory committee and received no objection from them. He also stated that a letter from Fire Chief Alan Phillips indicated there would be no impact by this action to the Sterling School if they desired to expand the school for use of the lot between the fire station and the school.

Mr. John Burkholder from the Department of Transportation apprised the Board that a frontage road would be built and used for the school and fire station when the Sterling Highway

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY  
TO RIDGEWAY/STERLING  
FIRE SERVICE AREA  
(continued):

is widened either to two lanes or four lanes. The intersection would be at the fire department. He stated this satisfied officials from the school and fire station. He commented that construction for two-lane widening of the Sterling Highway would probably begin by Spring, 1991. Mr. Dahlgren clarified that there would be no property lost in front of the school due to redesign of the Sterling Highway.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether there were any safety concerns related to merging of school buses and fire department vehicles. Mr. Dahlgren responded that review with the Borough, fire department, and Department of Transportation indicated the access road was safest rather than turning directly to the Sterling Highway.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that the plans indicated there were two accesses to the school. Mr. Burkholder responded that depending on whether two or four lanes were constructed at the Sterling School would determine which access would be used to the school.

Mr. Alan Philips, Fire Chief, told the Board his memorandum outlined the use of the expanded area for the fire station as requested by the Board at their December 18, 1990 meeting.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the fire station request to reclassify Lot 1 of Lot 4 for fire station use. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether the terms discussed would be entered into the agreement. Mr. Dahlgren responded he was satisfied with the purpose of intent for use by the fire department, and there would be no written agreement since ownership belonged to the borough. He stated he would include an explanation of the school district's position when submitting his letter to the Borough Planning Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY 007.2/DUE  
PROCESS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve revisions to Policy 007.2, Due Process. The revisions recommended by school administrators would change the appeal process for students suspended from school for any number of days to appeals made in suspension of five days or more.

Mr. Duane Anderson told the Board he felt it was important that parents and students have an opportunity to appeal any suspension. He commented that the process could clear misunderstandings, and recommended the Board not approve the policy revision.

L ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve revisions to Policy 007.2, Due Process. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated she felt revision to the policy was changing the process which had not been cumbersome to the Board. She felt parents should have an opportunity to bring their case to the Board. She also requested that the policy be researched as it related to homework assignments.

Mrs. Dimmick questioned what appeal procedures would be allowed for students suspended for less than five days. Dr. Larson responded that secondary administrators felt numerous appeal processes were available at the school level under this policy. He stated the district was more lenient than case law.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he felt there were several areas of the policy that needed to be clarified.

L ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board postpone the policy until the first meeting in February. Motion died for lack of a second.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie  
NO - Fischer, Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - No

Motion failed.

L POLICY 008.21 AND  
008.21R/PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AND PARENT TEACHER  
ASSOCIATION:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve revisions to Policy 008.21 and 008.21R, Parent Advisory Committees and Parent Teacher Association.

Mr. Duane Anderson stated the organizations were two different types of representation for the schools. He noted the PTA included membership of teachers whereas parent advisory committees excluded membership of school district employees. He felt both groups could be formed in each school which would lead to more input to the school board.

L ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Policy 008.21, Parent Advisory Committees and Parent Teacher Associations. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated she favored as much parental involvement in schools as possible, and parent advisory committees were originally set up for the Board to receive community input from them. She noted that the Board had added PTAs to their agenda and receives and reviews information from them also. She expressed concern that some parents would not be able to participate in school involvement due to the membership fee of the PTA. She reiterated that the PAC had been the traditional spokesperson of the school.

POLICY 008.21 AND  
008.21R/PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AND PARENT TEACHER  
ASSOCIATION (cont.):

Mrs. Dimmick stated she had requested information be developed for an additional group, the districtwide parent counsel. She noted that members of the community felt such a group could serve the community well.

Mr. Massie stated he felt more input was needed from other groups.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved to postpone policy 008.21 until a February meeting. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to postpone regulation 008.21R until the same time as the corresponding policy is presented to the Board. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Larson requested direction from the Board since he had requested input from the parent advisory committees and parent teacher associations. Mrs. Fischer requested that time be allowed for parent groups to discuss the issue. She also noted that a separate policy be developed for the districtwide parent counsel.

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Duane Anderson told the Board he felt the Community Schools Program was a valuable program for the community, one which was inexpensive on the part of the Board. He encouraged that other communities develop such programs in their areas.

Mr. Glen Schrader, Kenai grandparent, expressed concern on the arrangement of junior and senior high school registration where students often cannot receive courses they need or do not have continuity with teachers in a particular subject area. He requested the administration look into this matter.

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Borough Assembly member, told the Board she appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Budget Review Committee last week where she gained insight into the budget process. She suggested the process could be improved if the board's goals and objectives, philosophy, and procedures and protocol for the session were known prior to the meeting. She also noted that criteria should be presented on the supply, repair, and travel budgets. She commented that she felt a sincere effort had been put forth by the committee in their deliberations on the budget, and she would convey that information to the Borough Assembly.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Strube stated he looked forward to working on the suspension policy when it came back to the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mr. Tauriainen commented that he enjoyed a recent visit to Magadan, U.S.S.R. and hoped that school personnel traveling there at the end of the week would have a good trip. He noted the people of Magadan were gracious hosts. He stated that mementos from earlier visits to Soldotna were displayed prominently.

In response to Mrs. Moock's comments related to reductions made during the budget process, Mrs. Fischer stated that some areas of the budget are covered at the end of the year through budget transfers. She stated she was often frustrated that new programs were deleted during the budget process.

Mrs. Fischer requested that Board members advise her on legislative bills they are interested in. She stated she would copy bills related to education to the Board. She noted that SB 355, Sexual Offenses to Children, would be heard on Tuesday, January 16.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she was pleased that Mrs. Moock was able to attend the budget worksessions. She noted the sessions have improved over prior years.

Mrs. Dimmick directed that administration to include all parent organizations on the mailing list.

She reminded the Board of the meeting with Dr. Nielsen on Wednesday, January 31, 1990, and budget worksession with the Borough Assembly on Wednesday and Thursday, January 31 and February 1, 1990, at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:04 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the Board go into Executive Session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 11:58 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the Board reconvene in regular session. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.




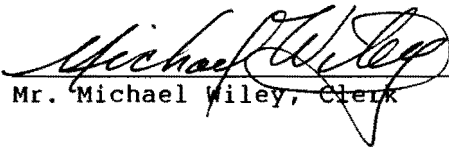
ADJOURN:

At 11:59 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
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Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of January 15, 1990,  
were approved on February 5, 1990,  
with revisions.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

January 31, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mr. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Ben Swan Mrs. Chris Monfor  
Dr. Lloyd Nielsen

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Betty Obendorf Present  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick Present/arrived 10:15 a.m.  
Mr. Michael Wiley Present  
Mr. Clifford Massie Present  
Mr. Wayne Kessler Present  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer Present  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen Present  
Mr. Chris Strube Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the deletion of Item 3, Executive Session.

FURTHER DIRECTION FOR SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH CONSULTANT:

ACTION Mr. Kessler moved to approve the procedure to have the initial review and discussion and that the consultant is directed by the board to screen the names further and to present six to eight names for consideration by the board today. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE  
INITIAL REVIEW OF  
SUPERINTENDENT  
APPLICATIONS:

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved for approval to conduct an initial review of superintendent applications with the consultant. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Massie moved the Board go into executive session to consider matters which might tend to prejudice a person's character. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick joined the executive session at 10:15 a.m.

RECONVENE AFTER  
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 1:40 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Dr. Nielsen reviewed the Superintendent's Search process. He reported that 91 applications from 31 states had been received. After conducting telephone interviews, the consultants narrowed the candidate selection to fifteen.

Dr. Nielsen recommended the following individuals be considered as candidates for the superintendent position:

Dr. Dehryl Dennis, Deputy Superintendent of the Boise, Idaho School District.

Mr. Gerald Covey, Superintendent, Northwest Arctic School Borough School District, Alaska.

Mr. Robert Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer, International School in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Mr. Elliott Moeser, Superintendent, Duluth Public School District, Duluth, Minnesota.

Dr. William Nachatilo, Superintendent, Austin Public Schools, Austin, Minnesota.

Mr. Irvin Nikolai, Coordinator, Administrative Credential Program, Cal Poly Tech, San Luis Obispo, California.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to accept the consultants report and recommendations. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

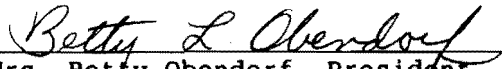
Mrs. Obendorf added that the six finalists will be invited for personal interviews beginning February 9-10.

ADJOURN:

At 1:56 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of January 31, 1990  
were approved on February 19, 1990  
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

February 5, 1990

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:** Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mr. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Nina Shcherbak	Mrs. Nina Gristook
Mrs. Nelli Korkmazova	Mrs. Larissa Kokoreva
Mrs. Ludmilla Lovtsova	Mrs. Svetlana Nekazachenko
Mrs. Inna Nikolaeva	Mr. Vladimir Pecheni
Mrs. Elena Penkina	Mrs. Natalia Sokolova
Mrs. Galina Shiagman	Mr. and Mrs. Al Besh
Mr. and Mrs. Morgenweck	Ms. Trena Richardson
Mrs. Jan Hall	Mrs. Chris Green
Ms. Diana Marsh	Mrs. Sue Liebner
Ms. Judy Blume	Mr. Ken Tarbox
Ms. Jackie Imle	Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mr. Tom Adkinson	Mrs. June Kohler
Mrs. Sharon Mook	Dr. Eugene Mumford
Others present not identified.	

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Excused
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved after reversing the order of Items 5b and 5c.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The School Board Minutes of January 15, 1990, were approved with revisions.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl expressed special appreciation to Trena Richardson, Betty Leonard, Nancy Rockhill and Rick Matiya for planning and organizing the Magadan Youth Summit Exchange Program. A formal protocol agreement will be coming to the Board in April regarding the implementation of future student and teacher exchanges. Mr. Sandahl read letters from Tami Reiser, Nikolaevsk Elem/High Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson, extending appreciation for the visit by the Soviet citizens, and requested they host the next exchange program in the Homer/Anchor Point area; Commissioner William Demmert congratulating Mr. Richard Houghton for winning the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award for \$31,200; Mr. Carl Rose, Executive Director, Association of Alaska School Boards, thanking the district for their contribution to the "Share the Success" exhibit in Juneau; Mrs. Joanne Brindley, Borough Clerk, concerning an ordinance by the Kenai Peninsula Borough to appropriate \$106,000 to replace the wood gym floor at Susan B. English Elem/High School; and Mr. Marvin McBee expressing appreciation to Mr. Sandahl and Mr. Dahlgren for their concern and presence at the scene of the January 19, 1990 Laidlaw bus accident and later at the hospital. Mr. Sandahl reported that Mr. Dennis Dempsey, Homer High Principal was elected President-Elect for the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals. Mr. Sandahl congratulated several district high school basketball teams for their accomplishments at the recent boy's and girl's state tournaments.

Mrs. Obendorf reported on a letter from Representative Kubina expressing concern that there were no participants from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Alaska CloseUp Program; a letter from Representative Davis and Representative Hanley expressing concern over early funding; a letter from Carl Rose and Chancellor Marshall Lind informing Mr. Sandahl of the Boardmanship Academy and urging the Kenai Peninsula Borough to participate; letters from parents objecting to the Battle of the Books reading list; and letters from parents requesting consideration of the QUEST Program when interviewing superintendent candidates. Mrs. Obendorf reported that she had received the Department of Education publication Profiles of Alaska Public School Districts and urged Board members to check it out from the Board/Superintendent Secretary.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented gifts and plaques of appreciation to the Russian visitors from the Board and the Alaska State Legislature. The visitors presented gifts to the School Board members and expressed their appreciation to the host families and many others for their warm hospitality and for an unforgettable experience. Mrs. Obendorf thanked them for coming to Alaska and wished them a good trip home. Mrs. Galina Shiagman recited a poem that several Soviet citizens from School No. 17 had written.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Dr. Eugene Mumford, Seward PAC Chairperson, reported that as many as 24 elementary students are not being dropped off at their homes because of the shortage of buses in the Seward area. With the opening of the new Seward Elementary School the shortage situation will be worse. He asked the Board to consider purchasing more buses for the 1990-91 school year to service the Seward area.

Dr. Mumford expressed disappointment over the Health Curriculum "opt out" decisions. He was pleased that a Health Curriculum was adopted even though no funding is available.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were approval of Extended Field Trips, Unpaid Leave of Absence - Certificated, Unpaid Leaves of Absence - Support, Resignations, Sick Leave Bank - Support, Sick Leave Bank - Certificated, Teacher Assignment - Temporary, Furniture and Equipment Lists and Title V Grant.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUESTS:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for 30 Soldotna Junior High students to travel to Washington, D.C., March 18-23, 1990 to participate in the Lakeland Tours Program; 3 students from Soldotna High to travel to Washington, D.C., April 1-7, 1990 to participate in the Close-Up Program; 3 students from Nikiski High to travel to Washington, D.C., March 31-April 7, 1990 to participate in the Close-Up Program and 5 students from Ninilchik High to travel to Washington D.C., March 30-April 7, 1990 to participate in the Close-Up Program.

UNPAID LEAVES OF  
ABSENCE/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leaves of absence effective for the 1990-91 school year for Dan Walker Special Education/Quest, Seward Elementary; Janet Fink, Grade 4, Homer Intermediate; and Karen Wessel (effective immediately through the end of the 1989-90 school year), Language Arts/Social Studies, Homer Junior High.

UNPAID LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE/SUPPORT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence effective for the 1990-91 school year for Tim McCormick, Custodian, Paul Banks Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1989-90 school year from Richard Hallmark, Science, Soldotna High; Arlanda Crail, Special Education/Resource, Seward Elementary; David Mumy, Grade 6, Homer Intermediate and Nancy Scheufele Lemon, Special Education/Severe Education, Seward Elementary.

SICK LEAVE  
REQUEST/SUPPORT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of up to 24 days from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Kathleen Schmidt, Secretary, Nikolaevsk Elem./High and Warren Bahl, Custodian, Soldotna High.

SICK LEAVE  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of up to 14 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Kim Foley, Home Economics, Kenai Central High.

TEMPORARY TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a temporary teacher appointment for the 1989-90 school year for Alvin Jones, P.E., Kenai Central High.

FURNITURE AND  
EQUIPMENT LISTS:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward Elementary school in the amount of \$45,678.32 and Skyview High School for \$48,587.77.

TITLE V GRANT  
APPLICATION:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve submission of the Title V Indian Education Program Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Education for \$210,575.

Mr. Kessler requested that Item 5a(8), Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, be removed for separate consideration.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #7 and Item #9. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved to approve Item 5a(8), Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned the rationale for the purchase of basketball standards for the new Seward Elementary School. Mrs. Blume replied that according to Mr. Sampson a portable basketball standard provides more "hands-on" experience for students.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned the need to purchase a portable electronic scoreboard at the new Seward Elementary School. Mrs. Blume replied that the scoreboards can be used for almost any sport, and can be operated by battery or 110 volt. The scoreboard could be moved outside to score outside events.

Mr. Tauriainen asked about the need to purchase 10 RCA 20" color television sets and 10 Quasar video cassette recorders, science demonstration table and 4-student science table. Mrs. Blume could not comment on the television sets or video cassette recorders but explained that the science demonstration table and 4-student science tables are heavy-duty nondestructable lab tables. The tables are specially designed with nonslip rock top surfaces.

Mr. Tauriainen asked about the purchase of the portable air compressor. Mrs. Blume replied that the compressor will be used to clean media equipment, filling basketballs, volleyballs etc., as well as for custodial uses.



ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to postpone action on the McBride portable basketball standards, Maric portable electronic scoreboard, 10 RCA 20" color television sets and 10 Quasar video cassette recorders, science demonstration tables, 4-student science tables, and portable air compressor until February 19. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether some of the items on the furniture and equipment list were on the master list, and if not on the master list would the Board be setting a precedent in approving the items.

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Tauriainen  
NO - Massie, Kessler, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Amendment failed.

VOTE:

YES - Kessler, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer, Tauriainen  
ABSTAIN - Massie  
Advisory Vote - No

Motion failed.

REQUEST FOR INSERVICE  
DAY AND DISASTER DAY:

Mr. Sandahl recommended that Good Friday (normally a vacation day) be used as a school makeup day, Saturday, February 10 be used as a Staff Inservice Day, and the third day be declared a "disaster day" with the permission of the Department of Education. He noted Central Peninsula principals have submitted plans for use of the February 10 Staff Inservice Day.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether a petition had been received from the Nikiski area teachers requesting that the first makeup day be considered a "disaster day". Mr. Sandahl responded that he had received the request but the administration felt that teaching students is the first priority, therefore, the first makeup day will be an instruction day.

Mr. Sandahl reported that Commissioner Demmert has given verbal approval for the makeup days, pending Board action.

Mr. Tom Adkinson, Soldotna High School Teacher, expressed objections to the Staff Inservice Day. He felt this inservice was unnecessary and he and his fellow teachers could make better use of the time by grading papers, planning lessons and developing materials.

L ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the makeup day recommendations as outlined. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1990-91 ADMINISTRATOR  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve administrator assignments for the 1989-90 school year as currently exist with the addition of Mrs. Marlene Benson as principal of Skyview High School. He noted there are nine administrative vacancies unfilled. The administrator assignments were as follows:

L Chapman Elementary, Serve Wilson, Principal; Cooper Landing Elementary, Jean Romig, Principal/Teacher; English Bay Elem/High, Tom Genne', Principal/Teacher; Homer High, Dennis Dempsey, Principal; Homer High, Mike Bundy, Assistant Principals; Homer Intermediate, Rick Ladd, Principal; Homer Junior High, Lincoln Saito, Principal; Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, Gary Jackson, Principal; Kenai Central High, Mick Wykis, Principal; McNeil Canyon Elementary, Diane Borgman, Principal/Teacher; Moose Pass Elementary, Glen Szymoniak, Principal/Teacher; Nikiski Elementary, Jack Albaugh, Principal; Nikiski Junior/Senior High, Cliff Koivisto, Principal; Nikiski Junior/Senior High, Mark Norgren, Assistant Principal; Nikolaevsk Elem./High, Bob Moore, Principal; Ninilchik Elem/High, Ken Satre, Principal; North Star Elementary, Jan Hall, Principal; Paul Banks Elementary, Lewis McLin, Principal; Port Graham Elem./High, Joseph Deutsch, Principal/Teacher; Razdolna Elementary, Bob Bell, Principal/Teacher; Redoubt Elementary, Larry Nauta, Principal; Sears Elementary, Jacquie Imle, Principal; Seward Elementary, Roger Sampson, Principal; Seward Junior/Senior High, James Fredrickson, Principal; Seward Junior/Senior High, Steve Wilcox, Assistant Principal (.5); Skyview High, Marlene Benson, Principal; Soldotna Elementary, David Dickerson, Principal; Soldotna Junior High, Daryl Kellum, Principal; Soldotna High, Frank Garrity, Principal; Soldotna High, Tom Thorpe, Assistant Principal (.5); Sterling Elementary, Sam Bushon, Principal; Associate Superintendent-Planning and Operations, John Dahlgren; Executive Director-Personnel, Sharon Radtke; Executive Director - Business Management, Richard Swarner; Director-Elementary Education, Betty Leonard; Director-Secondary Education, Paul Epperson; Director-Grants Management, Richard Carignan; Director-Special Education, Mary Rubadeau; Director-Purchasing/Food Services, Judy Blume; Director-Data Processing, Jim White, and Supervisor-Alternative Schooling, Rick Matiya.

L ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve the 1990-91 administrator contracts as outlined. Mr. Massie seconded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Kessler moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mr. Massie seconded.

RECONVENE AFTER  
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:35 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Sharon Moock informed the Board that an ordinance will be coming before the Assembly on February 20 concerning the gym floor at the Susan B. English Elem/High School. She requested the Board's input prior to assembly action.

Mrs. Moock commended both Kenai Central High School boys and the Soldotna High School girls basketball teams for their team spirit and support of each other during the state tournament in Fairbanks.

Mr. John Kistler commented that when labor cost factors are above 50%, the next step is to file bankruptcy.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Fischer reported that binding arbitration legislation passed out of House Finance Committee as presented by the Association. She also reported the alternate scheduling bill is scheduled before House Finance Committee on February 6.

Mrs. Fisher reported on her trip to the Legislative Fly-in. Copies of her written report will be forwarded to the Board.

Mr. Strube expressed his sorrow over the suicide of a Ninilchik High School student. He asked the Board to consider reviewing policies regarding suspension from school and ineligibility of extracurricular activities.

Mr. Tauriainen requested the Board to develop a policy on makeup days.

Mr. Tauriainen requested a review of Policy 007.2 Due Process at a future meeting.

Mr. Kessler congratulated the state basketball participants and highlighted the Homer High basketball tournament.

Mr. Kessler gave a brief overview of the Homer alternative high school. He felt that flex school was meeting a definite need for district young people.

Mr. Wiley requested the Board review the furniture and equipment list for the new Seward Elementary School.

With the concensus of the Board, Mrs. Obendorf appointed Mr. Tauriainen to the Awards Committee.

BOARD COMMENTS:  
(Continued)

Mrs. Obendorf announced there would be a Special School Board Meeting to conduct public interviews with the six finalists for Superintendent. The meeting would be held in the Borough Assembly Room beginning Friday, February 9, 12:15 p.m. until recess at 9:55 p.m. The Board will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, February 10.

Mrs. Obendorf explained the Board will interview each candidate for approximately an hour and a half. The last 20 minutes of each interview will be open to public questions. Public questions will be written and Dr. Nielsen will present the questions to the candidates.

Mrs. Obendorf stated it had been a moving and emotional experience hosting the Soviet visitors. She expressed her appreciation in being able to participate in the exchange program. She commended those involved in organizing the summit meetings, and felt the students gained much from the experience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Kessler moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mr. Wiley seconded.

RECONVENE AFTER  
EXECUTIVE SESSION:


At 12:07 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

ADJOURN

At 12:07 p.m., Mr. Kessler moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of February 5, 1990,  
were approved on February 19, 1990,  
with a correction.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 Borough Administration Building  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669

February 9-10, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
 Mr. Joyce Fischer, Member  
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
 Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Serve Wilson	Mr. Ken Tarbox
Mr. John Kistler	Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mrs. Melody Douglas	Ms. Kari Mohn
Mrs. Arlene Wiley	Mr. Lincoln Saito
Mrs. Nancy Rollins	Dr. Richard Carignan
Mrs. Trena Richardson	Mr. Ben Eveland
Mr. Clifford Koivisto	Ms. Judy Blume
Mrs. Lois Massie	Mr. Jack Albaugh
Mrs. Jan Hall	Mrs. Jacquie Imle
Ms. Renee Henderson	Mrs. Melody Schwartz
Mr. James Gibbs	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

SUPERINTENDENT  
 INTERVIEWS:

Mrs. Obendorf explained to the audience that interviews of the six finalists for the superintendency would take place on Friday and Saturday, February 9-10, 1990. The Board would interview the candidates for one and a half hours. This would be followed by a break at which time written questions from the public would be gathered by Dr. Lloyd Nielsen, consultant.

SUPERINTENDENT  
INTERVIEWS (cont.):

The candidates would then be asked these question for approximately ten minutes. She also noted that evaluation forms were available for the audience to rate the candidates. These evaluations would be reviewed by the Board during their deliberations on the candidates.

At 12:30 p.m., the Board began its interview with Dr. Elliot Moeser, Superintendent, St. Paul, Minnesota.

RECESS: 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 2:10 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session and Dr. Nielsen presented questions from the public to Dr. Moeser.

RECESS: At 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 2:42 p.m., the Board began its interview with Mr. Jerry Covey, Superintendent, Northwest Arctic School District, Kotzebue, Alaska.

RECESS: At 4:00 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 4:20 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session. Dr. Nielsen presented questions from the public to Mr. Covey.

RECESS: At 4:40 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 5:45 p.m., the Board began its interview with Dr. Dehryl Dennis, Deputy Superintendent, Boise, Idaho.

RECESS: At 6:56 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 7:25 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session. Dr. Nielsen presented questions from the public to Dr. Dennis.

RECESS: At 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 7:59 p.m., the Board began its interview with Dr. Irvin Nikolai, Administrative Program Coordinator, Cal Poly State, San Luis Obispo, California.

RECESS: At 9:17 p.m, Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 9:27 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session. Dr. Nielsen presented questions from the public to Dr. Nikolai.

RECESS: At 9:42 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 8:05 a.m., Saturday, February 10, 1990, the Board reconvened in regular session and began its interview with Dr. Robert Holmes, Superintendent, International Schools, Jakarta, Indonesia.

RECESS: At 9:26 a.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 9:40 a.m., the Board reconvened in regular session. Dr. Nielsen presented questions from the public to Dr. Holmes.

RECESS: At 10:03 a.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 10:12 a.m., the Board began its interview with Dr. William Nachatilo, Superintendent, Austin, Minnesota.

RECESS: At 11:40 a.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 11:52 a.m., the Board reconvened in regular session. Dr. Nielsen presented questions from the public to Dr. Nachatilo.

RECESS: At 12:07 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 1:10 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 1:11 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough, and to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:50 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the Board reconvene in regular session. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT FINALISTS: ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board nominate Dr. Robert Holmes, Dr. Irvin Nikolai and Dr. Dehryl Dennis as finalists for superintendent for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that the process was long and arduous, but the process worked well and he felt satisfied with the finalists.

ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved that in an effort to protect the resources of the district and complete the process in a timely manner, the Board adjust the schedule to hold the first interview on Tuesday, February 13 with the understanding that the interviews will be held only until the Board has reached unanimity. Mr. Wiley seconded.

SUPERINTENDENT  
FINALISTS (cont.):

Mrs. Dimmick explained it would be prudent and expeditious of the Board to save the district money if they could rearrange the interview schedule while the candidates were still in the local area. She also noted it would be important that the school board came to a unanimous decision on its choice of superintendent, if possible.

Mrs. Obendorf spoke in support of the motion in an effort to save the district money.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

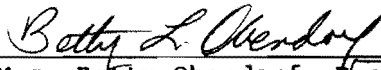
Mrs. Obendorf announced that a public reception would be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 6:00 p.m. The public reception would be followed by a special school board meeting at 7:00 p.m. to interview the first superintendent candidate.


ADJOURN:

At 10:02 p.m., Mrs. Fischer moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of February 9-10, 1990,  
were approved on March 5, 1990,  
as written.



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

February 13, 1990

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:** Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mr. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Daune Anderson	Mrs. Mary Armstrong
Rev. Joe Knox	Mrs. Mary Toutonghi
Mrs. Betsy Staley	Mrs. Zada Friedersdorff
Mr. Ben Swan	Mrs. Melody Douglas
Mrs. Linda Raemaker	Mrs. Jan Hall
Mr. and Mrs. John Kistler	Mr. Gary Jackson
Mrs. Mary Rubadeau	Mrs. Lois Massie
Mr. Tom Boedeker	Mr. Jack Albaugh
Mrs. Arlene Wiley	Mr. Jerry Hobart
Mrs. Jacquie Imle	Mr. Mick Wykis
Mrs. Chris Monfor	Mr. Peter Pearson
Mrs. Marlene Benson	

Others present not identified.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Absent - Excused
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as printed.

**SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEW:** At 7:05 p.m., the Board interviewed Dr. Robert Holmes, Superintendent, International Schools, Jakarta, Indonesia.

**RECESS:** At 7:37 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 7:47 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session. Mrs. Radtke, Executive Director of Personnel, presented questions from the public to Dr. Holmes.

At the conclusion of the question period to Dr. Holmes, Mrs. Obendorf requested the audience complete evaluation forms on the candidate which the Board would consider in their deliberations.

RECESS:

At 8:02 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 8:32 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH/SELECTION:  
ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Dr. Robert Holmes as Superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District contingent upon achieving agreement on a contract. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that the six individuals interviewed were excellent candidates, but Dr. Holmes appeared to best fit the needs of the district.

Mr. Kessler commented that he was pleased with the candidate. He added that he was happy with the interview process and it served its purpose well. He stated he had personally checked on Dr. Holmes' references and everything was verified and responses were positive.

Mr. Massie stated the candidates who were interviewed were very good, but it was his feeling that Dr. Holmes could do things better. He noted he looked forward to many good years with Dr. Holmes as superintendent.

Mrs. Fischer explained to the audience that the change in the interview schedule was meant to be practical on the finances of the school district and save money in paying airfare for other candidates and spouses. Mrs. Fischer stated she was pleased with Dr. Holmes' responses related to the dignity of children in decision making.

Mr. Wiley commented that he had personally followed up on references for Dr. Holmes where individuals spoke highly of him. He also commented that he was pleased with the professional, businesslike manner in which Dr. Holmes responded to questions from the Board and public.

Mrs. Obendorf expressed appreciation on the interview process and the candidates interviewed. She commented that she was impressed with Dr. Holmes' professional record and responses to questions from the Board and public.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH/SELECTION  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf announced that she, Mr. Massie, and legal council would meet with Dr. Holmes to seek a contract.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Dimmick stated that parent and community involvement was evident in the interview process. She noted that continued involvement was needed with the new superintendent.

Mr. Wiley thanked the public for their participation in the three days of the interview process.

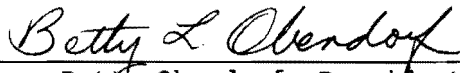
Mrs. Obendorf announced the Board would hold a worksession on Monday, February 19, 1990, at 6:00 p.m. related to data processing. This worksession would be held prior to the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.


ADJOURN:

At 8:49 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Special School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
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Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of February 13, 1990,  
were approved on March 5, 1990,  
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 Borough Administration Building  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669

February 19, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
 Mr. Joyce Fischer, Member  
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
 Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
 Operations, and Technology  
 Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Melody Douglas	Mr. Mick Wykis
Mr. James Fredrickson	Ms. Judy Blume
Mrs. Marie Parker	Mr. John Kistler
Ms. Betty Leonard	Mr. Roger Sampson
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullen	Mrs. Marlene Benson
Mr. Tom Thorpe	Mr. Paul Epperson
Mrs. Trena Richardson	Mr. Duane Anderson
Dr. David Dickerson	Mr. Alan Miller
Mr. Rick Matiya	Mr. Mark Norgren
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mr. Tom Boedeker
Mr. Ken Tarbox	Mr. Dane Clark
Mr. Ben Swan	Mrs. Sharon Mook
Mrs. Mary Horwath	Mr. Daryl Kellum
Mrs. Susan Smalley	Mrs. Nancy Rollins
Mrs. Arlene Wiley	
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Special School Board Meeting Minutes of January 31, 1990, were approved as written. The School Board Meeting Minutes of February 5, 1990, were approved with a correction.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mr. Sandahl noted a letter had been received from Mr. Duane Anderson related to personnel.

He noted information had been received from Carl Rose of the Association of Alaska School Boards related to the Governor's Endowment Plan. He encouraged board members to contact local legislators on this.

Mrs. Obendorf reported a letter had been received from Mrs. Tamara Santaigo of the Mt. View Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee requesting that PTAs be equally represented before the Board.

She noted a February 14 legislative bulletin reported on recent legislation. She stated discouragement had been expressed on SB 15.

Mrs. Obendorf reported a letter had been received from Mrs. Marie Marrs, QUEST Coordinator, who thanked the Board for their hard work in the superintendent search.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that in a recent issue of The School Board Journal brief notices were published on the top 100 superintendents in the United States. She stated that former superintendent Fred Pomeroy was listed among the top candidates in the Executive 100 group.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Obendorf presented citations from the Alaska State Legislature to organizers of the Soldotna-Magadan Youth Summit. Those honored by the citations were Betty Leonard, Rick Matiya, Trena Richardson, David Dickerson, the School Board, the Borough Assembly, Soldotna High School, the Curriculum Office, Bilingual Programs Staff, Nancy Rockhill, Soldotna Elementary Staff, and Soldotna Elementary PTA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Sandahl reported the Central Office administration will be filling assistant principal positions within the near future and other administrative positions would be filled in April.

He noted that Mt. Redoubt erupted last week and schools in the Ninilchik area and southern Peninsula would use Friday, April 13 as their make up day.

Mr. Sandahl reported that Matt Castimore received the second highest individual Math Counts score and would go on to state competition. Additionally, Darrell Tepp of Kenai Jr. High School received the highest score earned by a seventh grader at the Math Counts competition in Anchorage.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT (cont.):

Mr. Sandahl reported the Middle School Task Force will hold its first meeting on April 24, 1990.

Mr. Sandahl reported the administration will be considering guidelines for possible school closures.

Mr. Sandahl stated the topic of elementary school homework was being researched and will be reviewed and discussed with elementary principals.

1990-91 SCHOOL  
BUDGET:

Mr. Sandahl and Mr. Swarner presented the preliminary 1990-91 school budget to the Board. They projected the budget will service 8,865 students for a total amount of \$60,616,506. Mr. Sandahl noted that public hearings would be conducted within the next two weeks related to the budget, and the Board will consider approval on the budget at their March 5, 1990 meeting. It was stressed that the budget was a status quo budget with additional expenditures resulting from the opening of the Skyview and new Seward elementary schools.

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HOMER'S FACILITY  
PLANNING SESSION:

Mr. Dahlgren reported on a meeting held in Homer on January 24. He noted it was evident that crowded conditions existed at the elementary and intermediate schools. He stated he advised the Homer administrators, parent advisory committee and parents that various configurations of schools, with decisions based on sound educational philosophy, needed to be considered for the Homer area. It was also noted that bonding for new schools would be difficult since the district would need to show cause for new facilities to be funded by the state.

1989-90 STANDARDIZED  
TEST SCORES:

Dr. Larson reviewed the 1989-90 standardized test scores with the Board. He noted the results indicated the district is above national norms. He also noted an achievement testing proposal accompanied the report in which he proposed the district go to a "bench mark testing" program using the ITBS test for grades 3, 4, 6, 8, and 10. He also noted that since the Department of Education required ITBS testing, the district would be able to make comparisons between KPBSD students and a national norm group. He noted the testing proposal would be presented at the March 5 meeting for consideration by the Board.

Mrs. Fischer expressed concern that the district needed to maintain a testing program which would be comparable through the years. Dr. Larson responded that the district is able to make comparisons based on last year's ITBS test scores.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ended January 31, 1990.

BUDGET TRANSFER  
REPORT:

Mr. Swarner reported on Budget Transfers #50 through #209 as follows: #50, Special Services, \$5,000; #55, Soldotna High, \$805; #56, Homer Junior High, \$254; #57, Unallocated/Bartlett Elem-High, \$973; #59, Special Services, \$560; #60, Kenai Central High, \$183; #61, Seward High, \$400; #62, Homer Intermediate, \$1,421; #63, Soldotna High, \$770; #64, Soldotna High, \$171; #65, Soldotna High, \$1,000; #66, Soldotna High, \$247; #68, Seward High, \$200; #69, Seward High, \$110; #70, Kenai Central High, \$647; #71, Kenai Central High, \$30; #72, Kenai Junior High, \$219; #73, Data Processing, \$2,000; #74, Soldotna High, \$400; #76, Secondary Curriculum, \$2,100; #77, Homer High, \$550; #78, Kenai Central High, \$1,800; #80, Kenai Central High, \$210; #81, Homer Junior High, \$1,000; #82, Purchasing Services, \$40; #83, Homer High, \$1,529; #84, Seward Elementary, \$275; #85, Soldotna Elementary, \$2,380; #86, Soldotna Elementary, \$635; #87, Homer High, \$1,275; #88, Kenai Central High, \$149; #89, Kenai Central High, \$291; #90, Soldotna High, \$3,107; #91, Soldotna High, \$453; #92, Soldotna High, \$223; #93, Soldotna High, \$451; #94, Kenai Junior High, \$70; #95, Seward High, \$185; #96, Homer High, \$557; #97, Soldotna Elementary, \$1,660; #98, Nikiski Junior-Senior High, \$240; #99, Soldotna High, \$349; #100, Seward High, \$109; #101, Soldotna High, \$1,969; #102, Kenai Junior High, \$152; #103, Homer Intermediate, \$1,826; #104, Homer Intermediate, \$208; #105, Nikiski Junior-Senior High, \$1,500; #106, Homer Junior High, \$115; #107, Kenai Junior High, \$70; #108, Warehouse and Receiving, \$200; #109, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$346; #110, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$1,200; #111, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$229; #112, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$160; #113, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$208; #114, Skyview High, \$2,565; #115, Soldotna High/Food Services, \$192; #116, Soldotna High, \$410; #117, Chapman Elementary, \$490; #118, Chapman Elementary, \$567; #119, Cooper Landing Elementary, \$400; #120, Cooper Landing Elementary, \$200; #121, Nikolaevsk Elem-High, \$171; #122, Purchasing Services, \$81; #123, Warehouse and Receiving, \$450; #124, Special Services, \$250; #125, Districtwide Instruction/McNeil Canyon Elementary, \$5,572; #126, Secondary Curriculum/Susan B. English Elem-High/Ninilchik Elem-High, \$400; #127, Food Service, \$200; #128, Warehouse and Receiving, \$100; #129, Kenai Central High, \$1,000; #130, Kenai Central High, \$1,541; #132, Special Services/Moose Pass Elementary, \$200; #133, Homer High, \$63; #134, Homer High, \$600; #135, Nikiski Elementary, \$260; #136, Bartlett Elem-High, \$1,500; #137, English Bay Elem-High, \$146; #138, Redoubt Elementary, \$90; #139, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$72; #140, Tustumena Elementary, \$25; #141, Bartlett Elem-High, \$400; #142, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$650; #143, Homer High, \$1,500; #144, Media Center, \$400; #145, Food Service, \$600; #146, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$772; #147, Elementary Curriculum In-Service/Soldotna High, \$300; #148, Homer High, \$25; #149, Soldotna High, \$1,206; #150, Warehouse and

BUDGET TRANSFER  
REPORT (continued):

Receiving, \$800; #151, Unallocated Regular Instruction/Soldotna Elementary/Port Graham Elem-High/Nikolaevsk Elem-High, \$2,789; #152, Unallocated Regular Instruction/Moose Pass Elementary/Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$3,471; #153, Unallocated Regular Instruction/Sears Elementary/Tustumena Elementary, \$4,433; #154, Unallocated Regular Instruction/Seward High/Tustumena Elementary/Cooper Landing Elementary, \$4,459; #155, Unallocated Regular Instruction/Kenai Junior High/English Bay Elem-High/McNeil Canyon Elementary/Mountain View Elementary/Paul Banks Elementary, \$4,381; #156, Unallocated Regular Instruction/Sterling Elementary/Voznesenka Elementary/North Star Elementary/Nikiski Elementary, \$4,873; #157, Kenai Central High, \$517; #158, Kenai Central High, \$1,910; #159, Kenai Central High, \$51; #160, Homer High, \$220; #161, Soldotna High, \$7,700; #162, Kenai Junior High, \$200; #163, Homer Intermediate, \$273; #164, Director-Instruction/Soldotna High, \$1,000; #165, Kenai Central High, \$800; #166, Director-Operations/Kenai Central, \$1,736; #167, Regular Instruction/Seward High, \$345; #168, Soldotna High, \$707; #169, Soldotna High, \$509; #170, Soldotna Elementary, \$700; #171, Kenai Central High, \$259; #172, Kenai Central High, \$160; #173, Kenai Central High, \$200; #174, Homer High, \$105; #175, Homer High, \$320; #176, Soldotna High, \$1,000; #177, Voznesenka Elementary, \$200; #178, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$76; #179, Mountain View Elementary, \$150; #180, Data Processing, \$8,000; #181, Soldotna High, \$783; #182, Tustumena Elementary, \$200; #183, Director-Operations/Nikiski Elementary, \$336; #184, Regular Instruction/Seward High, \$522; #185, Regular Instruction/McNeil Canyon Elementary, \$3,171; #186, Secondary Curriculum, \$2,500; #187, Secondary Curriculum/Soldotna High, \$1,000; #188, Paul Banks Elementary, \$1,000; #189, Elementary Curriculum/Homer Intermediate, \$213; #190, Soldotna Junior High, \$475; #191, Cooper Landing Elementary, \$700; #192, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$355; #193, New Seward Elementary, \$45,000; #194, Secondary Curriculum/Elementary Curriculum, \$200; #195, Nikiski Junior-Senior High, \$9,147; #196, Warehouse and Receiving, \$2,200; #197, Kenai Central High, \$119; #198, Kenai Central High, \$38; #199, Kenai Central High, \$800; #200, Kenai Central High, \$112; #202, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$200; #203, Soldotna High, \$488; #204, Kenai Central High, \$1,500; #205, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$410; #206, Cooper Landing Elementary, \$350; #207, Hope Elementary, \$332; #208, District-Instruction, \$3,100; and #209, Director-Instruction, \$500.

RECESS:

At 8:50 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 9:04 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.



FIRST READING/POLICY  
007.2, DUE PROCESS:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading on revisions to Policy 007.2, Due Process. The revised policy would allow for an appeal process for students suspended from school for five days or more. This appeal would be made in writing to the executive director of instruction within ten school days. He noted that school administrators were present to address the issue.

School principals, Mick Wykis from Kenai Central High School, James Fredrickson from Seward High School, Dennis Dempsey from Homer High School, and Frank Garrity from Soldotna High School told the Board that their schools handled suspensions of less than ten days within the school setting in an expeditious manner through both informal and formal hearings. Most disciplinary action is handled by attempting to keep students within the school setting by using the Saturday school approach or in-school suspensions. They stated that unlimited appeals for minor infractions such as tardies would interrupt the smooth flow of the appeal process. The principals further noted that disciplinary actions, hearings, and appeals are taken seriously and are time consuming. It was noted that the 1977 National School Law refers to suspensions that require formal and informal hearings of ten days or more. The administrators felt past procedure was in accordance with legal standards. It was noted that steps for hearing procedures are outlined in student handbooks, and if appealed to the School Board the process is lengthy and delayed. The administrators noted that although five days were suggested for the policy revision, suspensions of ten days would be preferred by them.

Mr. Kessler commented that past procedures were researched thoroughly by legal council and policy was developed in depth to support legal reasoning for due process. He stated that the process should be clear cut and the administrators' opinions should be carefully considered.

Dr. Larson reiterated that a vast amount of time is involved in the hearing process, especially the amount of time involved at all administrative levels prior to coming to the School Board.

Mr. Tauriainen recommended there be provisions for an informal appeal process in the policy for suspensions of less than five or ten days to be made immediately, and appeals of ten days or more could be made to the School Board. Mrs. Obendorf noted that this has been past practice of the school district. Mr. Dempsey also noted that similar provisions are set forth in the student handbooks.

FIRST READING/POLICY  
007.2, DUE PROCESS  
(continued):

Mrs. Fischer commented that she was concerned that students should be allowed the opportunity to appeal a suspension of a few days to the school board if parents feel this is necessary. Mr. Garrity responded that if parents want to appeal any case they can do that by submitting an appeal in writing to Dr. Larson within ten school days.

Mr. Sandahl noted that the education of students is of the utmost importance and there should not be interference to this. He added that an inordinate amount of time is spent on the part of administrators dealing with discipline matters. He stated he personally favored up to ten days with no formal appeal process written in policy.

Mrs. Dimmick requested that Dr. Larson enclose a proposed change for Policy 007.2, Due process, to replace "five days or more" with "ten or eleven days or more" whichever is more appropriate in the wording. She commented that she did not desire to cut off due process, but that discipline matters should be taken care of at the building levels whenever possible.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. President, expressed appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to be involved in the superintendent selection process. She noted that the interview sessions were valuable to the association and public for their input into the process.

SOLDOTNA P.T.A.:

Mrs. Janice Mullen, Soldotna PTA Vice President, told the Board she felt the meeting conducted last Wednesday relating to PAC/PTA involvement in the policy change was a good one.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, Leave of Absence Request/Certified; Resignation, and Sick Leave Request/Certified.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LISTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$45,966.32 and for Skyview High School in the amount of \$48,587.77.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 1990-91 school year to Robert Jones, Librarian, Ninilchik Elem/High School.

RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Rozella Wallace, Grade 3, Chapman Elementary effective the end of the 1989-90 school year.

SICK LEAVE REQUEST/  
CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a sick leave request previously approved by K.P.E.A. for Pat Springer-Hann, Special Education/Language Pathologist, Districtwide and Kalifornsky Beach Elementary.

Mr. Wiley requested that Consent Agenda Item, 9a (1) Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, be considered separately.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #2, #3, and #4. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve the Furniture and Equipment Lists. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Massie stated he would abstain on the vote due to a possible conflict of interest.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he had talked with Mr. Dahlgren and Mr. Sampson, Seward Elementary Principal, since the last school board meeting and felt the requests for purchase at the new Seward elementary school were reasonable.

Mr. Sampson, Seward Elementary Principal, told the Board that the school has chosen to take a holistic approach to science, and they were fortunate to have an exceptional staff member who has trained the K-6 staff and Seward High School staff. He commented that through this effort they are working on the holistic approach in the science, math, reading, geography, and writing curriculum. Therefore, the science equipment on the equipment list would be effective to this approach on teaching science.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
ABSTAIN - Massie  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Motion carried.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren presented a listing of ten capital improvement projects totalling \$700,000 to be included in the borough budget. The items were: 1) Areawide portable classrooms, \$40,000, 2) KCHS Library roof repair, \$50,000, 3) Chapman Elementary paving, \$27,000, 4) Homer Junior High water pipes replacement, \$135,000, 5) Homer High heating controls replacement, \$108,000, 6) Seldovia gym floor replacement, \$108,000, 7) Soldotna Elementary bus area, \$89,000, 8) Soldotna High pool locker replacement, \$35,000, 9) Seward High pool locker replacement, \$35,00, and 10) Seward Elementary

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
LIST (continued):

remodeling, \$75,000. He noted if funds were not fully available from the borough, the projects would be reduced in a descending order. He also noted that a six-year plan of projects sent to the Department of Education accompanied the report as additional information for the Board. He recommended the Board approve the capital improvements list which would be forwarded to the borough.

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Borough Assembly member, asked for clarification on the list, and should the borough not fund money for the entire list would the items on the bottom of the list would be deleted. Mr. Dahlgren responded affirmatively to her question. She also noted the Assembly would be considering an ordinance at their February 20 meeting to refinish the Seldovia gymnasium floor which was on the capital improvements list. She requested rationale for each project. Mr. Dahlgren responded with the administration's rationale for the listed projects. Mrs. Moock invited members of the Board and administration to attend the Assembly's educational committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the capital improvements list as presented by Mr. Dahlgren with the exception that if the Borough Assembly is willing to fund the Seldovia gymnasium floor at this time the School Board would support Ordinance 90-4 and delete #6 from the list. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that she did not feel it was inappropriate for the Assembly to fund a particular project if they felt it needed immediate attention, and such action would be better for the school district. She stated it was difficult to prioritize projects which not everyone agreed on the order of prioritization. She urged support of the motion.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned the immediacy for the Board to act on the capital improvements list. Mr. Wiley noted the list had been submitted to the Board as information at the last meeting. Mr. Kessler stated that as normal process the capital improvements list is presented to the Board annually at this time.

Mr. Massie commented that the list should be approved as presented since alteration to it might send mixed signals to the Borough Assembly.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she felt she could support the motion if the Seldovia gym floor was prioritized at a higher ranking. She stated she was concerned that student safety is important, but education is also a priority of the Board.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to move Item #6, Seldovia gym floor, to priority #2. Mr. Wiley seconded.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
LIST (continued):

Mr. Tauriainen stated he felt he needed more information on the capital improvement projects.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to postpone the item until the next meeting.

RECESS:

At 10:27 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 10:34 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Mrs. Obendorf stated the motion was in order. However, due to a lack of second the motion to postpone died.

Mr. Kessler reiterated it was not easy to prioritize particular items and he did not have any problems with the list as submitted. Mr. Strube agreed that the prioritized list should not be changed since all of the items had been checked carefully by the administration.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that he felt the most important concern was the item before the Borough Assembly on the Seldovia gym floor which could be a separate item to be considered by the Board also. Mrs. Fischer responded that if the Assembly considered the Seldovia project only, then the Board could possibly receive funding only for that project with the other items on the priority list not being funded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Wiley  
NO - Massie, Kessler, Tauriainen, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - No

Amendment failed.

Mr. Wiley stated he had contacted several members of the Borough Assembly and it appeared the Assembly favored the Seldovia project if the School Board approved it. He stated the School Board needed to cooperate with the Borough Assembly and he felt the motion was a good compromise.

Mr. Sandahl commented that he felt the motion was a good one which did not single out one project, but was based on need. He stated in this manner the Board and Assembly would be working together on important items.

Mrs. Obendorf commented that she appreciated the Assembly members who respect the process of the School Board. She stated that in approving the priority list this was the process of the Board. Mr. Kessler responded that this was the process of the School Board, but support of Ordinance 90-4 circumvented the process.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
LIST (continued):

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - No

Motion carried.

RECESS:

At 11:01 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 11:05 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

SUPERINTENDENT  
CONTRACT:

Mrs. Obendorf stated she and Mr. Massie had met with Dr. Robert Holmes to negotiate a contract following his approval as superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District on Tuesday, February 13. The contract as presented would be effective July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1992 at a salary of \$89,500. In addition, the superintendent would receive thirty vacation days annually, travel expenses the same as other Central Office administrators, the same benefits of certificated personnel, an evaluation to be conducted annually, allocation of \$5,000 for moving expenses, notification of contract continuation by October 1, rules and regulations the superintendent would be bound by, and contract termination by mutual consent upon thirty days written notice.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the contract for Dr. Robert J. Holmes, Superintendent, effective July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1992. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick questioned the rationale on the October 1 date for notification of contract continuation. Mrs. Obendorf explained that this is standard procedure whereby both the school board and superintendent would have time to begin a superintendency search. Mrs. Dimmick requested the annual calendar reflect this change.

Mrs. Dimmick requested that federal regulations be added to the section of rules and regulations which the superintendent is to abide. Attorney Boedeker responded these could be included in a supplemental letter to Dr. Holmes.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. John Kistler commented that the test scores presented at the meeting indicated district students were 10% above the

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PRESENTATIONS  
(continued):

norm, yet district employees are paid 30% above average wages. He suggested that the pay scale should be commensurate with performance. He also stated that the lowest level mathematics courses at the local college are classes which should be taught at elementary and junior high school levels. He questioned why such courses are offered if the school district is doing such a good job with better than average personnel.

Mrs. Moock expressed appreciation on the superintendent search process and the professional manner in which it was conducted. She noted it was good that the community was involved in the questioning process, and it appeared the reception prior to the final interview put people at ease with the superintendent candidate. She also commented that the Board's action on the Seldovia situation sent mixed messages to the Borough Assembly.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Tauriainen commended the Math Counts Program and noted it is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers. He also noted this is National Engineers Week.

Mr. Wiley suggested that a committee be formed to work with the administration on policies before the Board. He stated he felt it would be helpful to receive this additional input.

Mr. Wiley requested that KPSAA look at a process for distributing family passes to parents who are unable to afford attendance at their children's activities where admission is charged.

Mr. Strube commented that good counseling was given to students at Ninilchik School as a result of a recent suicide there.

Mr. Strube stated he felt that family passes should be considered for those parents who could not afford attending their children's activities.

Mrs. Dimmick stated an outstanding job of counseling took place at Ninilchik recently during a suicide incident there. She further requested that the district develop guidelines to help principals in suicidal situations.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that she was pleased with the recent issue of KCHS's Scarlet Letter.

Mr. Kessler stated he was pleased with Mrs. Fischer's report on the AASB Fly-in in Juneau.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mr. Kessler requested Mr. Sandahl investigate the situation where parents are unable to pay for admittance to children's activities. He commented that building administrators and service clubs sometimes help in these situations. Mr. Sandahl responded that the local situation had been taken care of prior to the meeting, and this issue would be considered at the next KPSAA meeting.

Mr. Kessler commented that he did not feel a committee system was appropriate for the development of policies. He felt this was the responsibility of the school board.

Mrs. Fischer reported that SB 15 was in the House Rules Committee. She recommended that the agreement with the association and school boards should be adhered to, not as the bill is currently altered.

Mrs. Fischer stated she was in agreement with Mrs. Mook in adhering to protocol between the School Board and Borough Assembly. She felt good direction was needed from the Board to the Assembly.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she had talked to the parents who were unable to attend their children's activities. The parents major concern was not in receiving special attention, but rather wanting involvement for their children. She requested that family passes be considered.

Mrs. Fischer stated she did not support the idea that policies be developed by committees. She noted the Board does consider all points of view when approving policies.

Mrs. Obendorf requested the administration report back to the Board on the concept of developing guidelines for school closures. Mr. Sandahl responded that the administration follows guidelines whether it be for earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, etc. Mrs. Obendorf requested that the guidelines be developed to include emergency days built into the school calendar.

Mrs. Obendorf requested the administration prepare a report to the Board on the busing situation in Seward. She further requested the report include information on what will occur next year with the new elementary school opening.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that budget hearings would begin on Wednesday, February 21. She requested Board members inform her of the meetings they would be attending.

Mrs. Obendorf thanked the members of the Board for their involvement in the superintendent search process and the interviews completed last week.



ADJOURN:

At 11:50 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Massie seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of February 19, 1990,  
were approved on March 5, 1990,  
with corrections.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

March 5, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mr. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Kistler	Dr. Robert Holmes
Mrs. Mary Rubadeau	Mr. Ben Swan
Mrs. Melody Douglas	Ms. Judy Blume
Mrs. Trena Richardson	Mr. Kurt Kristensen
Mrs. Sharon Moock	Mrs. June Kohler
Mr. John Andrews	Mr. Daryl Kellum
Mrs. Janice Mullen	Mr. Mick Wykis
Mrs. Pam Lazenby	Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mr. Robert Dover	Mr. Duane Anderson
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Special School Board Minutes of February 9-10, 1990, and February 13, 1990, were approved as written. The School Board Minutes of February 19, 1990, were approved with corrections.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported that he and Mr. Swarner had testified during a recent teleconference on behalf of HB 460 as it relates to school funding for the 1990-91 school year.

Mr. Sandahl announced that Project Leadership would be held on Thursday, March 8 and the monthly administrator's meeting would follow on Friday, March 9.

Mr. Sandahl welcomed Dr. Holmes, future KPBSD superintendent, on his visit to the district this week.

He reported that schools were closed in the Central Peninsula area on Friday, March 2, due to snow conditions. In addition, he noted that schools were being inspected for leaks, roof snow loads, etc. resulting from excessive snow fall recently.

Mr. Sandahl told the Board that he had responded to a parent's communication which he and the Board had received related to student disciplinary action.

Mrs. Obendorf reported that a letter had been received from Anne Heimbuch of the Homer Parent Advisory Committee expressing a need for a multipurpose room at Homer Junior High School and construction of a new elementary school in Homer.

She noted a letter had been received from Mark Norgren, Assistant Principal at Nikiski Junior-Senior High School, who expressed appreciation to the Board for their time in explaining the 1990-91 budget to the Nikiski community.

NIKISKI PTA:

Mr. Kurt Kristensen from the Nikiski Parent Teacher Association told the Board that members of an areawide PTA had planned to meet prior to the meeting to review portions of the 1990-91 budget. However, the meeting was cancelled due to an automobile accident. He apprised the Board on activities at the Nikiski schools which included forensics, pursuing a master teacher program and possibly holding summer pre-college classes. He noted the Board should have directed more information to the public related to the Funding Cap. He also noted that training for new staff, computer competency, and implementation of the health curriculum were essential items in the budget. He requested the Board consider a block or grant approach to provide additional staff for Nikiski Junior-Senior High School in order to deal with the unique problems of the school.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. President, extended congratulations to Dr. Holmes on his appointment as superintendent of schools. She stated their organization was in favor of an affirmative action plan and would like to see a written plan pursued.

1990-91 SCHOOL  
BUDGET (cont.):

requested for the opening of Skyview School and the new Seward elementary school. Mr. Swarner explained that his memorandum outlined the various expenditures resulting from adjustments from borough in-kind figures.

Mr. Wiley questioned what would happen if the state legislature passed HB 460 and additional funds were awarded the school district. Mr. Sandahl responded the school administration would be meeting with the borough mayor and education committee related to this in the event the unit value is increased. He stated it would be inappropriate to assume the change would occur, but the administration would take necessary action when the situation arises.

Mr. Kurt Kristensen stated the school board needed to fund specific items in the budget over and above the current spending limit, and questioned what mechanism was available to get funding for these items from the borough assembly. He felt it was the Board's responsibility to budget for all justified items even though such went beyond the spending Cap and leave the spending problem to the legislature and Borough Assembly.

Mr. John Kistler distributed his analysis of school budget increases and decreases over the past 14 years. He noted this year's budget was a 6.5% increase over last year's. He commented the Board needed to address the areas of supplies and miscellaneous portions. He stated that since the borough savings account was being used, it would cost approximately \$6-7 million dollars to replenish this account.

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Borough Assembly person, commented that should the additional funds from the state legislature materialize this would be a supplemental fund from the borough assembly. She also noted that given the legal constraints and the Cap the Board would be out of compliance in submitting a budget which included all items requested and beyond the spending limits.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board adopt the 1990-91 budget for total operating budget at \$60,607,210 and the total budget for all funds at \$67,251,438 as outlined in Mr. Swarner's memorandum. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that the budget is an annual spending plan of the district and the school district was doing the best they could within the spending Cap. She noted that numerous reductions had already been made during the budget planning process. She added that if the district should receive additional funds from the legislature she did not foresee any problems with the Borough Assembly forwarding those appropriations to the School District.

1990-91 SCHOOL  
BUDGET (cont.):

Mr. Tauriainen stated the public should be aware that \$4 million had already been cut from the original budget proposal. He noted the district has increased per pupil spending from \$3,000 to \$7,000 over the last 14 years and it appeared the school district needed to be diligent in its spending.

Mrs. Fischer expressed appreciation to the members of the public who attended the public budget hearings. She expressed concern that the extra funds might not automatically revert to the School District. She commented that not all school formulas were fair, but the School Board had done the best on a per pupil ratio to make it as fair as possible.

Mrs. Obendorf expressed appreciation to all members of the budget review committee for their work in the review process and the reductions they made to the original budget. She also expressed appreciation to the public for their interest and attendance at the budget hearings.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Duane Anderson presented the Board with copies of his draft for SB 15 as he interpreted the need for timelines for contract negotiations and bargaining practices. His draft also included provisions for the Board to review on binding arbitration and teacher strikes. Mrs. Fischer requested Mr. Swarner to provide Mr. Anderson with a draft of what has happened to the Department of Public Safety since they have acquired binding arbitration.

Mr. Kurt Kristensen stated he felt that if teachers had the right to strike then the last two best offers should go to the public to choose. He also felt the public should have influence over tenure.

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Borough Assembly member, told the Board that the assembly appropriated funds to refinish the Seldovia gymnasium floor. She noted Ordinance 90-18 would be introduced at the March 6 meeting and up for public hearing on April 3. She encouraged the Board to attend the April 3 Public Works and Education Meeting at 4:00 p.m. She further suggested the Board submit a written recommendation on the capital improvements list along with a brief explanation of each project. Mrs. Obendorf requested that Mr. Dahlgren write to the Borough Assembly on these projects.

Mr. John Kistler stated he was opposed to arbitration in the bargaining process. He presented a plaque to the School Board related to their purchasing practices.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, Teacher Assignments, Leave of Absence Request/Certified, Sick Leave Draw Request/Certified, and Substitute Teacher Contract.

FURNITURE AND  
EQUIPMENT LISTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for Skyview High School in the amount of \$71,879.52 and the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$60,477.74.

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1989-90 school year for Mary Dougherty, Special Education/Vocational Education (half-time), Soldotna High (temporary); and Heather Cook, Language Arts (half-time), Homer Junior High (temporary).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for the 1990-91 school year for Don Oberg, Science, Kenai Central High.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 24 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Deborah Verney, Special Education/Resource, Sears Elementary.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a contract for 19-day substitute teacher LaVonna Smith, Special Education/Program Manager/Speech, Districtwide and Mountain View Elementary.

Mrs. Fischer requested that Consent Agenda Item 4a (3), Approval of Leave of Absence Request/Certified, be removed for separate consideration.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #2, #4, and #5. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item #3. Mr. Massie seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Motion carried.

POLICY REVISION/  
007.2/DUE PROCESS:

Mr. Sandahl reported that Dr. Larson had prepared revisions to regulation 007.2, Due Process. The revised regulation would allow for a formal appeal process for students suspended from school for eleven (11) days or more by submitting the appeal in writing to the executive director - instruction within ten (10) school days. He noted the revisions were in accordance with discussions with secondary administrators.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve regulation 007.2, Due Process, as presented. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he felt the policy should be clarified in that every effort will be made to contact the parents in suspension cases. He noted that this should be included at the end of the third paragraph of first page of the regulations.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to add, "every reasonable attempt will be made to contact the parent(s) prior to the suspension." Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fischer requested the administration prepare a report for the Board related to number of suspensions and grade levels of the suspensions. Mrs. Dimmick further requested that types of in-school suspensions be included in the report.

Mr. Strube questioned whether a student or parent had a right to cross examine a student who did not want his/her identity to be known. Would the "narc" have to come forth and face the accused? Mr. Sandahl stated that as a last resort the assumption was accurate. Mr. Strube noted that in legal literature it is stated that courts have rejected arguments that students are entitled to know the identities and cross examine their accusers.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - No

Motion carried unanimously.

1990-91 SCHOOL  
BUDGET:

Mr. Sandahl reported the Board had completed extensive work on the 1990-91 budget through budget review sessions, worksessions, and public hearings. He stated the operating fund budget amounted to \$60,607,210 and the total budget for all funds was \$67,251,438. He added that basically the budget was a status quo budget with the exception of additional funds

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Sturbe stated he had promised the students that he would carefully consider the suspension issue when it came before the Board. He explained that he felt strongly about the "narc" issue, therefore, his negative vote.

Mr. Wiley requested that the administration research the difference in funding at Nikiski Junior-Senior High School as compared to other schools. He requested this report for the March 19 meeting.

Mrs. Fischer complimented Mr. Dahlgren on the expeditious closure for the Central Peninsula schools on Friday, March 2.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that positive response had been received from Homer residents related to their Flex School. She requested the administration prepare a report to the Board in April on this program.

She noted that the AASB Legislative Fly-in would be held on March 24-27 and encouraged all board members to attend.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that support from School Board members was needed for SB 460. The Board concurred that a letter be sent in support of this legislation. Mrs. Fischer expressed concern that all school boards needed to be consistent in their support of this bill.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that North Star Elementary School would be closed on Tuesday, March 6 until such time as the heavy snow load and conditions of the school could be surveyed by a structural engineer. He noted that although the situation did not appear particularly dangerous, he did not want to place students in a harmful situation. In response to a question from Mrs. Fischer related to make up days, Mr. Sandahl responded that he would be discussing this situation with the administrators on Friday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:19 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 10:35 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board reconvene in regular session. Mrs. Fischer seconded.




ADJOURN:

At 10:37 p.m., Mrs. Fischer moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
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Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of March 5, 1990,  
were approved on March 19, 1990,  
with a correction.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 Borough Administration Building  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669

March 19, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
 Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
 Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
 Operations, and Technology  
 Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Marlene Benson	Mr. Ken Tarbox
Mrs. Barbara Eastham	Mrs. Melody Douglas
Ms. Judy Blume	Mr. Mick Wykis
Mrs. Betsy Staley	Mrs. Lois Massie
Mrs. Chris Monfor	Mrs. Trena Richardson
Mr. Duane Anderson	Mrs. Vickie Leach
Mrs. Pat Porter	Mr. Ben Swan
Mrs. Cheryl Schweigert	Ms. Jeri Besch
Mr. Al Poindexter	
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Absent - Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of March 5, 1990, were approved with a correction.

HEARING OF  
DELEGATIONS:

Mr. Duane Anderson spoke to the Board on the issue of homework where little public involvement has taken place to resolve parental concerns raised. He stated that concerns expressed by parents were valid and he hoped the issue would be resolved in a fair manner.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported that notice had been received from the Alaska Secondary School Principals Association related to an extended visit on April 27 of George Melton, nationally known middle school consultant. He advised that a member of the Board and staff should attend this meeting in order to attain additional information for the district on the middle school concept.

He noted a proclamation had been received from Governor Cowper announcing that March is Youth Art Month.

Mr. Sandahl noted the QUEST coordinator, Marie Marrs, had informed him that two KPBSD schools received national honors in the Word Master Program. Homer Junior High School and Soldotna Junior High School received national ranking of honorable mention in the seventh grade gold division.

Mr. Sandhal stated that revisions to certification regulations had been received from the Department of Education. He noted the new regulations relating to fingerprinting and background checks were creating consternation within the state. He commented that he favored the regulation changes, but the renewal process could delay receipt of teaching certificates up to eight months.

Mrs. Obendorf read Resolution 90-1 from the Port Graham School requesting their 1990-91 school calendar be adjusted with April 28-29, 1991 for spring break and May 31, 1991 as the last pupil day of school. The Parent Advisory Committee felt the normal spring break disrupted school studies and they felt an early dismissal date was necessary due to the nature of their fishing community.

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from Nickie Henrick who expressed her support of the Homer Flex School and its benefits to the students. She wrote that the students are proud, ambitious, and eager to make something of themselves. She concluded that this is one of the best things that has happened in Homer, and requested the flex school be continued.

Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged receipt of the Basic Skills Report from the Department of Education for the State of Alaska. She noted the report contained statewide testing results for reading, mathematics, and language arts in grades 4, 6, and 8.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mrs. Lois Massie, KCHS English teacher, in recognition of her professional excellence for her 20 years with the school district. The Board acknowledged Mrs. Massie's dedication and devotion to students beyond their high school years in following up on their college careers.

NSPRA GOLDEN ACHIEVE-  
MENT AWARD:

Mr. Sandahl presented the National School Public Relations Association's Golden Achievement Award to Mrs. Chris Monfor, district public relations officer, in recognition of producing the 1989-90 KPBSD school calendar which was judged and honored among other publications nationally. The Board extended congratulations to Mrs. Monfor on her excellent work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Mr. Sandahl reported that the central office administration had carefully considered and consulted with employee organizations as to appropriate ways to make up days missed due to volcanic eruptions and snow loads this year. He recommended that days be made up on Good Friday and at the end of the school year. He also suggested that two "mercy days" be sought from the Commissioner of Education for North Star Elementary School in order to allow for more equitable make up days for that school. He noted Saturdays had been considered as make up days, however, this was not favorable with the teacher's association as they felt student attendance would be poor with little learning taking place. He noted that parent-teacher conferences could not be used as make up days due to notices already being sent to parents notifying them of the conferences. He also recommended that the 1990-91 school calendar be altered by adding five days to the beginning of the school year and the calendar altered at the end of the year if the days are not used. He also recommended serving notice to the employee groups that spring break could be used for make up days. The Board will consider action on the make up days at their April 2 meeting.

Mrs. Fischer suggested that those schools not having used Saturday as an in-service day should do this. She noted that a mercy day should be requested for Tustumena Elementary since the staff had worked on a Saturday in-service. She also felt a decision should be made within the near future, since the make up days could effect graduation dates.

Mrs. Dimmick stated teachers who called her indicated there would not be good student attendance at the end of the year and instead suggested the school days be extended to make up for the lost time. Mr. Sandahl responded that extending the day would not be feasible since legislation for this purpose had not been approved. He noted that if testing was changed to these days, attendance should be good.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT (continued):

Mr. Wiley expressed concern related to adding five days to the beginning of the school calendar and its effects to those people who desired a late start.

Mr. Massie expressed concern on adding days at the end of school year. He stated he had received numerous calls from teachers requesting the days be made up on Saturdays, contrary to information Mr. Sandahl had received. He further suggested that days be made up as near to the days of absence as possible.

Mrs. Obendorf thanked Mr. Sandahl and the staff for their time spent on the report. She commented that whatever decision is made it will not please everyone.

In response to a request from the Board at their March 5 meeting, Mr. Sandahl reported on the comparison of funding for Nikiski Junior-Senior High School and other schools in the district. He noted that Nikiski Junior-Senior High School is funded on an equitable basis using formulas established for the district. He commented that the largest portion of the budget relates to salaries, both certificated and support staff. Although using the same formulas, it would appear a lesser amount was allocated for Nikiski Junior-Senior but this was due to a "younger, less seasoned" staff. He noted that should student projections hold, staff could be added in the fall from the unallocated account. He added that support staff are based on formulas, and custodial staff allocations are given consideration on square footage of schools and additional facilities serviced such as swimming pools and community school programs. He noted that KCHS has 170,000 square feet plus a swimming pool as compared to Nikiski's 110,000 square foot school with no swimming pool, therefore, a difference in custodial staff. He noted a more comparable situation would be with Skyview High School, but an additional .5 staff is assigned due to the swimming pool at that site. Additionally, the supply formulas are computed on the same basis. A difference in equipment purchases would exist at new facilities who have received new equipment in their building programs, whereas, more attention would be given to equipping older less well-furnished schools. He felt there was equity in extracurricular programs based on region and site. He added that Nikiski Junior-Senior high received more funds in this area because it is a junior-senior high school and would have different levels of activities. He noted that parity exists with other budgeted items such as copy machines. Lastly, other budgeted items such as telephone, postage and garbage were reviewed during the budget process for equity. He felt that those persons expressing concern related to disparity probably were unfamiliar with the budget process with the new school. He felt most of the problems probably dealt with salaries for a younger staff.

SEWARD AREA BUS  
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported to the Board that an additional school bus would be needed in the Seward area next year due to increased enrollment, location of the new elementary school, and the opening of another subdivision. He stated Department of Education approval was needed on this bus for reimbursement purposes. He stated he would continue to monitor the routes before implementing them.

SCHEDULING COMMITTEE  
REPORT:

As a 1989-90 Board goal, Dr. Larson presented a report of the Scheduling Committee established to review scheduling options to accommodate the differing needs of the district's student population. After thorough review of the many options available, it was the committee's recommendation that the Board not require a specific schedule for all schools and encouraged that each school review their school's philosophy and mission statement to develop schedules accordingly. They recommended continuation of the same process due to the diversity of staff, students, and administration. The report included comparisons of numerous schedules listing considerations and implications of each.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ended February 28, 1990. He commented that the health insurance account appeared to be lower in cost per employee as compared to last year.

POLICY 008.21 AND  
008.21R/PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading on revisions to policy 008.21 and 008.21R, Parent Advisory Committees. He noted the revisions had been developed from meetings with district parent advisory committees and parent teacher association representatives. Mr. Ken Tarbox of the Soldotna Parent Advisory Committee assisted Dr. Larson in explaining rationale for the revisions.

Mrs. Dimmick questioned whether all schools would be included in the various regional councils. Dr. Larson responded that regional councils would consist of groups from areas with common issues of concern, i.e., cities of Soldotna, Homer. She suggested that the words "selected by the group" be added to item #3 of procedures for selection of parent advisory groups. Mrs. Dimmick stated that schools should know there are methods for forming parent groups in schools without being affiliated with PACs or PTAs. She also requested that "or guardian" be added along with parents under procedures for selection of parent advisory groups.

Mrs. Fischer suggested the policy be changed to include that the school board receive copies of written minutes of parent group meetings. She requested a definition of the regional council and who would be the official representative to the Board.

POLICY 008.21 AND  
008.21R/PARENT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES  
(continued):

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether membership would be limited to parents or include members of the public. Dr. Larson stated that in all cases of PACs, PTAs, and regional councils, the membership was not limited to parents only. Mr. Tauriainen requested that the word "should" be changed to "shall" in item #3 of PAC member elections. The statement would read "The media shall be notified by the principal", and would apply to areas where media is present.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether a regional council could be made up of bush schools. Dr. Larson stated it would be possible, but it would be problematic getting them together. This would be left to the discretion of the superintendent.

Mrs. Obendorf questioned whether she was interpreting the policy correctly in understanding that any person could run as a parent advisory committee member. Dr. Larson responded affirmatively.

Mr. Sandahl suggested the Board hold a worksession prior to approval of the policy to incorporate proper wording in the policy. Due to uncertainties related to implementing the policy due to federal regulations, the Board requested Dr. Larson check on compliance and timelines for this. Noting that the next school board meeting would be held in Seward, it was suggested that the worksession be held in the central peninsula area for easier accessibility. Mrs. Obendorf confirmed that if it is imperative the policy be approved to be in compliance with federal guidelines, the worksession and approval of the policy would take place on April 2 in Seward, otherwise, the worksession and policy approval would be held on April 16 in Soldotna.

RECESS:

At 9:07 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 9:19 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

STATE P.T.A.:

Mrs. Barbara Eastham, First Vice President for the Alaska State PTA, expressed concern that the parent advisory groups policy might be delayed. She explained it was the intent of the parent groups that the policy revisions provide another opportunity for the community to have access to the Board. She commented that regional councils would facilitate meeting with parents who would not normally be able to attend School Board Meetings. Then representatives from the regional council would come to the School Board to relay parental concerns and ideas.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. president, told the Board that the association's concern related to make up days was that half-day planning sessions were of value to teachers and they did not want to give those days up for make up days. She also commented that the association had little time to poll the teachers related to the half-days, therefore, the representatives did not feel they could give away those days. She also noted that some teachers had already posted parent-teacher conferences, so these days could not be changed to make up days. She questioned at what point would days out of school due to late volcanic eruptions not be made up. She commented that the end of the school year is filled with activities such as graduations which are scheduled and fewer days would be available to be made up for quality education.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda included Approval of Substitute Teacher Contracts, Furniture and Equipment Lists, Sick Leave Draw Request/Support Staff, and Make and File Truancy Reports.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for 19-day substitute teachers Karyn Eslin, Grade 2, Paul Banks Elementary School; and Jacqueline Wilson, Special Education/QUEST/Resource, Sterling Elementary School.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LISTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$29,178.51, and for Skyview High School in the amount of \$381,018.86.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUEST/SUPPORT  
STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 24 days from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Ellen Setters, Instructional Assistant, Title IV, Seward Elementary School.

MAKE AND FILE  
TRUANCY REPORTS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board authorize him to make and file truancy reports with the district attorney's office related to two students not in attendance in educational programs within the district. He noted that the correspondence study program had reported to him that a student previously discontinuing studies at Kenai Junior High School and being placed in that program has not completed the required course work and would be dropped from the rolls. Additionally, the assistant principal at Seward High School had reported a student was truant from that school.

Mr. Tauriainen requested that Consent Agenda Item 9a (2), Furniture and Equipment Lists, be removed for separate consideration. Mr. Wiley requested a separate vote on Consent Agenda Item 9a (4), Make and File Truancy Reports.



ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 and #3. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item 9a (2), Furniture and Equipment Lists. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend to separate purchases on the Skyview list for library materials in the amount of \$2,307; and 2 65-passenger school buses in the amount of \$114,026 for additional information. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he would like to study in detail the materials for the library since they involved controversial materials, and would like economic rationale for purchasing two buses as opposed to renting these services from Laidlaw.

ACTION Mrs. Fischer moved to postpone the library purchases until the second meeting in April and postpone the bus purchases until the first meeting in April. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated that most School Board members would be out of town until the first meeting in April, therefore, they would need more time to review the library purchases.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether postponement would adversely effect the bid prices. Mr. Dahlgren responded the bus bid was a 30-day quote, but they would not be delivered until October. Mr. Tauriainen commented that the since the buses would not be delivered until October other travel arrangements would need to be made so two weeks shouldn't affect the arrangement.

Mr. Massie commented that the district had saved considerably with the purchase of used buses this year. He felt the district would be remiss in not purchasing new buses which would have a longer lifetime and result in more savings to the district. Mr. Tauriainen stated he was interested in learning the overall life cycle cost of the buses versus renting from Laidlaw. Mr. Dahlgren commented that the current five year contract with Laidlaw is \$45/hour plus cost of living increases for extracurricular activities. He also commented that safety of students influenced the district in purchasing buses as opposed to using vans. In addition, the junior high and elementary schools are using the buses which is safer than parents driving students to activities. He stated he doubted that Laidlaw could operate the buses less expensively as compared to the district operation.

Mr. Kessler requested the vote be separated.

CONSENT AGENDA  
(continued):

VOTE ON LIBRARY PURCHASE POSTPONEMENT:

YES - Fischer, Tauriainen, Kessler  
NO - Dimmick, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf

Motion to postpone failed.

VOTE ON BUS PURCHASES POSTPONEMENT:

YES - Tauriainen  
NO - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Wiley, Obendorf

Motion to postpone failed.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO SEPARATE LIBRARY AND BUS PURCHASES.

YES - Fischer, Kessler, Tauriainen  
NO - Dimmick, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf

Amendment failed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved the Board authorize Dr. Larson to make and file truancy reports as outlined. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to postpone action until the April 2 meeting in Seward. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mr. Wiley commented that he understood the Seward student was in attendance at school, and a week would give the Board better opportunity to learn how the situation was working out.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the postponing motion for a separate vote. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

VOTE TO POSTPONE FILING TRUANCY REPORT ON KENAI STUDENT:

YES - Wiley  
NO - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Tauriainen, Obendorf

Motion to postpone failed.

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CONSENT AGENDA  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf requested Dr. Larson's comments on the truancy cases. Dr. Larson stated attendance was not good on the Seward student. In response to a question from Mr. Kessler, Dr. Larson stated the student was in attendance half of the time. Mrs. Dimmick commented that it might be in the best interest of the student to follow through with the procedures since the process had gone this far. Mrs. Obendorf stated that it was her understanding that the Board would be filing on the past situation for which the truancy report was filed. Mr. Wiley commented that it was difficult for the Board to file the report and hoped the situation would improve.

VOTE TO POSTPONE FILING TRUANCY REPORT ON SEWARD STUDENT:

YES - Wiley, Fischer, Tauriainen

NO - Dimmick, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf

Motion to postpone failed.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned what would happen if the Board did nothing. Dr. Larson responded that the Board would be sending a message that there is no enforcement to the district's truancy policy. Mr. Tauriainen commented that it is obvious significant attempts had been made for the student to be in school. He stated he had doubts about the student's accomplishments when being forced to attend school, therefore, he would vote against the report. Mrs. Fischer spoke in opposition to Mr. Tauriainen's comments noting students can be disruptive, but the Board needed to send a message to the parents that they were upholding the law in following through on truanancies.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf

NO - Tauriainen, Wiley

Motion carried.

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Duane Anderson told the Board that SB 15 was in the House Rules Committee. He commented he understood that deals had been cut last fall between the AASB and NEA related to the issue of teachers striking, but having the option that teachers who desired not to strike could remain on contract. He stated he was appalled that AASB would cut such a deal without considering the effects on students.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Fischer stated there had been some inaccuracies on deals cut by AASB and NEA. She commented that it was not total legislation which either organization wanted but something that was amenable through negotiation to both. She also stated the agreement should not be altered when either group could not have input into the altered legislation.

BOARD COMMENTS

(continued):

Mrs. Fischer commented that in the many years she has served on the Board she has been frustrated when wanting to postpone action to seek more information. She stated it appeared the Board was not cooperative when they actually had spent many hours on the job. She stated the administration should consider that the Board may not be satisfied with the information presented and should allow additional time in the bid proposals.

Mr. Wiley reported that the Vocational Education Advisory Committee was reorganized last week. The officers are T.D. Wooten, President; Rob Stashow, Vice President; and Frank McIlhargey, secretary. He stated he felt the new reorganization would be helpful to the program. He questioned whether the agenda could be changed to include school board member reports earlier on the agenda. Mrs. Obendorf stated the Vocational Advisory Committee could report as an advisory committee under Item 8 on the agenda.

Mr. Massie stated he felt there was an overreaction to the Satch Carlson situation, and felt there would be numerous complaints on the length of time for certification.

Mrs. Obendorf noted the Board had received three sets of minutes from the Theater Advisory Committee. She encouraged they take time to read them.

Mrs. Obendorf requested the administration prepare a recommendation for the April 2 meeting related to the Port Graham Resolution.

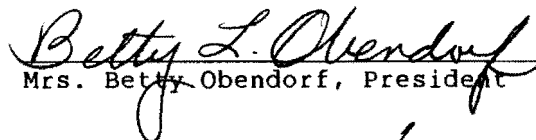
Mrs. Obendorf announced the next School Board Meeting would be held on April 2 in Seward.

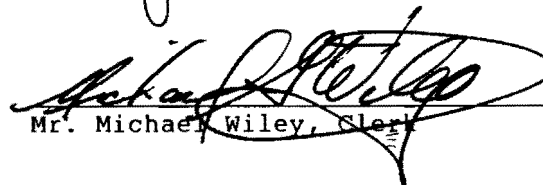
ADJOURN:

At 10:15 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Seward High School  
Seward, AK 99664

April 2, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

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Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

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Operations, and Technology  
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Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Melody Douglas	Mrs. Mary Rubadeau
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mai	Mr. James Fredrickson
Mr. Roger Sampson	Mr. Ben Swan
Ms. Jeri Besch	Mr. Glen Szymoniak
Mr. Richard Houghton	Mrs. Sandra Wassilie
Mrs. Arlene Wiley	Mr. Mike Sela
Mrs. Mary Daniel	Mr. Charles Lockwood
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of March 19, 1990, were approved with a correction.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl noted the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Business Department was one of 135 nationally to receive an award of excellence in financial reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International for their Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year June 30, 1989. He congratulated Mr. Swarner and his department for their diligent team work. Mr. Swarner accepted the award on behalf of his department.

Mr. Sandahl noted a petition had been received from Kenai Central High School staff members stating they opposed adding any days to the school year to make up for cancelled days. The staff felt there were many other options available that would be more effective and guarantee acceptable levels of student participation.

Superintendent Sandahl noted a letter to the School Board had been received from the Kenai Peninsula Administrators Association who supported alteration of the 1990-91 school calendar to accommodate emergency school closures. In relation to PACs and PTAs, the organization requested that each school be afforded the opportunity to decide which approach would best fit the individual school needs.

He noted that a communication had been sent by Mr. Ross Kinney, Borough Finance Director, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rutherford related to an incident with a vocational education project. He noted a committee had met to review the parent's complaint and found the school district was not at fault in the case.

Mrs. Obendorf noted a letter had been received from the Alaska Federation of Natives requesting copies of school board resolutions or position papers related to Alaska Native educational issues. She requested the curriculum department research this issue for response.

She stated a letter had been received from Lannie Lockwood, parent, who served as a chaperone for the Soldotna High School band and choir group to California during spring break. Mrs. Lockwood complimented the students on their excellent behavior on the trip.

Mrs. Obendorf reported the Board received a letter from Homer High School principal Dennis Dempsey apologizing for not having the school open on Monday, March 19 for the Homer PAC teleconference. He requested the teleconference be rescheduled with the parent advisory committee.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that copies of proposed Department of Education regulations had been received related to Alaskan studies and property insurance on school construction. She advised that if Board members were interested in providing input on the regulations she would provide copies for them.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Request for Disaster and In-Service Days, Extended Field Trip Requests, Furniture and Equipment Lists, Leave of Absence Request/Certified, Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Certified, Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Support Staff and Leave of Absence Request/Support Staff.

REQUEST FOR DISASTER  
AND IN-SERVICE DAYS:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board apply for additional emergency and in-service days from the Department of Education due to volcanic eruptions and snow loads at schools this year. He stated that two emergency closure days would be requested for North Star Elementary and one day emergency closure day for Tustumena Elementary would be sought. In addition, one in-service day would be requested for North Star Elementary, Nikiski Elementary, Nikiski Junior-Senior High and Ninilchik Elem-High schools. If approved by the Department of Education the days would result in Saturday, June 2, 1990 being the last day of school for students attending schools in the Kenai-Soldotna areas, Nikiski, Sterling and Kasilof. The last day of work for teaching staff would remain as indicated on the 1989-90 calendar for June 4, 1990.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUESTS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for three Nikolaevsk High School students to attend Close-up Foundation Activities in Washington, D.C., April 21-28, 1990; four Homer High School students to travel of Minneapolis, MN, April 26-May 2, 1990, to participate in the National Conference of Business Professionals of America; and eight KCHS students to travel to Washington, D.C., March 31-April 7, 1990, to participate in Close Up Foundation activities.

FURNITURE AND  
EQUIPMENT LISTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$8,759 and for Skyview High School in the amount of \$94,823.74.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 1990-91 school year for David Brann, Vocational Education/Home Economics, Homer Junior High School.

SICK LEAVE BANK  
DRAW REQUEST/  
CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 16.5 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Jean Wykis, Grade 1, Tustumena Elementary.

SICK LEAVE BANK  
DRAW REQUEST/  
SUPPORT STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 15 days from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Olga Constantine, Food Service Manager, Bartlett Elem/High.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUESTS/SUPPORT  
TAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1990-91 school year for Alma Galbraith, Head Custodian, Chapman Elementary; and Gerrie Koerber, Special Education/Aide, Mountain View Elementary School beginning May 21, 1990.

Mrs. Obendorf requested that Item 4a (3), Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, be separated from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Massie requested that Item 4a (2), Approval of Extended Field Trip Requests, be removed for separate consideration.

ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #4, #5, #6, #7. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the extended field trip requests. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mr. Massie commented that the KCHS field trip had been submitted inappropriately and noted the policy should be followed more closely on extended field trip requests. He stated that since the extended field trip was for the Close-Up Program and a valuable learning experience, he would vote for the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mr. Kessler moved the Board approve the furniture and equipment lists. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Dahlgren noted that he had submitted a substitute list for Skyview High School since the low bidder for uniforms on the original list was not an authorized dealer in Alaska. He stated it was important that the purchases be made and the substitute list for Skyview School be considered.

RECESS: At 7:53 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess for Board members to review the Skyview High School purchase list.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 8:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion to substitute the old list with the new list for Skyview High School provided the new list contained the next lowest bidder. Mr. Wiley seconded.



ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board postpone the orders for Powers equipment until the next meeting. The motion was withdrawn following an explanation from Mr. Dahlgren on the reliability of the order.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Dimmick, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer  
ABSTAIN - Massie  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Dimmick, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer  
ABSTAIN - Massie  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amended motion carried.

BENCHMARK TESTING  
PROPOSAL:

Dr. Larson presented a proposal to reduce the number of standardized tests students take yet still maintain national normed testing for comparison data. He noted administrators supported the testing program options presented.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether SRA testing could be used for grades that were not being tested with ITBS. Dr. Larson stated this could be done but would increase costs and workload of staff.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Proposal D for testing grades 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 with ITBS. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Sandra Wassilie commented that as currently exists a student could be involved in 20 hours of testing which she felt was excessive.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR ASSIGN-  
MENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1990-91 administrator assignments for Mary Rubadeau, Executive Director - Instructional Services; Carolyn Cannava, Principal, Tustumena Elementary; Thomas Thorpe, Principal, Mountain View Elementary; Paul Sorenson, Principal, Kenai Junior High; and Carl Miller, Assistant Principal, Soldotna Junior High.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:25 p.m., Mr. Kessler moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
 SESSION:

At 9:39 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved to adjourn the executive session. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the administrator assignments as recommended by Mrs. Radtke. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mr. Kessler requested the position of Executive Director for Instructional Services be voted on separately. He commented that the special services department under the direction of Mrs. Rubadeau was the best in the state and he would not like to see a break in that leadership. He stated the special services department has struggled for a long time, but now under that direction was doing extremely well.

VOTE ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES POSITION:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
 NO - Kessler  
 Advisory Vote - Abstain

Motion carried.

VOTE ON REMAINING ASSIGNMENTS:

Motion carried unanimously.

1990-91 CALENDAR  
 ALTERATION:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board alter the 1990-91 school calendar by adding five additional days at the beginning of the school year to allow for possible emergency closures during the year. The days not utilized for closure would in turn be subtracted from the end of the 1990-91 school calendar. He noted that spring break could be an alternative for make up days, but it has proven to be an educationally sound break for students and staff. In addition, if spring break was used for make up days, this would not allow students and staff an opportunity for long range planning.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that it appeared about one day was lost each school each year as compared to this year. Mr. Sandahl responded that he was correct in his assessment, but the method for make up days this year from an administrative standpoint was unacceptable.

Mrs. Dimmick questioned whether permission could be given to extending the school day to make up time. Mr. Sandahl responded that the administration had sought approval on that method, but permission was not granted.

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1990-91 CALENDAR  
ALTERATION (cont.):

Mr. Mike Sela commented that students work in the summer and would need to leave school by the end of May rather than go into an extended school year.

Mrs. Ruth Mai questioned how the extended calendar would effect staff who have already made plans for those dates at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Sandahl responded if the recommendation was adopted the staff would need to change their plans.

Mr. James Fredrickson, Seward High School Principal, expressed concern that students would miss out on summer jobs if the school year was extended into June with makeup days. He added that most employers are willing to relieve students from work in August to return to school. In addition, students are not on task when jobs are waiting in the spring.

The director of the Kenai Fjords Visitors Center told the Board that his organization gears up with staff early and recruits high school students for some of these positions.

Mrs. Sandra Wassilie commented that it is hard to keep students in school once the atmosphere of the town changes to spring employment. She commented that it would be nice that the calendar be consistent each year in coming back early, not after Labor Day.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the 1990-91 Calendar Alteration Proposal. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion to start school as originally listed on September 4, and use the first three spring break days, March 25, 26, 27, as regular school days. If not needed, the last day of school would be May 31. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that the suggestion was based on recommendations from the Calendar Committee for the 1990-91 school year.

Mr. Strube clarified that the three spring break days would be used as disaster days. Mrs. Dimmick responded affirmatively.

Mr. Massie commented that he felt that spring break was not a viable option as recommended by the committee. He added that no matter what decision the Board made, not everyone would be satisfied.

Mr. Wiley stated the Board needed to follow the survey results. He stated that he had contacted the Mat-Su and Anchorage school districts who begin school on September 4.

1990-91 CALENDAR  
ALTERATION (cont.):

Mr. Wiley added that they indicated there had been no problems with practice for sports activities because athletic directors had contracts for that time when no administrators were on duty. He also reported that Mat-Su had a short spring break this year, which was not successful due to high absenteeism.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the amendment to leave the calendar as is, but spring break days will be used for make up days if needed. Notice of this is to be given with calendar materials. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated that the original intent for spring break days was for the NEA Conference, which is no longer held at that time. Also, Good Friday was also to be used for make up days, if needed. She noted very few days have been used for make up days in the past, and this has been an exceptional year. She stated that she had received numerous requests for leaving the calendar intact.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he had received a call requesting the calendar remain intact. He noted that some people have already made plans for that time. He commented that days missed could be made up during spring break or on Saturdays nearest the days of school closure.

Mr. Strube commented the only time students have opportunity for extended trips is Christmas and spring break. He stated that spring break was important to be used for class trips, etc. which the calendar survey indicated.

Mr. Massie stated the Board encourages that class trips take place during spring break for travel and avoid lost school days. He noted that although he personally favored an earlier start to the calendar, he would like to see the Saturdays closest to the school closure days used for make up days and keep spring break intact.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she favored make up days to the calendar, but did not feel it was appropriate to add them to the calendar at this late date. She reiterated that the Board had requested that student trips take place during spring break. By using spring break as make up time many travel tickets would be lost.

Mrs. Fischer responded that the chance of using spring break days would be minimal, and added that many students work on Saturday which would be disruptive to the employer.

1990-91 CALENDAR  
ALTERATION (cont.):

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley  
NO - Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - NO

Amendment to amendment carried.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Mike Sela stated the audience only had opportunity to present public comments on Mr. Sandahl's recommendation and not the Board's amendments related to use of spring break for make up days. He stated he felt spring break was important to both students and teachers as a time to regroup. He also noted that the situation of part of the staff being away put the administrators in a compromising position and could lower morale of the staff. He requested the Board reconsider their action.

Mrs. Sandra Wassilie suggested that staff and administrators decide how to make up days at their schools. She felt they would be in a better position to make that decision.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Tauriainen stated the Board was not able to extend the school day to make up time for school closures because previous legislation had not been approved. He requested the Board support HB 194 which would give school boards flexibility for lengthening the school day to accommodate required days of school. He added that of 200 educational bills in the legislature, at least seven bills mandate school districts to specific programs. He requested a resolution be available at the next meeting which speaks to local autonomy. This resolution would to be sent to the legislature.

Mr. Wiley commended the administration for taking their responsible approach on the school calendar.

He noted that the Borough Assembly will be introducing a resolution at their April 3 meeting related to election of school board members by seats. He stated he personally favored geographic seats, but supported the resolution. He requested the Board prepare a resolution in support of the Borough Assembly resolution. He also requested that School Board members receive copies of the Borough Assembly agendas.

Mrs. Fischer requested that school board members and the public send POMS to the legislature related to foundation funding. She noted that legislators need this information in support of legislation.

BOARD COMMENTS  
continued):

Mrs. Fischer requested a policy be developed related to specifying what items students can work on of their own in vocational education classes. She stated notification should be sent home that if students use their own vehicles, etc. they do so at their own risk.

Mr. Kessler stated he did not support the Borough Assembly resolution on election of school board members by seats. He felt the school district operated very well as a unified district.

Mr. Kessler expressed thanks to Seward High School for holding the School Board Meeting there. He also commented that it appeared there were people on stage and in the audience who would be attending their last official Seward School Board Meeting.

Mrs. Dimmick expressed appreciation to the administrative staff for the information prepared for the Board to present to the legislators. She felt the information was helpful for Board members to explain to legislators in Juneau.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that she enjoyed attending sessions of the Alaska Association of Student Governments Conference held recently at Soldotna High School. She stated the students were enthusiastic and did a good job.

Mrs. Obendorf stated a teleconference would be scheduled with the Homer PAC for the April 16 meeting.

Mrs. Obendorf noted a schedule for board members to sign up for graduation ceremonies was available to them.

Mrs. Obendorf thanked the board members for their hard work in Juneau at the AASB Fly-In. She thanked Mrs. Fischer for scheduling board members' appointments with legislators.

She commented that she met with Dr. Holmes prior to his returning to Jakarta. She stated he would like to meet with the Board for a two-day planning session in July.

Mr. Sandahl asked for clarification as to whether the Board concurred with a resolution on local autonomy. By general consensus the Board agreed on this item. He also questioned whether it was the Board's direction to prepare a resolution on school board seats.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board consider Borough Assembly Resolution 90-3 on the next agenda. Mr. Wiley seconded.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Massie, Kessler, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Dimmick  
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

Related to a policy or administrative procedure regarding working on personal equipment at school, Mr. Sandahl recommended the administration send an administrative directive to each school where a sign off form would be incorporated in the class outline clearing the district of liability.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether it was traditional for two board members to attend each graduation ceremony. Mrs. Obendorf stated any board member could attend graduation ceremonies, but due to the size of some stages, past practice was for only one member to sit on the stage. She stated she would like to see two board members on the platform. Mrs. Dimmick commented that the seating arrangement of school board members and administrators should be left to the building principals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:50 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 11:26 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 11:27 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of April 2, 1990,  
were approved on April 16, 1990,  
with a correction.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 Borough Administration Building  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669

April 16, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
 Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
 Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
 Operations, and Technology  
 Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Barbara Eastham	Mrs. Janice Mullen
Mr. Ken Tarbox	Mr. Vince O'Reilly
Mrs. Grethen Morgan	Mrs. Melody Douglas
Ms. Judy Blume	Mr. Mike Bundy
Mrs. Susan Westbrook	Mr. Dave McCloud
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chitty	Mr. Allan Miller
Mr. Jack Castimore	Mr. Bud Crawford
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Epperson	Mrs. Roxy Lybarger
Mr. Kenneth Moore	Mr. Rhea Woods
Mr. Al Besch	Mr. David Schmidt
Mr. John Andrews	Mr. Howard Draper
Mr. Robert Dover	Mrs. Carol Ernst
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Castimore	Mr. Daryl Kellum
Mr. Frank Cullum	Dr. Richard Carignan
Mrs. Vickie Leach	Mrs. Trena Richardson
Mr. Travis Richardson	Mr. Rick Matiya
Mr. Ben Swan	Mrs. Donna Rogers
Dr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson	Mrs. Susie Franklin
Miss Alaska Franklin	Mrs. Annie Whitney
Mrs. Sharon Moock	Mr. Mark Hodgins
Mr. Tom Atkinson	Mrs. Nancy Rollins
Mrs. Patricia Jolin	Mrs. Karen Rutherford
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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



ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

SOLDOTNA HIGH SCHOOL  
CHOIR PRESENTATION:

In honor of Superintendent Sandahl's birthday, the Soldotna High School swing choir made a musical presentation to him.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the deletion of Item 9a (6), Approval of 1990-91 Teacher Assignments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of April 2, 1990, were approved with a correction.

HEARING OF  
DELEGATIONS:

Mrs. Roxy Lybarger, Tustumena PAC Chairperson, requested the Board consider making a boundary change from Mile 121.5 to Mile 125 of the Sterling Highway for elementary students to attend Tustumena Elementary School. She stated the committee felt this was a reasonable request since Mile 125 is halfway between Tustumena and Ninilchik schools, a good turnaround was available at this location, no overlap of busing would occur, the affected students currently attend Tustumena Elementary School, and the Ninilchik principal indicated he would not oppose the route change. She further indicated the survey results were those completed by the Ninilchik School. The Board requested this item be placed on the June 4 agenda. Mr. Dahlgren told the Board he would discuss the request with the Ninilchik principal and parent advisory committee.


Mrs. Karen Rutherford presented a letter to the School Board which expressed concern related to instruction, policies and procedures in the vocational auto shop class at Kenai Central High School. She noted their child provided his own project for the class, a car, since no engines were available to the class. She noted problems resulting from this project cost the family over \$2,000. She stated she felt the staff and administration were unethical and irresponsible in their handling of the situation. She further recommended the district redesign the auto shop program in order that similar incidents do not occur for other parents and students.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported a recent student count indicated there were 82 students over the projected enrollment for the 1989-90 school year. Of this count, 32 new students enrolled in KPBSD schools within the last two weeks.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS (cont.):

Mr. Sandahl reported that fifth disease has been reported in local schools. Although a minor illness to students, the disease could have harmful effects to pregnant women. He noted that teachers have been advised of possible problems and to contact their physicians.

 Mr. Sandahl noted the Alternate Study Program Director had informed him of a potential school site at Windy Bay near English Bay. He commented that a logging community is being built in that area with numerous families moving to the site.

He stated word had been received that MERITS Awards were granted to 22 KPBSD staff members. Those receiving awards were Melissa Cloud, Bobbie Creamer and Mary Christopher at Paul Banks Elementary; Rosella Wallace, Mike Hobson, Gary Van Hooser, Mary Durman, Gail Frost, Donna Seigler, Margaret Ladd (two awards) and Patricia Ellison at Chapman Elementary; Victoria Hand, Cindy Ellis and Diane Borgman at McNeil Canyon Elementary; Douglas Capra and Mary Daniel at Seward High; Bruce Forster, Nancy Hartigan, Debbie Reier, Shirly Gribble and Roderick Ladd at Homer Intermediate.

Mr. Sandahl reported the volcanic ash situation has caused the cancellation of track programs at the elementary level. In addition, the secondary programs continue to operate on a day-to-day basis. He noted that precautionary action has been taken to wash school tracks and dampen the surrounding grass areas. He stated it appeared the Homer and Seward track teams would continue normal participation, but it was questionable whether the track program should continue in the Central Peninsula area. He noted that as much training as possible would be conducted indoors, and the situation would be closely monitored.

He reported that he and Mr. Dahlgren attended the AASA Fly-In in Juneau last week. He commented that although there appeared to be funding available for educational purposes, the legislature was not enthusiastic about increasing the unit value to \$62,000 - \$62,800. He encouraged parents and Board members to contact the legislators on this important issue.

He reported that word had been received that Anna Martushev of Nikolaevsk High School received a \$700 Nick Begich Scholarship. Other winners for this award were Susan Wells of Kenai, \$450; Grace Scholl of Seward, \$350; and Timothy Inabnit of Soldotna, \$350.

Mr. Sandahl stated the QUEST Coordinator, Marie Marrs, had informed him that Amy Price of Kenai Junior High School was one of 43 students out of 4,055 in the advance "gold" division who earned a perfect score in the second round of the

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS (cont.):

WordMaster Program. In addition, other students recognized for their accomplishments were Matt Castimore of Kenai Junior High where he and his team placed first in state in MathCounts competition. Also noted was the KPBSD having 12 teams from 8 different schools plus three winners of the scenario writing Future Problem Solving Program competition.

Mr. Sandahl concluded his report by noting that Mr. Lincoln Saito would be receiving an outstanding recognition award from the Alaska Association of School Librarians at the monthly administrators meeting later this week.

Mrs. Obendorf stated a letter had been received on the Boardsmanship Academy and Staff Development.

She noted a report on teenage problems had been received from the Alaska Women's Commission. She commented that the report would be available from the Board's library.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Rhea Wood, IBM General Manager, presented a plaque to Jack Castimore as the 1989 Teacher of the Year for his exemplary leadership in establishing the Nikiski Jr-Sr High School computer lab. The award was presented on behalf of IBM Corporation and "Classroom Computer" magazine and given to one teacher in each state who exemplified the use of computers and technology in education.

Mrs. Obendorf presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mr. Warren "Bud" Crawford recognizing him for his professionalism and commitment to students during his twenty years of teaching and counseling in the district.

COUNSELORS' REPORT:

Dr. Larson reported the district has been involved in the Alaska School Counseling Program piloted by the Department of Education, Office of Adult and Vocational Education. He noted the program was located at Nikolaevsk Elem/High School. He stated the program was designed on a K-12 basis where the program is preventive, rather than remedial in nature. Mr. Mike Chitty presented an overview of the Nikolaevsk model counseling program and explained progress made thus far into the program. He reported the twelve pilot school counselors from throughout the state are developing a comprehensive program guide which will be used in the development of K-12 counseling programs.

FLEX-SCHOOL REPORT:

Mr. Mike Bundy, Assistant Principal at Homer High School, told the Board the Flex-school program was doing well in its first semester as an alternate schooling program at Homer High School. Ms. Annie Whitney, Flex-school vocational teacher, reported there are currently 17 students enrolled in the

FLEX-SCHOOL REPORT  
(continued):

program who are completing course studies in addition to being employed in the community. She stated that she anticipated approximately 20 students next year as students view the program as a viable means to returning to school to graduate. She commented that in addition to standard educational needs, the program also provides emotional support for the students.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS  
REPORT:

Dr. Carignan reported there are currently eight major federal programs conducted in the school district. He presented a brief overview on the Chapter I, tutor program; Chapter I N/D Program for neglected or delinquent students; Chapter I-M, Migrant Education Program; Title V, Indian Education tutoring program; Johnson-O'Malley cultural heritage program; Chapter II Instructional Center Program; Title II, Math-science program; and Drug Free Schools program which trains teachers and funds student assistants at the secondary level. He also reported the grants administration office serves as a clearing house for numerous mini-grants, as well as provides research and writing services for staff interested in completing grants.

RECESS:

At 9:00 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 9:11 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL  
PROGRAM REPORT:

Mr. Rick Matiya, Director, reported to the Board on the various programs included in the Alternative Schooling Program. He noted these included the bilingual program, correspondence study program, frontier schools program, homebound study program, boarding home program and source of studies for the flex school. He commented that he also serves as the small schools coordinator. He reported the programs serve 793 students this year with a \$1,000,166 budget. All programs generate funds for themselves.

CO-CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Mr. Epperson reported on extracurricular positions allocated to district schools for the 1990-91 school year. He noted staffing would be the same as the current year except for staff at Skyview High School and additional staff at Soldotna Junior High School which will serve as a feeder school to two high school programs. He noted the recommendations from the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association would be presented for Board approval in May.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL  
ABUSE REPORT:

Dr. Larson presented the report of the Substance Abuse Committee. The report included sections on community programs, program review, personnel and budget, public opinion/awareness and statistics. The committee recommended the action plan contained in How to Form a Families in Action Group in Your Community be implemented, that out-of school

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DRUG AND ALCOHOL  
ABUSE REPORT  
(continued):

suspensions be eliminated, full time elementary school counselors be hired, a staff training program be implemented for all school personnel, and a periodic student survey be conducted to determine efficacy of the district's drug programs.

The Board requested the report be adopted in July in order for Dr. Holmes to be involved in this item.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ended March 31, 1990.

BUDGET TRANSFERS  
REPORT:

Mr. Swarner reported on Budget Transfers #222 through 361 as follows:

#211, Soldotna High, \$1,880; #212, Kenai Central High, \$475; #213, Kenai Central High, \$827; #215, Paul Banks Elementary, \$1,400; #216, Kenai Central High, \$150; #217, Seward High, \$25; #218, Fiscal Services, \$1,840; #219, Kenai Central High, \$299; #220, Seward High, \$1,000; #221, Soldotna High, \$271; #222, Chapman Elementary, \$142; #223, Homer Junior High, 782; #224, Redoubt Elementary, \$228; #225, Homer Intermediate, \$318; #226, Homer Intermediate, \$181; #227, Susan B. English Elem/High, 409; #228, Cooper Landing Elementary, \$158; #229, Moose Pass Elementary, \$400; #230, Bartlett Elem-High/Director-Operations, \$192; #231, Ninilchik Elem-High/Director-Operations, \$115; #232, Ninilchik Elem-High/Director-Operations, \$244; #233, Susan B. English Elem-High/Director-Operations \$100; #234, Homer High/Director-Operations, \$187; #235, Kenai Central High/Director-Operations, \$1,318; #236, Seward High/Director-Operations, \$49; #237, Soldotna High/Director-Operations, \$667; #238, Soldotna High/Director-Operations, \$27; #239, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$15,911; #240, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$2,390; #241, Kenai Junior High/Director-Operations, \$1,941; #242, Soldotna Junior High/Director-Operations, \$328; #243, Homer Junior High/Director-Operations, \$57; #244, Chapman Elementary/Director-Operations, \$614; #245, Paul Banks Elementary/Director-Operations, \$150; #246, Moose Pass Elementary/Director-Operations, \$42; #247, Sears Elementary/Director-Operations, \$489; #248, Seward Elementary/Director-Operations, \$310; #249, Sterling Elementary/Director-Operations, \$254; #250, Tustumena Elementary/Director-Operations, \$264; #251, Tustumena Elementary/Director-Operations, \$24; #252, Redoubt Elementary/Director-Operations, \$909; #253, McNeil Canyon Elementary/Director-Operations, \$104; #254, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary/Director-Operations, \$558; #255, Homer Intermediate/Director-Operations, \$548; #256, Data Processing/Director-Operations, \$148; #257, Special Services/Director-Operations, \$295; #258, Districtwide Health Services/Director-Operation, \$140; #259 Secondary Curriculum/

BUDGET TRANSFER  
 REPORT (cont.):

Director-Operations, \$57; #260, Soldotna Junior High, \$171; #261, Nikolaevsk Elem-High, \$106; #262, New Seward Elementary, \$16,684; #263, Soldotna High, \$173; #264, Director-Instruction, \$50; #265, Alternative Programs, \$3,500; #266, Kenai Central High, \$169; #267, Kenai Central High, \$628; #268, Kenai Central High, \$506; #269, Kenai Central High, \$400; #270, Kenai Central High, \$481; #271, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$148; #272, Soldotna Junior High, \$100; #273, Port Graham Elem-High, \$566; #274, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$12,967; #275, Soldotna Junior High, \$218; #276, Soldotna Junior High, \$343; #277, Soldotna Junior High, \$403; #278, Razdolna/Alternative Programs, \$2,071; #279, Purchasing Services, \$175; #280, Warehouse, \$400; #282, Regular Instruction/Homer Junior High, \$12,681; #283, Regular Instruction/Paul Bank Elementary, \$8,211; #284, Regular Instruction/Paul Banks Elementary, \$3,324; #285, Homer High, \$321; #286, Homer High, \$950; #287, Homer High, \$1,619; #288, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$279; #289, Soldotna High, \$1,422; #290, Soldotna High, \$100; #291, Paul Banks Elementary, \$1,480; #292, Paul Banks Elementary, \$1,300; #293, Warehouse, \$2,000; #294, Ninilchik, \$952; #295, Kenai Central High, \$1,244; #296, Soldotna High, \$330; #297, Mountain View Elementary, \$150; #298, Purchasing Services, \$56; #299, Kenai Central High, \$1,000; #300, Kenai Central High, \$698; #301, Soldotna High, \$1,102; #302, Homer Intermediate, \$1,100; #303, Soldotna Elementary, \$614; #304, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$195; #305, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$80; #306, Nikolaevsk Jr-Sr High, \$100; #307, Food Services, \$2,213; #308, Seward High, \$700; #309, Homer Intermediate, \$115; #310, Kenai Central High, \$675; #311, Kenai Central High, \$73; #312, Kenai Central High, \$632; #313, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$3,000; #314, Soldotna High, \$75; #315, Kenai Central High, \$105; #316, Soldotna High, \$54; #317, Tustumena Elementary, \$40; #318, Soldotna Junior High, \$114; #319, Sears Elementary, \$126; #320, Sears Elementary, \$79; #321, New Seward Elementary, \$5,200; #322, Alternative Programs, \$500; #323, Elementary Curriculum, \$1,000; #324, Homer High, \$217; #325, Director-Operations, \$480; #326, Alternative Programs, \$5,000; #327, Soldotna High, \$1,083; #328, Special Services/Paul Banks Elementary, \$200; #330, Unallocated/Ninilchik Elem-High/English Bay Elem-High/Port Graham Elem-High/Personnel Services, \$11,130; #332, Kenai Central High, 203; #333, Kenai Central High, 340; #334, Homer High, \$168; #335, Homer High, \$1,008; #336, Soldotna High, \$500; #337, Soldotna High, \$181; #338, Soldotna Junior High, \$6,785; #339, Seward High, \$1,000; #340, Kenai Central High, \$200; #341, Kenai Central High, \$220; #342, Voznesenka Elementary, \$85; #343, Data Processing, \$6,000; #344, Soldotna High, \$96; #345, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$6,325; #346, Soldotna Elementary, \$20; #347, Soldotna High, \$538; #349, Soldotna High, \$144; #350, Sears Elementary, \$248; #351, Elementary Curriculum, \$3,300; #352, Warehouse, \$750; #353, Districtwide Health Services/Kenai Junior High, \$239; #354, Kenai Central High, \$150; #355, Kenai Central High, \$181; #356, Data

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BUDGET TRANSFER  
REPORT (cont.):

Processing, \$7,600; #357, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$802; #358, Nikolaevsk Elem-High, \$265; #359, Sears Elementary, \$150; #360, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$1,700; and #363, New Seward Elementary, \$49,274.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. President, noted that negotiations had gone to mediation with Mr. Vince O'Reilly as the mutually agreed upon mediator. She noted the K.P.E.A. team was ready to meet with the Board at any time. She felt that with bargaining out of the way, both groups could focus on other critical issues to the district and most importantly quality education for students. She welcomed the Board's response to their concerns.

SOLDOTNA PAC:

Mrs. Vickie Leach, Soldotna Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson, told the Board that their group supported the revisions to the Parent Advisory Committee Policy. They recommended the regional council be named area parent group. She expressed concern related to the need for an additional music teacher for Soldotna High School due to the split in the music program with the opening of Skyview High School. She also expressed concern that ash on elementary playgrounds was harmful, and requested a status report on this issue from Mr. Dahlgren. She noted that parents have volunteered to help clean the playgrounds.

Mr. Dahlgren responded that he had met with the borough mayor and maintenance department earlier and playgrounds will be swept beginning Thursday, April 19. He noted problems existed with funds for the projects as well as getting the ash out of lawn areas. He advised that he was closely monitoring the situation. He concluded that he had no problems with parents volunteering help.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, Program Grants, Resignations, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, and Sick Leave Draw Requests/Certified.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LISTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$874.80 and Skyview High School in the amount of \$135,655.36.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve 1990-91 grant applications for Title IV-B Handicapped, \$287,234; Preschool Handicapped, \$39,200; Flex-School/Alternative High School, \$99,943; Community Schools, \$39,257; Chapter I, \$433,979; Chapter I: Neglected or Delinquent, \$12,991; Chapter II Block Grants: Instructional Center, \$96,898; Title II: Math/Science, \$32,520; Chapter I-M: Migrant Education, \$253,790; and the Bilingual Program Plan of Service.

RESIGNATIONS/  
CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1989-90 school year for Debbie Hecht-Reier, Special Education/Educationally Handicapped, Homer Intermediate; Lori Forrest, Grades 5-7, Ninilchik Elem/High School; Curtis Blagburn, Science/Physical Education, Nikiski Junior-Senior High; and Mark Woodworth, Music/Social Studies, Chapman Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUESTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1990-91 school year for Alice Taff, Grade 4/Media Center, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; Kristin Green, Special Education/Resource, Soldotna Elementary; Thomas Green, Social Studies/Science/Reading, Soldotna Junior High; and Satorene Jackson, Grade 4, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUESTS/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve draws from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Janene Driscoll, Special Education/Speech, Soldotna Elementary, up to 24 days; and Judy Olson, Grade 4, North Star Elementary, 24 days.

Mrs. Fischer requested that Item 9a (2), Approval of Program Grants, be considered separately.

Mr. Wiley requested that Item 9a (1), Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, be voted on separately.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #3, #4, and #5. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Item 9a (1), Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Massie stated he would abstain from voting on the furniture and equipment lists.

Mr. Strube commented that he was appalled at the prices on some of the sporting equipment. He noted he felt the books being ordered were excellent. Mr. Dahlgren explained the competitive bid process used in purchasing furniture and equipment.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
ABSTAIN - Massie  
Advisory Vote - NO

Motion carried.



ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Item 9a (2), Approval of Grant Applications. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Fischer noted the Flex-school Grant prescribed that the school district would be providing local funds for the second year of the program and questioned whether the district would provide those funds. Dr. Larson clarified that the district would not be required to provide funds for the current grant request, however, local funding would be matched the following years.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATION:

Mr. Swarner reported the district's operating fund was in excess of the original amounts budgeted due to additional appropriations resulting from additional students over original projections. He noted that the district's budgets for the last several years have been tight and equipment money had not been budgeted. Futhermore, additional students in the schools and newly adopted curriculums called for a need for additional textbooks. He recommended the Board request a \$700,000 supplemental appropriation from the Borough Assembly for the sole purpose of purchasing textbooks and equipment. He noted the Borough Assembly would need to adjust the 1990-91 budget to \$33,475,844.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the request for a supplemental appropriation from the Borough Assembly. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mrs. Fischer questioned what method would be used in determining equipment purchases for the schools. Mr. Swarner responded that a committee would be formed to review requests from the schools. Mrs. Fischer expressed frustration that more aggressive principals had submitted more elaborate lists than necessary and other schools could be slighted in equipment purchases.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISION/  
008.21./PARENT  
INVOLVEMENT:

Dr. Larson reported the Board had met in a worksession prior to the meeting related to revisions to Policy and Regulation 008.21/Parent Involvement. He noted revisions were suggested from other meetings with parent groups and the Board.

Mrs. Janice Mullen read testimony from Mrs. Shannon Kohler, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary PTA member, who spoke in favor of the revised policy on parent involvement. She indicated the policy allowed schools a choice of parent group which would best serve their school, gave clear direction to PACs and PTAs, and supported the idea of a regional council to work together on school related activities.

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INVOLVEMENT  
(continued):

Speaking for the Soldotna PTA, Mrs. Janice Mullen, told the Board their group supported the revised policy which allows for a parent group in each school and regional councils.

Mrs. Susan Westbrook, Sears Elementary PTA chairperson, spoke in support of the policy related to parent involvement because it allowed for parent groups in each school and gave the schools the choice of which organization they desire to form.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board adopt Policy 008.21 as outlined. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to approve Policy 008.21, Parent Involvement, with the change of the sentence to add "and community" and delete "and for the formation of regional councils".

Mr. Tauriainen stated it was his intent that this action on the policy would address federal programs at the current time. Mr. Wiley spoke against the amendment since it did not support regional councils, and the entire policy and regulation needed to be addressed at the same time. Mrs. Fischer spoke in favor of the amendment and stated she did not feel regional councils needed to be addressed in policy. She felt the groups could meet without a policy statement, and representation to the Board had become "muddied." Mr. Massie stated he did not wish to rule out regional councils being formed, but preferred separating a vote on portions of the amendment.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board separate the amendment. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

VOTE ON DELETING FORMATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS:

YES - Fischer, Tauriainen  
NO - Dimmick, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment failed.

VOTE ON ADDING "AND COMMUNITY".

Amendment carried unanimously.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amended motion carried.

ACTION Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Regulation 008.21 as presented. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

ACTION Mr. Wiley moved to amend the motion, Procedures Section 1. to insert the word "each" and change the word "principals" to "administrators". Section 2. Change the wording in the fourth sentence to "The principal will conduct the election and verify the results." Delete the words "to parents" in the fifth sentence, and rearrange the fifth sentence before the previous sentence. Section 3. Insert the words "selected by the group" in the last sentence. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the amendment to change the wording in Section 2 from "PTA or PAC" to "parent advisory group". Mr. Wiley seconded.

Amendment to amendment carried unanimously.

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION Mr. Wiley moved to amend the motion to change the word "should" to "shall" on page 2, Section 3 of the regulation, and add the words "for distribution to the school board." to Section 5 under Meetings. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned the reason why PAC members were required to be U.S. citizens and the other restrictions included in page 2 of the regulation. Dr. Larson responded this was similar wording from the old policy. Mrs. Obendorf added that it was not difficult to secure a waiver to these requirements.

RECESS: At 10:45 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 11:01 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to read, "PAC members shall be of voting age and elected by residents of the school service area and/or parents whose children attend that school." The rest of the introduction would remain the same. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick expressed objection that the PAC member did not have to be a U.S. citizen or registered voter. She added that parents can attend and be active without being elected members of the PAC. Mrs. Fischer commented that some parents are of other nationalities and should be allowed to make educational decisions for their children. Mr. Tauriainen stated the

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intent of his amendment was to get as many people involved in the schools as possible. Mr. Wiley stated he agreed with the desire to expand parent participation, but did not agree with the motion on reasons of voting procedures.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Fischer, Tauriainen, Obendorf  
NO - Dimmick, Massie, Wiley  
Advisory Vote - NO

Amendment failed.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to change the wording on page 2 of the regulation under Parent Advisory Committee, Membership and Election, "PACs may be composed of any number of members." Motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to postpone until the June 4 meeting. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Tauriainen  
NO - Dimmick, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - NO

Motion to postpone failed.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion on page 2 of the regulation, Section 1 to add the words "at the precinct polling place nearest the subject school." Amendment died for lack of a second.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion on page 3 of the regulation, Section Approval of Alternative School Advisory Committee Organizations, to change the title words "Committee Organization" to "Groups", and change the words in the subsequent paragraph from "PAC organization" to parent advisory group". Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the amendment to remove the word "organization". Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Amendment to amendment carried unanimously.

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to amend the section on Regional Councils to delete items #2 and #3 under Procedures, delete the word "Procedure" and delete #1. Rewording of this section would read, "The intent of this section is to establish regional

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councils for the purpose of improving communication among parent groups. 1. Regional councils may be formed within major geographic regions with the approval of the superintendent." Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to change the word "will" to "may" under Parent Teacher Associations in both sentences of this section. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that parent teacher associations must follow the guidelines set forth by the national organization, thus the regulation change would be unnecessary.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Fischer, Tauriainen, Wiley  
NO - Dimmick, Massie, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment failed.

Mrs. Dimmick requested the administration to change the word "principal" to "building administrator" throughout the policy and regulation. Mrs. Fischer commented that she had originally planned on voting for the revisions from the worksessions until two classes of teachers were created by their involvement in PACs and PTAs. She commented that the PTAs had been given PAC status, but the PAC guidelines had not changed where teachers could be members.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer, Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amended motion carried.

EXPULSION REQUEST:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve a request for expulsion of a Soldotna High School student. He noted information was in the Board members' packets.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the expulsion request. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

KPBSD-MAGADAN  
PROTOCOL  
AGREEMENT:

Mr. Sandahl presented the protocol proposal developed between the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and Magadan, U.S.S.R. for 1990 and the ensuing years. The protocol agreement listed schools in the KPBSD and Magadan which would participate in varied educational activities between the countries.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether there would be financial commitments from the district related to developing a process for financial stipends for visiting teachers. Mr. Sandahl responded this needed to be considered due to the difference in money of the country, but no payment was expected on the part of the KPBSD. The only financial commitment on the part of the district would be expenses for Mrs. Obendorf and Mr. Matiya to travel to Russia to work on specific details of the agreement. Mr. Matiya noted that leave for staff should also be considered rather than the case of this year's participants taking leave without pay for their work and involvement during the Youth Summit. Mrs. Fischer stated she wanted to be assured the agreement was not taking precedence over other needed programs such as counselors, health curriculum funding etc. Mrs. Obendorf noted the Board would need to approve any expenditures for the program. Mrs. Dimmick stated she wanted to be assured that any future changes or documents would be signed by the current respective people. She noted there were many instabilities currently in the U.S.S.R. and she would not want to subject students to any dangerous situations. She also requested that future funding for the exchanges be sought from multinational corporations.

Mr. Travis Richardson told the Board that he was a participant of the 1990 Youth Summit to Magadan and it was an excellent learning experience for him. He encouraged the Board continue similar programs of this type for other students.

Mrs. Carla Anderson, host family member for the Youth Summit, urged continuation of the Youth Summit Programs with Magadan but encouraged that financial commitments for host families be more clearly defined for future trips. She noted her family spent a great deal of money on their Soviet students who probably did not gain an accurate picture of the average American family.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the KPBSD-Magadan, U.S.S.R. Protocol Agreement. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 89-90-3/  
LOCAL CONTROL

Mr. Sandahl presented Resolution 89-90-3 related to local control of schools boards. He noted the resolution was prepared at the request of the Board.

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LOCAL CONTROL  
(continued):

Mr. Ken Tarbox requested the Board not approve the resolution and stated they were taking a shotgun approach toward the legislature on this issue.

Mrs. Janice Mullen urged the Board to not support the resolution and called attention to legislation that was supportive of school districts.

Mrs. Nancy Rollins spoke against the resolution and urged local school board to have more input into legislation on educational issues.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board adopt Resolution 89-90-3, Local Control. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion, Further Be It Resolved Section, to read, "When the Legislature of the State of Alaska mandates programs, such programs shall be funded above the normal school foundation formula for education." Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that she felt the legislature should continue to be interested in educational issues, but they should also be committed to funding those programs they mandate to districts. Mrs. Fischer stated she felt the amendment watered down the resolution, and noted that the health curriculum was funded above the formula.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer, Massie, Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment failed.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to add the word "fully" before the word "funded" in the Further Be It Resolved section. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to add in the third sentence of the Now Therefore Be It Resolved section, "mandate additional programs or". Mrs. Fischer seconded,

Mr. Tauriainen commented there are currently over 200 bills in the legislature that regulate, encourage or discourage education in some form, therefore, the intent was an attempt to lessen the amount given to school boards.

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LOCAL CONTROL  
(continued):

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Tauriainen, Wiley  
NO - Dimmick, Massie, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment failed.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that a resolution for the counseling program had been presented to the Board. She added that she would like to see the Board have the flexibility to vote on each item individually as they come before them. Mrs. Fischer commented that she felt the resolution did not prohibit the Board from approving counselors, but only prohibited the legislature from mandating them on school boards. She felt it was important that the Board support the concept of the resolution.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to table the motion. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Fischer challenged the chair stating she had previously been refused the opportunity to table legislation in that manner. Mrs. Obendorf responded that she did not recall the incident and requested a vote of the Board to allow to table.

VOTE TO ALLOW TO TABLE:

YES - Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Dimmick, Fischer  
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

VOTE TO TABLE:

YES - Dimmick  
NO - Fischer, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - NO

Motion failed.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Fischer, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley  
NO - Dimmick, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - NO

Amended motion carried.



SUPPORT OF ORDINANCE  
90-25/DESIGNATING  
SCHOOL BOARD SEATS:

Mr. Sandahl reported the Borough Assembly would act on Ordinance 90-25 designating seats for the election of school board members. He recommended the Board indicate their support of the ordinance before the Borough Assembly. The board's vote would be advisory in nature.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that she felt Items C and D of Section 1 should be deleted from the ordinance since they were redundant to Section 2. She stated she felt the ordinance would be self-serving to incumbent school board members at this time.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board support Ordinance 90-25. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Wiley stated he felt voters would be better served when having a clear choice of candidates with designated seats. Mr. Tauriainen requested a clarification on Section C related to terms of office. Mr. Boedeker, attorney, responded that the terms of office would not be shortened by the ordinance. He commented that he felt Items C and D should be removed to clarify the ordinance.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to delete Items C and D of Section 1. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Fischer stated she was pleased the Borough Assembly was allowing for school board members to be voted on at-large by peninsula residents rather than being designated by areas of the Borough. She encouraged that no amendments to that effect be made.

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
ABSTAIN - Dimmick  
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf stated a request had been made for public presentations to be made earlier in the meeting. She noted that public comments are allowed under Hearing of Delegations with a week's prior notice to the school board secretary.

Mrs. Susie Franklin requested an additional unallocated teacher position be allowed for the music program at Skyview and Soldotna High schools which results in a disparity in programs with the division of the schools next year. She noted that parents had been promised that programs would

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remain at quality standards with the opening of the new high school, however, it appeared this would not be the case unless additional musical staff was hired.

Miss Alaska Franklin, Soldotna High School student, told the Board she would like to continue her musical program at that school next year, but extra personnel was needed to continue the numerous ongoing programs. She noted the school excelled in state musical competition this year and she feared this would not continue with the decrease in staff next year.

Mr. Dave Schmidt, music teacher, expressed concern on the future success of the Soldotna High School and Skyview High School music programs with the decrease in staff for these classes. He urged the Board consider allocating the necessary teachers to cover these programs.

Mrs. Deborah Horne, parent, stated she felt it was important to have a well balanced music program for students. She noted her children were dedicated to their music classes, and felt the Board should maintain the quality and diversity of education, which included music. She urged the Board to insure that same programs be provided at both schools.

Mr. Travis Richardson, Soldotna High School student, stated he felt that all students should be given musical class opportunities that are needed for their grade and learning levels.

Mr. Glen Anderson, Soldotna High School student, told the Board that the school's music program is one of the best in the state and if more teaching staff is not available, the program would deteriorate.

Mrs. Carol Morgan, parent, expressed concern about the future of the music programs at Skyview High and Soldotna High schools. She noted many parents had left the meeting because of the late hour, but all were very concerned about staffing next year. She added that good music programs enrich the school, community and feeder schools.

Mr. Gary Lindman, Soldotna High School music teacher, commented that there has been a tremendous growth in its music program from 40 to 125 students. He stated that this year twelve music classes are being taught whereas five music classes are proposed for next year. He stated it is possible that students would not be able to get a music class beyond sixth grade. He also noted that it is professionally not recommended that a music instructor for a school the size of Soldotna High teach both band and choir.

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PRESENTATIONS  
(continued):

Mrs. Sharon Moock, assembly member, noted that she had received numerous calls related to the possible closure of Skyview High School. She stated that she had responded that her vote was one of 16 for the school budget, not opening or closing Skyview High School. She reminded the Board they had stated that programs would not suffer with the opening of Skyview High School. She also noted that Kenai Central High School had both choral and band instructors.

Mrs. Patricia Jolen noted the Board promised programs would not be cut when supporting the new schools. She commended Mr. Schmdit on the excellent band program and his training students for the high school program. She stated that parents had encouraged students to maintain music studies, but now they were finding that more advanced courses might not be available to them at the high school.

Speaking on behalf of her husband, Mrs. Carla Anderson expressed concern on the ash situation in the local area and particularly at the schools. She noted the best way to remove the ash would be to wash all areas down. She added this should be accomplished from roofs, walkways, parking lots and playgrounds and done as a communitywide effort. She also expressed concern on the Board not addressing the issue of non-citizens being allowed to serve as PAC members. As a Canadian citizen, she stated she felt discriminated against. She concluded that she may not be a citizen but she had a right to speak for her children.

Mrs. Trena Richardson, parent, expressed concern that not all choices might be available to music students at Soldotna High School next year. She also noted that first year Russian classes would not be available to students at Soldotna High School. She asked the Board to review these program changes with the personnel department.

Mr. David Wardell, parent, urged the Board to consider an additional band teacher for Soldotna High School due to the split between Skyview High School and Soldotna High School.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Strube quoted from Mr. John Andrews' letter related to the track season and the health and safety of students being in jeopardy due to the ash situation this year. He concurred with Mr. Andrews' suggestion to cancel the field and track season for junior and high school students for this school year. Mr. Strube stated he supported the requests from Soldotna High School parents and students in requesting additional staff for the music program.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he appreciated the audience who stayed late to express their concerns. He also expressed appreciation to the parent groups and staff for their work on the policy revisions.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Fischer requested to be excused from the two Board meetings in May.

She stated she was pleased with the procedures developed for students when working with their own equipment at school.

Mrs. Fischer questioned what the Board could do to expedite their list of building needs. Mr. Dahlgren responded the administration was carefully watching legislation on this. He noted that he had responded to the Tustumena PAC for a worksession with them, and the project would need to be ranked high on the listing in order to seek funding.

Mrs. Fischer commented that a shortfall in funding of the school budget did not necessarily mean that Skyview High School would be cut. She stated she felt opening Skyview High School would free up classroom space for the overcrowded elementary schools.

Mr. Wiley thanked Dr. Larson for the excellent Substance Abuse Report.

Mr. Wiley stated he appreciated parents speaking to the needs of the music program, however, he noted that some schools do not have playgrounds or other facilities. He added that Soldotna High School had twice the number of dropouts of any other school in the district. He stated this board was left with the decision to endorse small high schools even though they did not support that idea. He felt that opening Skyview was the best decision for the Board.

Mrs. Dimmick expressed concern about the KCHS vocational program and requested the Board look into this matter as it related to teacher evaluation.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that she attended a reception for the Early Childhood Education Group. She noted it was a pleasure to be with the group which is dedicated to this issue.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that if she were a resident in a country of which she was not a citizen, she would not expect to be elected to any official position.

Mrs. Obendorf reported the Board held a teleconference with the Homer PAC prior to the School Board Meeting. She noted that two school principals and one parent were in attendance. The main concern expressed was the use of the existing swimming pool and seeking a cost study on the project.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf noted receipt of the letter from Dr. Donald Behrend, University of Alaska Chancellor, requesting that she continue to serve on the college council another year. She noted the regulations have changed where she would represent the Board on the Council.

She thanked the audience for staying late and expressing their concerns about the music program at Soldotna High School.

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from Mr. Wayne Kessler serving notice of his resignation effective May 22, 1990. She noted the Board would establish procedures for filling the vacancy at their next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 1:20 a.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 2:05 a.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board reconvene in regular session. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

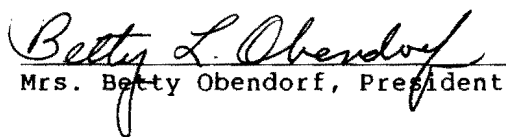
Motion carried unanimously.

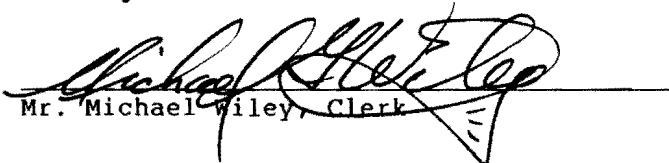
ADJOURN:

At 2:06 a.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of April 16, 1990,  
were approved on May 7, 1990,  
with a correction.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 Borough Administration Building  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669

May 7, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
 Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
 Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
 Operations, and Technology  
 Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Mo Scott	Mrs. Debra Mullins
Ms. Judy Blume	Mrs. Janis Mullen
Mr. Ben Swan	Mrs. Zada Freidersdorff
Mrs. Betsy Staley	Mrs. Nancy Rollins
Mr. Rick Matiya	Mr. Paul Epperson
Dr. Nels Anderson	Mr. Timothy Peterson
Mrs. Patricia Boraas	
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Absent - Excused
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present - Late 10:00 p.m.
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of April 16, 1990, were approved with a correction.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter signed by the staff of North Star Elementary School who complimented their principal, Jan Hall, for the professional manner and dedication in which she has served the staff and students at that school. They commended her on her leadership example, openness to new ideas, accessibility to the staff, and dedication to students.

Mrs. Obendorf read a telegram received from the K.P.E.A. Bargaining Team who offered their support on continued negotiations toward reaching a bilateral negotiated agreement in as timely manner as possible. They requested both teams return to the bargaining table.

She noted receipt of a letter from Senator John B. Coghill who acknowledged receiving School Board Resolution 89-90-3 which addressed local control by school boards. As a former school board member and mayor he commented that he supported local control in as many local issues as possible.

She read a letter from the Nikolaevsk Parent Advisory Committee related to the need for an addition to their gymnasium. The PAC pointed out unsafe conditions which existed due to the size of the gymnasium.

Mrs. Obendorf noted receipt of a petition from the Hope/Sunrise community related to a school bus for their area. Mrs. Obendorf requested Mr. Dahlgren present a report and recommendation on this issue at the May 21 meeting.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Zada Freidersdorff, Past President of K.P.E.A., reiterated the organization's position to continue negotiations toward a bilateral agreement in as timely a fashion as possible. She commented that they were willing to meet at the bargaining table at any time. She felt this action would be in the best interest of the students, parents and teachers on the peninsula.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 1990-91 Non-Tenure Teachers, Resignations, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, Substitute Teacher Contracts, Sick Leave Bank Draw Requests/Certified, Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Support Staff, 1990-91 Teacher Appointments, Furniture and Equipment Lists, Drug Free School Grant, Vocational Education Grants, and Procedures for Appointing New School Board Member.

1990-91 NON-TENURE  
TEACHERS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the following non-tenure teachers be approved for the 1990-91 school year: Deanna Allard, Nikiski Junior/Senior High; Terry Allen, Nikiski Elementary; \*Henry Anderson, North Star Elementary; Pam Anderson (half-time), Homer Junior High; Kathy Atkinson, Sears Elementary; \*James Beeson, Kenai Central High; \*Mary Bemmels, Bartlett Elem/High;

1990-91 NON-TENURE  
TEACHERS (continued):

\*William Bemmels, Bartlett Elem/High; \*Lori Bieri, Sears Elementary; \*Kim Blommel, Seward Elementary; \*Tanya Boedeker, Soldotna Junior High; \*Susan Borko, Skyview High; \*Victor Borko, Nikiski Elementary; \*David Boyle, Soldotna Junior High; \*Michael Boyle, Bartlett Elem/High; \*Molly Brann, North Star Elementary; \*Gayle Buben, Sterling Elementary; \*Gerald Byrnes, Ninilchik Elem/High; \*David Carlson, Nikiski Junior/Senior High; \*Mary Castimore, Sears Elementary; \*Esther Chiappone, Sterling Elementary; \*Mary Christopher, Paul Banks Elementary; \*Mary Combs, Soldotna Junior High; \*Margaret Corbisier, Chapman Elementary; \*Judy Cox, Ninilchik Elem/High; \*Terry Cramer, Mt. View Elementary; \*Charles Crangle, Seward Elementary; \*Randy Creamer, Alternate Education/Districtwide, Homer; \*Roberta Creamer, Paul Banks Elementary; Ann Dahl, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; \*Carol Dallman, Skyview High; Neal Dallman, Soldotna High; \*Jan Daniels, Mountain View Elementary; Tim Daugherty (half-time), Homer Junior High; \*Janice Delaney, Soldotna Elementary; Andrea Deutsch, Port Graham Elem/High; \*Lynn DeVito, Redoubt Elementary; \*Darcia Dierick, Cooper Landing Elementary; Susan Dougherty, Razdolna Elementary; \*Janene Driscoll, Soldotna Elementary; Nadine Efta, Susan B. English Elem/High; Kathy Eller, Paul Banks Elementary; Patricia Ellison, Chapman Elementary; Yvonne Emery, Soldotna Elementary; \*Bonnie Evans, Voznesenka Elementary; \*David Evans, Voznesenka Elementary; \*Clark Fair, Skyview High; \*Kim Fine, McNeil Canyon Elementary; \*Mary Fischer, Sears Elementary; Kathy Fredrickson, Seward Elementary; Gail Frost, Chapman Elementary; \*Darlene Gerke, Ninilchik Elem/High; \*Margaret Gilman, Soldotna High; Larry Goodrie, Homer High; Sharyn Harris, Susan B. English Elem/High; \*John Harro, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; \*Nancy Hartigan, McNeil Canyon Elementary; \*Lorri Hill, Seward Jr/Sr High; \*Richard Houghton, Seward Jr/Sr High; James Huff, Susan B. English Elem/High; \*Susan Ingels, Homer Intermediate; \*Sharon Inman-Whiting, Seward Jr/Sr High; Brenda Jager, Kenai Junior High; \*Susan Jenkinson, Kenai Central High; Mike Johnson, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Sarah Jones, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; \*RoseAnn Keating, Soldotna Elementary; Ann Kendall, Nikiski Elementary; \*Nathan Kiel, Kenai Central High; Atz Kilcher, McNeil Canyon Elementary; \*Steven Klaich, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; \*C.J. Knight, Soldotna Elementary; \*Laurie Knutsen, Redoubt Elementary; \*Alex Koplín, Homer High; Jill Kriens, English Bay Elem/High; Michael Kriens, English Bay Elem/High; \*Margaret Ladd, Homer Intermediate; \*Patrick Lamb, Susan B. English Elem/High; Karen Landerholm, North Star Elementary; \*Gloria Larson, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Susan Ledger, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; \*Jamie Leman, Ninilchik Elem/High; Kirstie Leslie, Seward Elementary; David Lewis, Razdolna Elementary; \*Janette Cadieux-Lexmond, Soldotna Elementary; \*Theo Lexmond, Districtwide/Central Office; \*Charmaine Lundy, North Star Elementary; \*Diane McBee, North Star Elementary; Linell McCrum, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary;



1990-91 NON-TENURE  
TEACHERS (continued):

Jeri McLean, Paul Banks Elementary; Lynn McLin, Paul Banks Elementary; \*Lynn McNamara, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; \*Ed Marman, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Allan Miller, Soldotna High; \*Annette Montee, Sterling Elementary; \*Phil Morin, Nikiski Jr/Sr; Tami Mulick, McNeil Canyon Elementary; \*Lorraine Murphy, Homer High; Bill Noomah, Homer Intermediate; Alan Olson, Homer High; Mary Palmer, McNeil Canyon Elementary; \*Danene Park, Paul Banks Elementary; Alice Porter, Homer Intermediate; \*Paul Prebys, Seward Elementary; \*Linda Raemaker, Skyview High; Cindy Rehm, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Mike Richards, Susan B. English Elem/High; Dan Roach, Redoubt Elementary; \*Donna Rogers, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; \*Ward Romans, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; \*Holly Salo, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Debra Sander, Districtwide/Central Office; \*Linda Satre, Paul Banks Elementary; \*Paul Sayan, Seward Elementary; Lisa Schmitter, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Bill Searle, Homer High; \*Gary Shriver, Bartlett Elem/High; Donna Sigler, Chapman Elementary; Marlene Sledge, Soldotna Junior High; \*Tamara Smid, Beluga Elementary; \*Jeannette Sorrels, Kenai Junior High; Elizabeth Stachow, Skyview High; \*Bill Stavely, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; \*DeeAnn Steffensen, Sears Elementary; Stanley Steffenson, Kenai Junior High; Raniece Sutton-Gamache, Homer High; Maria Tapia, Soldotna High; Lloyd Tappana, Bartlett Elem/High; \*Marvin Tapsfield, Seward Elementary; Nancy Tapsfield, Seward Elementary; Kathleen Thompson, Soldotna Elementary; \*Jan Walker, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; \*Patricia Walker, Chapman Elementary; \*Mary Wells, Soldotna Elementary; \*Bernadette Wensley, English Bay Elem/High; \*John Wensley, English Bay Elem/High; \*Herb Wottlin, Seward Elementary; and Iris Wotzka, Sears Elementary.  
Note: \*indicates teacher recommended for tenure status.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1989-90 school year for Marilyn Wells, Grade 5, Tustumena Elementary; Janet Morgan, Special Education/Physical Therapist, Homer area; and Jill Skidmore, Special Education/Physical Therapist, Mountain View Elementary.

UNPAID LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leaves of absence for the 1990-91 school year for Marie Marrs, Special Education/QUEST (half-time), Kenai Junior High and Special Education/QUEST (half-time), Program Manager/Districtwide; Colleen Sinnott, Special Education/Severe Education, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; and Leslie Bell, Language Arts, Homer Junior High.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board award contracts to 19-day substitute teachers Marina Bosnick, Grade 1, Tustumena Elementary; Ludy Link, Special Education/Speech, Soldotna Elementary; Johnna Besch, Grade 4, Mountain View Elementary; and Pamela Anderson, Mathematics (half-time), Homer High.

SICK LEAVE BANK DRAW  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 8 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Danene Park, Special Education/Occupational Therapist, Homer area.

SICK LEAVE BANK DRAW  
REQUEST/SUPPORT  
STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 24 days from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Robert Day, Custodian, Homer High.

1990-91 TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1990-91 teacher assignments for the following: Barbara Ralston, Grade 1, Sears Elementary; Susan Bunting, Speech Pathologist, Homer Intermediate (Itinerant); Pam Anderson, Mathematics, Homer Junior High; Henrietta Ledger, Special Education/Resource, Homer Junior High; Roy Anderson, Special Education/Program Manager, Districtwide; Wayne Clark, Social Studies/Mathematics/Language Arts, Homer Junior High; Lisa Whitney, Grade 1, Sears Elementary; Jerry Olive, Special Education/Severe Education, Seward Elementary; Tim Daugherty, Mathematics/Social Studies, Homer High; Daphne McLean, Library/Media Center, Seward Elementary; Robert Summer, Social Studies, Kenai Junior High; Mary Durman, Primary, Chapman Elementary; Johnna Besch, Grade 1, Nikiski Elementary; Sandra Huss, Art (half-time), Kenai Junior High; Eric Skjold, Mathematics, Ninilchik Elem/High; Michael Besch, Physical Education/Health, Nikiski Junior/Senior High; Pamela Gennari, Grade 4, North Star Elementary; David Spence, Assistant Principal, Kenai Central High; Wayne Floyd, Grade 5, Mountain View Elementary; Joyclin Graham, Counselor/Teacher, Soldotna Junior High; Todd Syverson, Assistant Principal, Skyview High; Noreen Steinbrecher, Primary, Seward Elementary; Richard Gennari, Grade 5, North Star Elementary; Deborah Verney, Special Education/Preschool, Sears Elementary; Jo McCard, Grade 4, Tustumena Elementary; Judith Shields, Special Education/Resource, Nikiski Elementary; and Roger Steinbrecher, Athletic Director/Social Studies, Seward Junior/Senior High.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LISTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$30,396.41, and Skyview High School in the amount of \$64,469.45.

DRUG FREE GRANT  
APPLICATION:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve a Drug Free Grant Application for \$122,697.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
GRANTS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve seven mini-grants, Principles of Technology and Flex-School Grants, for the 1990-91 school year. If approved by the Department of Education the grants would bring \$243,436 additional funds to the district.

PROCEDURES FOR  
APPOINTING NEW  
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER:

Mrs. Obendorf recommended the Board approve procedures for appointing a new school board member to the vacancy created by Mr. Kessler's resignation. The procedures called for advertising the vacancy in local newspapers May 8-11, receiving letters of interest through May 14, hearing from school board candidates at a special school board meeting on May 17, selecting a new school board member on May 21 and seating of the new member on June 4.

Mrs. Dimmick requested that Item 4a (1), Approval of 1990-91 Non-tenure Teachers, be voted on separately.

Mr. Wiley requested that Items 4a (8), Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, 4a (10), Approval of Vocational Education Grants, and 4a (11), Approval of Procedures for Appointing New School Board Member, be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, and #9. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item 4a (4), Approval of 1990-91 Non-Tenure Teachers. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Sandahl explained the process of teacher evaluation and attaining tenure. He noted that principals are responsible for evaluation of teachers and recommend them for tenure.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the Furniture and Equipment Lists. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Massie stated he would abstain from voting on the furniture and equipment lists.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether all the funds listed for the Skyview project would be spent. Mr. Dahlgren responded that if any funds remained these would revert to the bond fund and could only be spent upon voter approval. He commented that he did not anticipate that funds would be turned back to the borough since orders for computers, etc. needed to be placed.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Kessler, Wiley, Obendorf

ABSTAIN - Massie

Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the Vocational Education and Flex School Grants. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Wiley commented that the grant costs for Tyonek and Kenai Central were the same and questioned whether the programs would cost the same for both schools. Dr. Larson responded affirmatively.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Procedures for Appointing New School Board Member. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mr. Wiley questioned what the Board would do in case of a tie vote. Mrs. Dimmick suggested the Board continue voting until the tie is broken. Mrs. Obendorf noted the Board would need to decide this when selecting a new member. She also noted the Special Meeting on May 17 would be held at the Soldotna High School library.

Motion carried unanimously.

MEDIATION REPORT:

Mrs. Radtke commented that discussion on the mediation report would involve the collective bargaining agreement. She recommended the Board go into executive session for this discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:55 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:40 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board authorize the bargaining team to take the necessary steps to begin the arbitration process and to explore the process of binding arbitration for consideration by the Board. Once the arbitration mechanism has been put in place, the team should explore all avenues of reaching agreement on all or some of the unresolved issues. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick stated that by state law the Board is not required to have a mediation report unless both parties have reached agreement through the mediation process, which has not happened in this case. She noted that since mediation had

MEDIATION REPORT  
(continued):

failed it is necessary to proceed to the arbitration process as set forth in state law. She noted the process needed to be established in order to set a time frame which will encourage the parties toward a settlement. She added that the arbitration process did not necessarily need to be advisory. If the parties agreed that binding arbitration is the best means to settle the contract, the team would be authorized to do so.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS FOR  
SABBATICAL LEAVE:

Mr. Sandahl noted that sabbatical leave applications for the 1990-91 school year were presented for Barbara Browning, Social Studies/English, Homer High; and Timothy Peterson, Grade 6, Nikiski Elementary. He recommended the Board approve the applications with no district funds for salary, insurance, TRS, etc.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the two sabbatical leave requests. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Kessler moved to amend the motion to include the phrase "without district expense." Mr. Wiley seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

1990-91 CO-  
CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES HAND-  
BOOKS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve the Co-curricular Activities Handbooks for the 1990-91 school year with the changes as discussed at the worksession held prior to the meeting.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Co-Curricular Activities Handbooks as presented by the committee. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Mr. Strube questioned whether it had always been required that students must attend all periods of the school day in order to participate in practice. Mr. Sandahl responded that this had been in effect for at least ten years. The only exception would be unless there is an excused absence.

Mr. Wiley commented that he felt the handbooks were well done except for charging activity fees.

Mrs. Dimmick expressed appreciation to KPSAA for their work with the handbooks. She commented that she felt the schools' attention in allowing all students to participate in activities was good.

1990-91 CO-  
CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES HAND-  
BOOKS (cont.):

Mr. Kessler questioned whether KPSAA had discussed going to three seasons rather than four. Mr. Sandahl responded that this issue is being discussed at the state level. Mr. Kessler also questioned whether no play/practice during official vacation time had been considered. Mr. Epperson responded that changes had been made in the high school manual on this. He commented that next year's Christmas vacation might create problems with the ruling and it was hoped that coaches would not abuse the ruling with numerous practice sessions.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Kessler, Obendorf  
NO - Wiley  
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
VOZNESENKA:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a lease agreement with the Village of Voznesenka to lease a 40' x 42' structure and a 10' x 40' trailer as a school facility. The total amount of the monthly lease agreement would be \$832 effective February 1, 1990.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Lease Agreement with Voznesenka as presented by Mr. Dahlgren. Mr. Kessler seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Strube stated he agreed with Mr. Wiley's comments on the student activity fees. He hoped the fees would be eliminated in the future.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she favored eliminating activity fees, but since the Board was \$500 from the local Cap on the budget the choice would have been fees or programs.

Mrs. Obendorf announced the Board would be voting on the Minnesota Plan for Kenai Central High School at the May 21 meeting.

With concurrence of the Board, Mrs. Obendorf appointed Mrs. Dimmick and Mr. Tauriainen to negotiate with Central Office administrators.

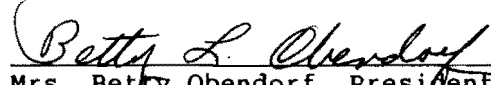
Mrs. Obendorf noted she had received communications from the Department of Education requesting input by May 21 on Reporting of Early Leavers and Chapter 04, Alaska Native Language Policy.


ADJOURN:

At 10:10 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of May 7, 1990,  
were approved with corrections  
on May 21, 1990.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Soldotna High School  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

May 17, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Janis Mullen  
Mrs. Debra Mullins  
Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Martin  
Mrs. Patty Boiley  
Mr. A. Kearlee Wright  
Mrs. Joan Schrader  
Mr. John Martin  
Mrs. Sandra Wassilie  
Mrs. Pam Lazenby  
Mr. Ross Kendall  
Others present not identified.

ALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

LEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present - Late 7:20 p.m.
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Absent - Excused
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Absent - Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

SCHOOL BOARD  
CANDIDATE  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf announced the purpose of the meeting was to hear from individuals who had submitted letters of application for the vacant position on the Board. She noted the Board would make their decision at the May 21, 1990 meeting and the new member would be seated on June 4, 1990.

At 7:08 p.m., Mr. Ross Kendall told the Board of his qualifications and interest in being a school board member. He indicated environmental awareness and the spending cap on the budget were key issues to him. He noted he would be interested in seeking election as a school board member in October.



SCHOOL BOARD  
CANDIDATE  
PRESENTATIONS  
(continued):

At 7:21 p.m., Mrs. Debra Mullins spoke to the Board on her continued interest in the education system and her desire to complete the term of office created by Mr. Kessler's resignation. She commented that her greatest concerns were with the counseling programs and the ITBS scores of the district.

At 7:29 p.m., Mr. A. Kearlee Wright told the Board that he felt the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District was a good district, but that no system was perfect. He noted his interests as a prospective school board member dealt with teaching students basic skills which would apply to the working world and generating self-esteem among students.

At 7:37 p.m., Mr. Carrol A. Martin commented that he felt the candidates represented a good cross-section of the peninsula from Homer, Nikiski, and Seward. Based on this representation, he withdrew his application for the vacant seat on the school board.

At 7:40 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf reported that Mr. Jerry Hobart had submitted a letter stating he would be unable to attend the meeting due to prior work commitments. In his letter, Mr. Hobart stated he felt his prior experience on the Board as well as having a good understanding of current problems would help him serve in that position.

At 7:41 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf announced that a letter had been received from Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross explaining that prior commitments as the chairperson for a cross-curricular camping trip for Homer Junior High School students prevented her from attending the meeting. Mrs. Obendorf read her letter which explained past educational, youth and community experiences. Mrs. Patty Boiley, who represented the Homer Parent Advisory Committee, told the Board they felt Mrs. Gross would be an asset to the school board.

At 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Sandra Wassilie told the Board of her past educational and community experiences and her interest in serving on the school board from the Seward area. She noted her major focus would be on follow through of instruction and the middle school concept.

At the conclusion of the interviews, Mrs. Obendorf expressed appreciation to the candidates for their presentations. Mr. Wiley also thanked the candidates and noted all were well qualified for the vacant position on the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:54 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 9:07 p.m., Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.


Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 9:08 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Special School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of May 17, 1990,  
were approved on June 4, 1990,  
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

May 21, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Wayne Kessler, Parliamentarian  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Pendleton	Mrs. Joan Schrader
Mr. Mike Christianson	Mrs. Judy Salo
Mrs. Susan Smalley	Mrs. Trena Richardson
Mr. Jan Strube	Mrs. Marj O'Reilly
Mr. Howard Draper	Mrs. Mary Toutonghi
Ms. Judy Blume	Mrs. Debra Mullins
Mr. Frank Garrity	Mr. Paul Epperson
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dempsey	Mrs. Mary Rubadeau
Mr. Mark Burgener	Mr. Serve Wilson
Mrs. Suzanne Legner	Mr. Ben Swan
Mrs. Barbara Eastham	Mr. Jerry Hobart
Mr. Dave Carey	Mr. Travis Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chitty	Mrs. Judy Marlow
Mr. Ross Kendall	Mrs. Sandra Wassilie
Mrs. Susie Westbrook	Mrs. Linda Raemaker
Mr. Mick Wykis	Mrs. Carol Musson
Mr. David Phelan	Mrs. Zada Freidersdorff
Mr. David Mumy	Mrs. Dorothy Besch
Mrs. Vickie Leach	Mrs. Mo Scott
Mrs. Marlene Benson	Mrs. Nadine Russo
Mr. Craig Jung	Mr. Jack Walsh
Mr. Ed Pearson	
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

## ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Wayne Kessler	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Absent - Excused
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of May 7, 1990, were approved with corrections.

HEARING OF  
DELEGATIONS:

Mr. Jan Strube, Ninilchik parent, told the Board the Ninilchik parent group was strongly opposed to bus boundary changes between Tustumena and Ninilchik schools. He noted that students at Ninilchik School receive an excellent education, and being small is a strong point for their school. He also commented that changing the boundaries would add to the overcrowded conditions at Tustumena Elementary.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf noted a video had been received from the Association of Alaska School Boards on the Early Legislative Fly-In, April, 1990. The video will be available at the school board office.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she had received applications for the Alaska Parent Involvement Conference to be held in Anchorage, August 10-12, 1990. If interested, parents or staff should get an application from her for submission by June 1. The conference is sponsored by Governor Cowper, Alaska Pacific University and the Alaska State Parent Teacher Association.

She noted an invitation had been received from the Soldotna Public Library, Joyce K. Carver Memorial, to their opening of the new addition at 2:00 p.m. on June 9, 1990. Members planning on attending are to respond to the invitation.

Mrs. Obendorf read two telegrams dated May 14 and May 16 from the Kenai Peninsula Education Association where the association tentatively accepted the Board's offer to binding arbitration for resolution of contract negotiation. A membership verification of the bargaining teams tentative agreement of binding arbitration as resolution to bargaining will be submitted by 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 18.

Mrs. Obendorf reported she had received the agenda for the Association of Alaska School Boards Boardsmanship Academy to be held in Anchorage, June 11-12.

She noted the KPBSD's Vocational Advisory Committee selected James Huff of Susan B. English Elem/High School, Seldovia, as its first Vocational Education Teacher of the Month.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented Plaques of Appreciation to Nancy Dempsey, School Nurse, Chapman Elementary; Debra Lowney, Physical Education and Journalism Teacher, Homer Junior High; Yasako Letinen, Volunteer, Soldotna High; and Kelly Smith, Librarian, Soldotna High, for their outstanding contributions to the students and education in the district. Plaques of Appreciation were also presented to the student representative, Chris Strube, and departing school board member, Wayne Kessler.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Mr. Sandahl noted the Board and staff would be busy with graduation and retirement activities for the next two weeks.

He reported a recent news release from the Department of Education reported that Paul Banks Elementary, Redoubt Elementary and Sears Elementary received Promising Practices Awards for their preschool programs.

Mr. Sandahl noted the "Rising Star", the Alaska Student Leadership newsletter, featured a front page article on the spring conference held in Soldotna. He commended Ms. Jodi Hagen of Soldotna High School for her exceptional leadership in this effort.

Mr. Sandahl commended state winners as follows: computerized accounting, Janet McRae, Homer; financial assistant, Justin Herring, Homer; creative clothing, senior, Jamie Hasty, Seward; interior design, senior, Jodi McNamera, Homer; illustrated talk, senior, Jessica Swenson, Seward; applied mathematics, Chad Houser, Soldotna; CAD-machine, Kyle Matti, Soldotna; job interview, Kyle Matti, Soldotna; job skill demonstration, Shawn Raemaker, Soldotna; machine drafting, Ellery Gibbs, Soldotna; photography, Tawn Bowman, Soldotna; and precision machining, Robert Gagnon, Soldotna. He noted state FHA officers included Jamie Hasty and Jessica Swenson, Seward.

Mr. Sandahl noted that first-year teacher James Huff of Susan B. English School was selected as the first Vocational Teacher of the Month by the Vocational Education Advisory Committee.

He noted that in addition to eleven winners from the district selected to participate in the Future Problem Solving International Bowl an additional team from Kenai Central High School will be attending competition June 7-12 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Sandahl announced AAESP had notified him that Bob Bell, Principal-Teacher at Razdolna Elementary School, had been selected as the Small School Principal of the Year.

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE  
 REPORT:

Mr. Dennis Dempsey, Homer High School Principal, reported on the lengthy process involved in completing the application which lead to Homer High School's award as a School of Excellence. He noted the application covered seven areas which included leadership of principal, teaching environment, learning environment, institutional vitality, parental and community support, indications of success and special emphasis. He commented that Homer High was selected from 268 finalists for an on-site visit which culminated in their award. He expressed appreciation to the staff for their work on this rewarding project.

HOMER HIGH SCHOOL ART  
 PROJECT:

Mr. Jack Walsh, Homer High School pottery teacher, presented a video on their school's wood-fired kiln. Homer students were involved in building and firing of the kiln. This project was featured at a national conference recently and will also be featured in two national publications soon. He also noted that art pieces from the school have placed in state juried art shows.

HOPE BUS TRANSPOR-  
 TATION REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported on a review of the Hope community request for student bus transportation in that area. He noted that currently there are only six students living on state or city maintained roads, and this would not qualify for bus transportation under state regulations or board policy. He offered three options for the Board to consider if they desired to provide bus transportation at Hope. 1) Purchase two buses (including one standby) for Hope where a maintenance facility and additional personnel would be needed. Gas purchase at Hope would be at a higher price. 2) Contract transportation through Request for Proposals, and 3) Contract transportation through negotiations, possibly with the Moose Pass/Cooper Landing bus contractor. He noted if the Board decided to offer bus transportation at Hope they needed to be aware that state approval for a route addition was needed as well as state approval was needed for either an RFP or negotiated contract.

Mr. Wiley requested this item be placed on the June 4 agenda for action. He commented that the Hope area is growing and the Board should review this.

Mr. Strube asked Mr. Dahlgren for a recommendation on the Hope transportation issue. Mr. Dahlgren responded that if the Board decided to operate a bus route at Hope, it would be best to negotiate with the Moose Pass/Cooper Landing contractor provided eight students were on the approved route. He recommended the Board not make an exception to their policy.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending April 30, 1990.

FIRST READING/POLICY  
003.121/FIELD TRIPS:

Dr. Larson presented the first reading on revisions to Policy 003.121, Field Trips. The revisions dealt with field trips by boat which specified that students must be transported on Coast Guard approved vessels, the vessel captain must be certified by the Coast Guard to operate the vessel, students and staff are required to wear life jackets while onboard, and the owners of the vessel must insure the vessel for a minimum liability of \$300,000. Dr. Larson also noted that Mr. Webb, Borough Risk Manager, had requested a change in wording which would be submitted by Mr. Wiley.

Mrs. Dimmick requested the word "chaperone" be added to those persons required to wear life jackets.

Mr. Wiley requested the deletion of the the words "life jackets" and include the phrase, "be provided with survival suits or other appropriate survival equipment." He questioned whether the word "staff" included chaperones. Dr. Larson responded it would be his interpretation that all adults would be included in the term "staff."

Mr. Tauriainen suggested that the term "appropriate flotation equipment" be used in the policy. Dr. Larson responded that this would be covered in Mr. Wiley's suggestion. Mr. Tauriainen noted the policy should also cover airplane transportation. Mr. Swarner commented that students are allowed to travel on commercial carriers only, not private aircraft. Dr. Larson stated he would check with the risk manager on whether this would effect charter flights.

K.P.E.A.:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, K.P.E.A. President, read into the record a letter she sent to Mr. Robert Piazza, Board negotiator, as written notification of their conversation of Friday, May 18, 1990 at 8:15 p.m. The Kenai Peninsula Education membership voted to accept the Board of Education's offer of binding arbitration. The ground rules as previously formulated and agreed to by Mr. Speranza and Mr. Piazza shall be in effect. The Board chose to strike the name of Mr. Mike Beck as an arbitrator, K.P.E.A. wished to strike Mr. William Dorsey from the list and agreed to Mr. Carlson Snow as the arbitrator. She noted the KPEA bargaining team is willing to meet with the Board of Education team to discuss current conditions and schedule days for negotiating. Contact regarding these items should be directed to Mr. Vince Speranza. She added the teachers were pleased with binding arbitration, but felt the best solution would be a bilateral agreement by both parties. She concluded that they were willing to continue negotiating on the remaining issues.

NINILCHIK PTA:

Mrs. Nadine Russo of the Ninilchik PTA told the Board they felt Ninilchik School had a unique atmosphere for instruction and they were pleased with the post-graduation accomplishments and successes of their students. She requested the district's five-year study reflect a more accurate accounting of growth at their school. She noted they did not favor a change in the boundaries between Tustumena and Ninilchik schools which could reflect on scholastic programs and student enrollment at their school. She noted an error on the Tustumena survey results which reported nine students bused south rather than the correct amount of nineteen students.

RECESS:

At 8:54 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

At 9:05 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, Equipment/Textbook Appropriation, Carl Perkins FY 91 Grant, Alaska State Counselor Program Assurances, 1990-91 Teacher Assignments, Resignations, Sick Leave Bank Draw Requests/Certified, Sick Leave Bank Draw Requests/Support Staff, and Extended Field Trip Requests.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LISTS::

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$12,427.56, and for Skyview High School in the amount of \$474,247.74.

TEXTBOOK/EQUIPMENT  
APPROPRIATION:

Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve purchases in the amount of \$142,787 for textbooks, \$91,487 for software licensing and \$465,726 for equipment. He noted these were recommendations from the committee which reviewed the requests submitted.

CARL PERKINS  
VOCATIONAL GRANT:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve a Carl Perkins Vocational/Special Education matching grant application in the amount of \$26,973. If approved the grant would provide career and vocational training and counseling to handicapped and disadvantaged students.

ALASKA STATE  
COUNSELOR PROGRAM  
ASSURANCES:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve assurances for their support of the concept of continuing to build an effective school counseling program in the district. The assurances did not commit the Board of Education to specific funds. Any funds toward this effort would come through the regular budget process.



1990-91 TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1990-91 teacher assignments for Jill Stanley, Special Education/QUEST, Chapman Elementary; Melissa Cloud, Grade 4, Homer Intermediate (temporary); Paul Kubena, Principal-teacher, Hope Elem/High; Kim Killian, Physical Education/Pool Director, Seward Jr-Sr High; David Silva, Special Education/Speech, Tustumena Elementary; Kellie Wannamaker, Grade 3, Mountain View Elementary; Elizabeth Durnford, Home Economics, Skyview High; Stephen Cathers, English/Spanish, Homer High; Leslie Murphy, Grade 3, Soldotna Elementary; Nathan Davis, Mathematics/Computer Science, Seward Jr/Sr High; Ann Kendall, Special Education/QUEST, Nikiski Elementary; Lesley Weatherman, Librarian (3/4 time), North Star Elementary; Joann Wainwright, Pool Director, Skyview High; Donna Peterson, Grade 4, North Star Elementary; and Wayne B. Clark, English/Spanish, Seward Jr-Sr High.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1989-90 school year for Janene Driscoll, Special Education/Speech, Soldotna Elementary; Mary Carol Christopher, Kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Frank Garrity, Principal, Soldotna High; Brenda Jager, Special Education/Visual Impaired, Districtwide/North Star Elementary; and Larry Moye, Mathematics/Computer Science, Soldotna High.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUESTS/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve draws from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Rosemary Branham, Special Education/QUEST/Music, North Star Elementary, 34 days; Esther Chappione, Special Education/QUEST/Resource, Sterling Elementary, 24 days; and Pat Springer-Hahn, Special Education/Special Language, Districtwide, 3.6 days.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUESTS/SUPPORT  
STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 6.41 days from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Clara Elge, Special Education Aide, Moose Pass Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUESTS/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leaves of absence for the 1990-91 school year for Jean Wykis, Grade 1, Tustumena Elementary; and Tim Peterson, Grade 6, Nikiski Elementary.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUESTS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve field trip requests for 15 students to participate in the International Future Problem Solving Bowl in St. Louis, Missouri, June 7-12, 1990. The students would be from Kenai Central High (4), Nikiski Jr/Sr High (1), Soldotna Elementary (5), Soldotna Jr. High (1), and Soldotna High (4).

Mr. Wiley requested that Item 9a (1), Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists, be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf requested a separate vote on Item 9a (2), Approval of Equipment/Textbook Appropriation.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #3 through #10. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Item 9a (1), Approval of Furniture and Equipment Lists. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mr. Strube questioned whether Mr. Dahlgren had viewed the video "Lessons of the Vietnam War". Mr. Dahlgren responded that he had not seen it. Mr. Strube commented that he felt the price on the hockey socks was quite expensive. Mr. Swarner responded that the price was an average price for the item.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether there was a way in which the Board members could receive the purchase lists prior to printing of the packets. He felt this would give the members adequate time to review the items. Mr. Dahlgren responded that Board members were welcome to review the lists at the purchasing department any time, however, the lists for the packets are not prepared until the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Mrs. Obendorf requested that the purchase lists be available for review Tuesday afternoon prior to the meeting.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether the purchasing department considered "equal" brands for items. Mr. Dahlgren responded that substituting items would depend on the specifications on the purchase order.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that she wanted to be assured the Board would not find items more than once in the Board packet. Mr. Dahlgren responded that the items would not be in the packets more than once unless the Board requested that they be brought back to them.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
ABSTAIN - Massie  
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

Mrs. Obendorf asked the superintendent to address the item related to the textbook/equipment appropriation. Mr. Sandahl noted a committee was formed to review requests for the \$700,000 supplemental appropriation from the Department of Education due to increased enrollments during the 1989-90

CONSENT AGENDA  
(continued):

school year. He noted the committee's recommendations had been forwarded to the Borough Assembly for approval by ordinance. The ordinance was approved on May 15, however, a motion to reconsider was made prior to the end of the meeting. A motion to reconsider will be addressed at the June 5 Borough Assembly meeting. He recommended the Board approve the listing due to the late timing in the school year to order the items when approved by the Assembly.

Mr. Wiley noted there were blank spaces for Tyonek and Voznesenka on the list and added he hoped these schools would not be overlooked for needed purchases. Mr. Swarner responded that Tyonek had not submitted a listing, however, the schools would receive textbooks and equipment where needed.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the textbook/equipment appropriation provided the Borough Assembly does not reconsider or cut the amount at the next meeting. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCIENCE CURRICULUM:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve the elementary and secondary curriculum as presented by the curriculum committee at the worksession on May 7.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Item 9b, Science Curriculum. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Sandahl noted seven letters of application had been received for the board seat vacated by Mr. Kessler. The applicants were Ross Kendall, Debra Mullins, A. Kearlee Wright, Carrol J. Martin, Jerry Hobart, Mari-Anne Gross and Sandra P. Wassilie. Mr. Martin withdrew his application at the special school board meeting on May 17.

Mr. David Carey, Soldotna substitute teacher, requested the Board support the candidacy of Mr. Wright who has been a supporter of students for the past thirty years. He added that Mr. Wright through his business has supported the school system with taxes as well as providing funds and jobs to students. He also felt he was an honest, moral person who knew the proper place for money in the system.

Mrs. Obendorf reviewed the process for voting. Members are to make nominations and make an oral vote. She also read a legal memorandum from the Borough Attorney where a majority vote would be needed for the selection of a new member.

ACTION Mr. Massie nominated Ross Kendall for the vacant seat.

ACTION Mrs. Dimmick nominated Mari-Anne Gross.

ACTION Mr. Wiley nominated Sandra Wassilie.

Mr. Strube noted he would abstain from the vote.

VOTE:

Dimmick - Mari-Anne Gross  
 Massie - Ross Kendall  
 Tauriainen - Mari-Anne Gross  
 Wiley - Sandra Wassilie  
 Obendorf - Mari-Anne Gross

Mrs. Obendorf announced that Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross will serve as the replacement on the School Board until the October election.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Tauriainen expressed appreciation to the candidates for their interest and willingness to serve on the Board. He stated this was an excellent slate of candidates.

Mrs. Dimmick also expressed appreciation to the candidates for expressing an interest to serve on the Board.

Mrs. Dimmick briefly reported on the Middle School Task Force Meeting held on May 8. She indicated there was real interest on this from the administrators and staff. She added the committee would not meet again until August due to summer vacation. She also noted that she and Mrs. Obendorf attended a meeting in Anchorage related to the middle school concept prior to the local meeting.

Mr. Strube commented that he would like to attend the School Board meetings during the summer months.

Mr. Strube stated that he agreed with Mr. Satre's letter related to not changing the bus boundary lines between Tustumena and Ninilchik schools. He noted the boundary change would be counterproductive to overcrowding at Tustumena School, only one student was effected by the change, and the current route has served the families in the Clam Gulch and surrounding area very effectively.

Mrs. Obendorf extended congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Strube on his graduation. She noted the Board would be happy to have him serve on the Board during the summer.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf reminded the Board of graduation ceremonies held throughout the next two weeks and noted that a graduation schedule was printed for their information.

Mrs. Obendorf thanked the applicants for their interest and time in applying for the seat on the school board. She stated it was gratifying to see so many individuals apply.

She announced that a public reception will be held for Dale Sandahl and Peter Larson on June 1, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:52 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 11:15 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the Board reconvene in regular session. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURN:

At 11:16 p.m., Mr. Wiley moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of May 21, 1990,  
were approved on June 4, 1990,  
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 Borough Administration Building  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669

June 4, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
 Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member  
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
 Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Sandahl, Superintendent of Schools  
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
 Operations, and Technology  
 Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Jacqueline Swanson	Mrs. Roxy Lybarger
Mrs. Nancy Spooner	Mr. Jan Strube
Ms. Judy Blume	Mrs. Melody Douglas
Mrs. Mary Rubadeau	Mr. Ben Swan
Mr. Paul Epperson	Mrs. Sharon Moock
Mrs. Carolyn Cannava	Mr. Jim Skogstad
Ms. Susan Mumma	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

OATH OF OFFICE:

The Oath of Office was administered to Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross by Notary Public, Barbara Jewell.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of a special award presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of the special meeting on May 17, 1990, and the regular meeting on May 21, 1990, were approved as written.

SPECIAL AWARD  
PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf presented a special plaque of appreciation to retiring superintendent, Dale Sandahl. She extended the Board's appreciation to him for the exemplary dedication and service he has given the district for the past twenty years.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Sandahl reported that word had been received that Josh Berezin placed highest for the State of Alaska in math and combined verbal math in the John Hopkins University Talent Search. He also noted that Amy Price of Kenai Jr. High received a full scholarship for a three-week summer course at that university. He noted that other KPBSD students also scored well in these tests.

He reported that Amy Price of Kenai Junior High placed seventh among 4,055 students nationwide in a WordMaster contest recently.

Mr. Sandahl reported that attendance was good at some schools on Saturday, June 2, which was a make up day for Central Peninsula schools. He also noted that some schools exhibited very light attendance. He recommended the Board consider make up days for earlier in the year and consider an extended calendar. He also stated that the calendar conflicted with teachers attending summer school sessions this year.

He commented on the numerous retirement and graduation ceremonies conducted over the past two weeks. He stated that due to the RIP Program the district was losing some excellent staff members. He also noted that he was impressed with scholarships and awards to graduating students in the KPBSD.

Mrs. Obendorf congratulated Mr. Strube, student representative, on his graduation and numerous scholarships received.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Cigarette Tax Resolution, Art Curriculum, 1990-91 Teacher Assignments, Substitute Teacher Contracts, Sick Leave Bank Request/Support Staff, and Leave of Absence Request/Support Staff.

CIGARETTE TAX  
RESOLUTION:

Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve a resolution requesting the district's share of funds from the state Cigarette Tax Fund be forwarded to the KPBSD for payment of bonded debt.

ART CURRICULUM:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve the elementary and secondary art curriculum as presented by the committee at the worksession held on May 21.

1990-91 TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1990-91 teacher assignments for Kathleen Cotner, Special Education/ Resource/ Deaf Education, Soldotna Elementary; Sandra Pelischek, Special

1990-91 TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS (cont.):

Education/Resource (half-time), Special Education/Speech (half-time), Seward Elementary; Nathan Cormie, Special Education/Severe Education, Seward Jr/Sr High; Mary Boone, Kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Coleen Smith, Grade 5, Tustumena Elementary; Ronald Thrasher, Music/Social Studies, Chapman Elementary; Scott Linner, Special Education/ School Psychologist, Homer Area; Carolyn Maslow, Kindergarten (half-time), Paul Banks Elementary; Gail Anderson, Grade 5, Tustumena Elementary; Sandra Larson, Special Education/Emotionally Handicapped, Mountain View Elementary; Timothy Felosi, Vocational Education, Nikiski Jr/Sr High (temporary); Eileen Clark, English (half-time), Homer High; Catherine Turnbull, Grades K-3, Moose Pass Elementary; Paulette Lessard, Special Education/Physical Therapist, Redoubt Elementary; and Irma Peterson, Kindergarten, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for 19-day substitute teachers Richard Redford, Mathematics, Soldotna High; Christie Reidy, Special Education/Resource (half-time), Tustumena Elementary; and Leslie Weatherman, Music/Special Education/QUEST, North Star Elementary.

SICK LEAVE BANK  
DRAW/SUPPORT STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of three days from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Armella Carney, Custodian, Nikiski Jr/Sr High.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/SUPPORT  
STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 1990-91 school year for Judy Carmichael, Payroll Specialist, Districtwide/Central Office.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
PLAN:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve the Local Plan for Vocational Education. The six-year plan resulted from requirements based on State Department of Education guidelines and policy. The plan included the program's philosophy, goals and objectives, advisory committee listing, needs assessment, personnel development section, statement on equal opportunity, procedures for adopting a written curriculum, program resources and evaluation, opportunities for student leadership and services, and information on the management system for the program.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the Vocational Education Plan as submitted by Dr. Larson. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen requested the Vocational Education Plan be postponed until the next meeting. Mr. Epperson responded that it was necessary to have the document to the Department of



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
PLAN (continued):

Education by the end of the month. Dr. Larson commented that the staff would not be available later in the month to make changes in the document.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to postpone action on the Vocational Education Plan until the June 18 meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Fischer noted the document indicated that Dr. Larson was the sex equity officer, however, Mrs. Rubadeau would be replacing him next year in that capacity. Dr. Larson responded that when notices are sent to the schools next fall they will contain Mrs. Rubadeau's name as the sex equity officer.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Fischer, Gross, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

POLICY REVISION/  
003.121/FIELD TRIPS:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve revisions to Policy 003.121, Field Trips, as suggested at the May 21 meeting. He stated information related to field trips by aircraft was included if the Board desired this for the policy.

Mrs. Dimmick questioned whether wearing survival gear while onboard was addressed in the policy. Dr. Larson stated it was general operating procedures that students would wear survival gear while onboard, but this was not specifically addressed in policy. Mrs. Gross commented that survival gear is not issued on the state ferry system and such vessels are considered safe with life jackets available, if needed. Dr. Larson stated the wording for the policy was provided by the risk manager, and if reworded as suggested by Mrs. Dimmick, the students would be required to wear life jackets while on the state ferry system.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Policy 003.121, Field Trips, as outlined. Mr. Wiley seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to add the wording for field trips by aircraft as presented in Dr. Larson's memorandum. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen expressed concern on the liability amount of \$300,000 which could possibly be increased to a higher limit if the risk manager felt this needed to be changed.

Amendment carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISION/  
003.121/FIELD TRIPS  
(continued):

Mrs. Fischer commented on a typographical error that the word "on" needed to be added to the first paragraph of "Routine Field Trips". She expressed concern that extended field trips are well into the planning stage before the Board receives requests for approval on them. If the Board denied the requests, many students and planners would be disappointed since some funds would already have been raised and invitations accepted.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion, Extended Field Trips section, first paragraph "for approval by the Board prior to initiating substantial plans and/or three months prior to the planned excursion." Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Wiley commented that the policy should allow some flexibility where students winning competitions and later traveling out-of-state would not be hampered in their plans. Mr. Massie responded that those situations are addressed elsewhere in the policy. Mr. Tauriainen noted that fund raising should not begin before the extended field trip request is approved. Mrs. Fischer commented that she did not intend that exploratory preparation should not take place prior to the request for approval, but forms to students and fund raising should not begin prior to Board approval of the request.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the amendment to add the words "or fund raising" to the policy. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Strube stated that adding fund raising to the policy was good as students become committed and excited about a trip once fund raising begins.

Amendment to amendment carried unanimously.

Amended amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion to add, "Students under twelve years of age traveling in an open boat will be wearing appropriate flotation devices while underway." Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that for safety reasons she felt this should be added to the policy.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved to amend the amendment to drop the age restriction in the amendment. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Amendment to amendment carried unanimously.

Amended amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

HOPE TRANSPORTATION:

Mr. Dahlgren reported that four proposals for transporting students who live on state maintained roads at Hope were presented for Board consideration. Those proposals were: 1) Operate bus transportation in the same manner as done in Seward. Two buses would be purchased by the school district for this purpose. 2) Contract transportation through a Request for Proposal and go through the bid process. 3) Contract transportation through negotiation with the Moose Pass/Cooper Landing bus contractor. 4) Provide in-lieu-of-transportation payment to parents driving students who live 1 1/2 miles or more from school on state maintained roads. Payment would be made at 30 cents per mile. This would entail two round trips per day for families with students grades 1-10 and one round trip per day for a family with a kindergarten student. He recommended the Board consider the in-lieu-of-transportation option.

In response to a question from Mrs. Fischer related to annual cost comparisons, Mr. Dahlgren responded that he estimated the in-lieu-of-transportation payments would amount to \$10,800 as compared to bus transportation which would cost approximately \$54,000 a year. He stated that since transportation is not fully funded by the state this would represent savings to the district. Mrs. Dimmick questioned whether other schools in the district have in-lieu-of transportation payments. Mr. Dahlgren stated this would be the only school in the district with this type of transportation option.

Mrs. Fischer expressed concern that this option might not be suitable to some families. Mr. Wiley requested the administration check the cost of operations for the Moose Pass/Cooper Landing bus run. Mr. Dahlgren noted there were only five families eligible who lived on state maintained roads while six families were needed for bus transportation.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Proposal #4 for Hope transportation as submitted by Mr. Dahlgren. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

TUSTUMENA/NINILCHIK  
ATTENDANCE AREAS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board not change the boundary between Tustumena and Ninilchik schools. He noted that surveys had been conducted related to this issue. He complimented the Tustumena PAC on their most recent survey and keeping the Ninilchik PAC informed of the results. He noted his recommendation was based on overcrowding at the Tustumena School. He added that currently four portable classrooms were at that site with more to be added this year. Therefore, the recommendation to not change the boundaries.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Mr. Dahlgren's recommendation on not changing the boundaries. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Fischer expressed concern that the school district had not reviewed the boundaries with the opening of Skyview High School. She added that attendance at schools often depends on family lifestyles and involvement in community activities. She felt family involvement is currently the issue when sending students to different schools. She questioned whether a bus could be sent to pick up students from the one family beyond the current boundary without changing the boundary. Mr. Dahlgren responded there would be no additional cost for the bus going the extra four miles, and currently there is no overlap on bus transportation for reimbursement. However, there would be a change in the bus boundary, but he would need to check with the state on the boundary. He noted his recommendation was not based on transportation reimbursement, but Tustumena Elementary School needing an addition. He noted that part of the process for grant funding questioned methods used to alleviate crowded conditions.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to postpone action until the Board receives an opinion from the state. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Wiley stated the Board had received extensive input from the Tustumena and Ninilchik parent groups on this issue. Mrs. Fischer responded that she had checked and learned that Ninilchik school is crowded at the elementary level, and it was her feeling that all families are important in their desires for their students' education. Mrs. Gross commented that a similar situation existed in Homer with the boundary changes for Paul Banks Elementary and McNeil Canyon Elementary schools, where the Homer lifestyle is not at McNeil Canyon. Mr. Strube stated that although his family's lifestyle is towards Soldotna, his family supported their children in their education at Ninilchik.

VOTE TO POSTPONE:

YES - Fischer

NO - Dimmick, Gross, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
Advisory Vote - NO

Motion to postpone failed.

Motion carried unanimously.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LISTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the furniture and equipment list for the new Seward elementary school in the amount of \$14,320.95, and delete the purchase of \$5,415 for band equipment for Skyview High School which was approved at the May 21 meeting. The total amount for Skyview purchases would be \$230,087.93.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LISTS (cont.):

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether the administrative costs for telephone cable and monthly telephone rate for Skyview High School would be regular operating expenses. Mr. Dahlgren responded affirmatively.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Furniture and Equipment Lists with the exception of the band costs and telephone cable costs. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether there was an error on the price of calculators for Skyview High School. Ms. Blume responded that she would research the cost of this item.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board postpone action until June 18 on the 25 calculators for Skyview High School. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion to postpone action carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL  
EDUCATION APPOINT-  
MENT:

Mr. Sandahl recommended the Board approve the appointment of Michael Ainsworth as Director of Special Education for the 1990-91 school year.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Ainsworth as Director of Special Education. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. John Dahlgren told the Board he was pleased to have been associated with Mr. Sandahl for the eleven years he had been in the district. He complimented Mr. Sandahl for his work with the Kenai Peninsula Activities Association, school activities, and direction in his central office positions. Mr. Dahlgren also expressed reluctance with the RIP Program where the district was losing many tremendous educators. He expressed best wishes to Mr. Sandahl in his future endeavors.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board expressed appreciation and best wishes to Mr. Sandahl as he retires after twenty years of service to the school district. They extended thanks to him for the continuity he gave to the district as superintendent this past year.

Mrs. Fischer commented on an enjoyable graduation ceremony at Nikolaevsk High School. She encouraged that high school graduation ceremonies emphasize scholarship announcements of seniors rather than showing videos of the students.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mr. Strube commented that if the issue ever came up again he would encourage getting rid of survival suits on field trips by water. He told Mr. Sandahl that it was a pleasure working with him this past year.

Mr. Wiley expressed appreciation to the Tustumena Parent Advisory Committee for their work on the boundary survey. He suggested they return after the addition is completed at their school and when the Ninilchik school experiences overcrowded conditions. He noted the boundary change would then be appropriate.

He commented that he was pleased with the number of scholarships received by the graduates in the KPBSD. He added that the students should be recognized for their accomplishments, i.e., notice in newspapers, full page advertisement, etc.

Mrs. Gross thanked the Board for their confidence by selecting her for the vacant seat on the Board.

Mrs. Gross commented that she enjoyed the announcement of scholarships at graduation ceremonies.

Mrs. Dimmick stated that in a recent incident a parent was denied the names of school board members in order for her to contact them. She requested that staff members be informed that it is never inappropriate to give out school board members' names and phone numbers since they are public officials. She suggested that school board members' names be included on the News In Brief or other school district publications.

She commented that she enjoyed the four graduation ceremonies she attended. She expressed pleasure on receiving information on the scholarships awarded to students.

Mrs. Obendorf welcomed Mrs. Gross to the Board and on representing the Homer area.

Mrs. Obendorf expressed appreciation to the Tustumena Parent Advisory Committee for their work on the report to the Board related to the boundary issue. She stated she hoped they understood the Board's position related to an addition to their school.

Mrs. Obendorf suggested the newspaper include Board members' names and phone numbers in the Monday section related to the school board meetings.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf reported on attending the Soldotna High School graduation ceremony where she presented all the diplomas since she personally knew most of the graduates. She commented it was a special time for her.

She stated she attended a two-hour awards ceremony for Soldotna High School students. She noted it was a special ceremony where the public was invited.

Mr. Sandahl reported that Mr. Dahlgren will present the District's Six Year Plan at the June 18 meeting. He stated the Superintendent's Annual Report will be presented to the Board in July.

Mr. Sandahl stated the staff will be working with a Flex School for the Kenai/Soldotna/Nikiski area. Mrs. Rubadeau and Mr. Bundy will be working on this project which is proposed to be located at the old Kenai Elementary School building.

He commented on attending Kenai Central High School's awards ceremony which was well received by students and parents.

Mr. Sandahl stated this past year was a memorable and productive year for him. He expressed appreciation to the staff for their help and cooperation over the years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:18 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 10:50 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Massie seconded.

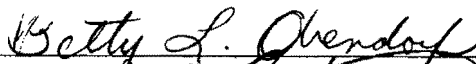
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 10:51 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of June 4, 1990,  
were approved on June 18, 1990,  
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 Borough Administration Building  
 Soldotna, Alaska 99669

June 18, 1990

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
 Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member  
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
 Mr. Chris Strube, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
 Operations, and Technology  
 Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamill	Miss Jeanie Hamill
Mrs. Mary Rubadeau	Ms. Judy Blume
Mrs. Arlene Wiley	Mr. Ben Swan
Sen. Paul Fischer	Mrs. Betsy Staley
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Absent - Excused
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Chris Strube	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 6f, Decision on Level III Grievance, by Mrs. Obendorf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of June 4, 1990, were approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
 PETITIONS:

Mr. Dahlgren read a letter from Michael Anderson, Vocational Administrator for the Department of Education, who extended congratulations to Mr. Ben Eveland on the Vocational Plan for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Mr. Anderson stated that it was the best prepared vocational plan he had received.



COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf noted a copy of Resolution 90-46 from the City of Homer related to skateboarding was in each board members' packets. She requested an explanation from Mr. Dahlgren related to the school district's position on skateboarding on school facilities at Homer Junior High School. Mr. Dahlgren stated the risk manager had requested the Skateboard Association provide \$500,000 liability insurance and the track be repaired before the School Board would consider reopening the facility to skateboarders. He also suggested supervision be provided due to the location of the activity. He estimated insurance for the activity would cost approximately \$1,500 annually.

AWARDS AND PRESENT-  
ATIONS:

Mrs. Mary Rubadeau accepted a Plaque of Appreciation honoring Mrs. Connie Jung for her leadership and services as Special Services Office Manager. Mrs. Obendorf also presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mr. Jack Hamill, Warehouse Supervisor, for his exemplary services to the school district. Mrs. Obendorf presented a special Plaque of Appreciation to Dr. Peter Larson, Executive Director of Instruction, recognizing him for his 17 years of dedicated service to the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren expressed disappointment that the Superintendent's Annual Report was not being presented at the meeting due to the borough printshop not completing the work as anticipated.

Mr. Dahlgren reported Melicia McDowell, Soldotna Elementary student, and Kristin Boraas, Soldotna Jr. High student, placed second at International Problem Solving Competition in St. Louis, Missouri last week. A team comprised of Mikah Boudreaux, Leah Dubber, Molly Davis, Eric O'Guinn were semi-finalists at this competition. He further noted a team comprised of Mark Berezin and Tish Hallet of the KPBSD and three other sponsors placed second in adult competition.

BUDGET TRANSFER  
REPORT:

Mr. Swarner reported on Budget Transfers #362 through #625 as follows: #362, Bartlett Elem-High/Ninilchik Elem-High, \$600; #363, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$500; #364, Homer High/Food Services, \$1,000; #365, Soldotna High/Food Services, \$500; #366, Port Graham, \$300; #367, Sterling Elementary, \$1,250; #369, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$4,178; #370, Redoubt Elementary, \$750; #371, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$400; #372, Chapman Elementary, \$39; #373, Port Graham Elementary, \$308; #374, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$250; #375, Homer High, \$325; #376, Homer High, \$1,019; #377, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$1,440; #378, Redoubt Elementary, \$142; #379, Kenai Central High, \$909; #380, Kenai Central High, \$595; #381, Soldotna High, \$96; #382, Purchasing Services/Warehouse, \$218; #383, Warehouse/Purchasing Services, \$500; #384, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$2,810; #385, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$1,860; #386, Kenai Central High, \$104; #387, Soldotna High, \$215; #388, Homer Intermediate, \$600;

BUDGET TRANSFER  
REPORT (cont.):

#389, Special Services, \$2,200; #390, Districtwide Instruction/Kenai Jr. High, \$1,088; #391, Districtwide Instruction/Kenai Central, \$1,077; #392, Districtwide Instruction/Sears Elementary, \$3,782; #393, Districtwide Instruction/Sears Elementary, \$7,795; #394, Bartlett Elem-High, \$2,971; #395, Kenai Central High, \$81; #396, Kenai Central High, \$448; #397, Kenai Central High, \$1,218; #398, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$152; #399, Homer Intermediate, \$488; #400, Soldotna High, \$69; #401, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$934; #402, Special Services, \$10,000; #403, Kenai Central High, \$50; #404, Kenai Central High, \$477; #405, Soldotna High, \$500; #406, Seward Elementary, \$1,930; #407, Seward Elementary, \$4,170; #408, Kenai Central High, \$29; #409, Kenai Central High, \$970; #410, Kenai Central High, \$430; #411, Data Processing, \$5,000; #412, English Bay Elem-High, \$2,763; #413, Hope Elementary, \$1,049; #414, Hope Elementary, \$100; #415, Voznesenka Elementary, \$650; #416, Elementary Curriculum, \$11,190; #417, Soldotna Jr. High, \$129; #418, Kenai Central High, \$17; #419, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$165; #420, Soldotna High, \$700; #421, Director-Operations/Kenai Central High, \$1,041; #422, Districtwide Instruction/Kenai Central, \$379; #423, Districtwide Instruction/Sears Elementary, \$1,138; #424, Soldotna High, \$2,143; #425, Soldotna High, \$536; #426, Homer High, \$255; #427, Homer Jr. High, \$947; #428, Homer Jr. High, \$5,542; #429, Homer Jr. High, \$415; #430, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$101; #431, Kenai Central High, \$220; #432, Paul Banks Elementary/McNeil Canyon Elementary, \$300; #433, Redoubt Elementary, \$288; #434, Voznesenka Elementary, \$1,500; #435, Kenai Central High, \$112; #436, North Star Elementary, \$36; #437, Special Services, \$1,000; #438, Homer High, \$558; #439, Homer High, \$110; #440, Homer High, \$1,000; #441, Soldotna High, \$275; #442, Homer Jr. High, \$234; #443, Beluga Elementary, \$2,000; #444, Alternative Programs, \$2,700; #445, Special Services, \$3,400; #446, Homer High, \$100; #447, Kenai Central High, \$1,138; #448, Kenai Central High, \$2,689; #449, Kenai Central High, \$1,418; #450, Kenai Central High, \$1,555; #451, Kenai Central High, \$1,904; #452, Kenai Central High, \$2,686; #453, Kenai Central High, \$3,048; #454, Kenai Central High, \$824; #455, Soldotna High, \$2,036; #456, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$1,446; #457, English Bay Elem-High, \$2,377; #458, Port Graham Elem-High, \$1,156; #459, McNeil Canyon Elementary, \$72; #460, McNeil Canyon Elementary, \$300; #461, Data Processing, \$1,000; #462, Data Processing, \$8,000; #463, Alternative Programs, \$3,823; #464, Alternative Programs, \$1,000; #465, Kenai Central High, \$250; #466, Kenai Jr. High, \$795; #467, Kenai Jr. High, \$212; #468, Kenai Jr. High, \$951; #469, Kenai Jr. High, \$2,401; #470, Kenai Jr. High, \$1,515; #471, Kenai Jr. High, \$126; #472, Mountain View Elementary, \$120; #473, Mountain View Elementary, \$870; #474, Mountain View Elementary, \$100; #475, Kenai Central High, \$19; #476, Seward High, \$522; #477, Cooper Landing, \$680; #478, Port Graham Elem-High, \$1,319; #479, Tustumena Elementary/

BUDGET TRANSFER  
REPORT (cont.):

Kenai Central High, \$3,375; #480, North Star Elementary, \$631; #481, Warehouse, \$750; #482, Districtwide Instruction/Redoubt Elementary, \$174; #483, Chapman Elementary, \$1,300; #484, Hope Elementary, \$1,772; #485, Soldotna Elementary, \$352; #486, Sterling Elementary, \$1,801; #487, Kenai Central High, \$130; #488, Kenai Central High, \$155; #488, Kenai Central High, \$155; #489, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$4,197; #490, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$402; #491, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$1,575; #492, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$913; #493, Homer High, \$844; #494, Homer High, \$70; #495, Homer High, \$244; #496, Homer High, \$75; #497, Homer High, \$1,420; #498, Homer High, \$550; #499, Homer High, \$33; #500, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$676; #501, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$50; #502, Homer Jr. High, \$387; #503, Port Graham Elem-High, \$3,056; #504, Tustumena Elementary, \$218; #505, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$66; #506, Razdolna Elementary, \$461; #507, Homer High, \$1,000; #508, Homer High, \$370; #509, Homer High, \$4,400; #510, Homer High, \$224; #511, Homer High, \$239; #512, Homer High, \$1,500; #513, Homer High, \$98; #514, Kenai Central High, \$115; #515, Seward High, \$3,055; #516, Seward High, \$1,155; #517, Seward High, \$1,761; #518, Seward High, \$1,658; #520, Seward High, \$2,547; #521, Seward High, \$2,655; #522, Seward High, \$100; #523, Chapman Elementary, \$3,100; #524, Chapman Elementary, \$2,185; #525, Chapman Elementary, \$679; #526, Sears Elementary, \$1,176; #527, Seward Elementary, \$1,200; #528, McNeil Canyon Elementary, \$550; #529, Homer Intermediate, \$799; #530, Susan B. English Elem-High, \$1,000; #531, Moose Pass Elementary, \$1,148; #532, Moose Pass Elementary, \$851; #533, Nikolaevsk Elem-High, \$2,675; #534, Nikolaevsk Elem-High, \$1,518; #535, Nikolaevsk Elem-High, \$1,553; #536, Sears Elementary/Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$45; #537, Purchasing Services, \$500; #538, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$9,000; #539, Media Center, \$394; #540, Media Center, \$20; #541, Media Center, \$787; #542, Media Center, \$4,749; #543, Media Center, \$476; #544, Media Center, \$1,040; #545, Media Center, \$1,256; #546, Media Center, \$317; #547, Media Center, \$50; #548, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$2,173; #549, Ninilchik Elem-High, \$288; #550, Port Graham Elem-High, \$1,185; #551, North Star Elementary, \$427; #552, Director-Instruction, \$5,100; #553, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$1,464; #554, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$1,702; #555, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$3,283; #556, North Star Elementary, \$26; #557, Nikiski Elementary, \$7,000; #558, Director-Instruction, \$17,500; #559, Soldotna Jr. High, \$5,372; #560, Soldotna Jr. High, \$3,234; #562, Soldotna High, \$25; #563, Homer High, \$220; #564, Kenai Central High, \$1,908; #565, Chapman Elementary, \$774; #566, English Bay Elem-High, \$400; #567, Port Graham Elem-High, \$1,825; #568, Purchasing Services, \$1,500; #569, Soldotna High, \$481; #570, Redoubt Elementary, \$119; #571, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$1,267; #573, Seward High, \$775; #574, Nikiski Jr-Sr High, \$830; #575, Homer Intermediate, \$792; #576, Homer Intermediate, \$100; #577, Director-Operations, \$1,250; #578, Director-Operations, \$2,020; #579, Districtwide Service Support, \$770; #580, Homer

BUDGET TRANSFER  
 REPORT (cont.):

High, \$121; #581, Homer High, \$112; #582, Homer High, \$20; #583, Homer High, \$570; #584, Homer High, \$5,500; #593, Soldotna Jr. High, \$6,547; #594, Soldotna Jr. High, \$2,187; #595, Redoubt Elementary, \$538; #596, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, \$293; #597, Director-Instruction, \$8,578; #598, Director-Instruction/ Secondary Curriculum, \$2,873; #599, Director-Instruction/ Special Services/Grants Administration, \$18,487; #600, Fiscal Services, \$4,475; #601, Purchasing Services, \$6,070; #602, Purchasing Services, \$687; #603, Warehouse, \$1,340; #604, Warehouse, \$3,801; #605, Data Processing, \$5,156; #606, Data Processing, \$7,041; #607, Data Processing, \$7,209; #608, Alternative Programs, \$2,300; #609, Alternative Programs, \$680; #610, Districtwide Service Pupil Activity/Ninilchik Elem-High/ Soldotna High/Voznesenka Elementary, \$3,519; #611, Elementary Curriculum, \$8,602; #612, Elementary Curriculum/Sears Elementary/Media Center, \$1,367; #613, Secondary Curriculum, \$1,607; #614, Kenai Jr. High, \$255; #615, Kenai Jr. High, \$2,083; #616, Director-Operations, \$4,108; #617, Director-Operations, \$2,880; #618, Special Services, \$1,742; #619, Special Services, \$2,437; #620, Special Services, \$26,763; #621, Special Services, \$755; #622, Special Services, \$6,146; #623, Special Services, \$3,170; #624, Special Services, \$1,164; and #625, Special Services/ Grants Administration, \$2,078.

Mr. Swarner noted Budget Transfers #599 and #620 exceeded the \$10,000 limit as outlined in Board policy. He recommended these be approved under agenda item 9c, Approval of Delivery Truck Purchase.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending May 31, 1990.

NEGOTIATIONS REPORT:

Mrs. Radtke reported the Board's team and K.P.E.A.'s team met on June 2 and June 4, 1990. She noted it was evident both sides had reached a stalemate and would go to binding arbitration. The arbitration hearing has been scheduled to begin on August 20, 1990, with Carlton Snow as arbitrator.

MATHEMATICS  
 STANDARDS REPORT:

Dr. Larson reported on mathematics standards as prepared by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. He noted the report was written as an attempt to provide all students with opportunities to learn mathematics in an environment and process of applicability. He emphasized that students should learn the value of mathematics as well as being able to reason and communicate mathematically and become mathematical problems solvers.

ITBS STUDENT  
 QUESTIONNAIRE:

Dr. Larson presented an overview of questions asked of students on an ITBS Student Questionnaire. The survey included responses on reading outside of school, use of TV and video games, time spent on homework, etc. He noted there was a correlation between test scores and activities outside of school as surveyed.

DECISION ON  
LEVEL III GRIEVANCE:

Mrs. Obendorf reported the Board sat as a quasi-judicial body at 6:00 p.m on June 18, 1990, for a K.P.E.A. Level III Grievance Hearing. She stated the Board's findings were that the district correctly followed the procedures outlined in the Negotiated Agreement in Section 410. The Board affirmed the findings of Steps 1 and 2 of the grievance. The relief sought by the grievant was denied by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the Consent Agenda were Approval of People Count Lease Agreement, Boys and Girls Club Lease Agreement, 1990-91 Teacher Assignments, Resignation, Johnson O'Malley Grant Application, and Furniture and Equipment Lists.

PEOPLE COUNT LEASE  
AGREEMENT:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a lease agreement with People Count for space at Kenai Elementary School. The monthly rate for the lease would be \$2,000 with utilities of water, sewer, gas and electricity provided by the landlord. The lease agreement would be effective July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB  
LEASE AGREEMENT:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club effective July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991. The monthly rate of lease for space at Kenai Elementary School would be \$500 with utilities of water, sewer, gas and electricity provided by the landlord.

1990-91 TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1990-91 school year for Diane Patch, Primary, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Olga Veter, Russian, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; Jerry Dixon, Special Education/QUEST, Seward Elementary (temporary); Mary K. Knudsen, Kindergarten (half-time), Sears Elementary; James Reidy, Chemistry/Physics, Soldotna High; Debra L. Moore, Special Education/Educationally Disadvantaged/Learning Disadvantaged, Kenai Jr. High; Natalie Carter, Health, Soldotna Jr. High (temporary); Diana Hames, Social Studies, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Judy Bundy, Special Education/Educationally Handicapped, Homer Intermediate (Itinerant); Lori Manion, Mathematics, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Ellen Halseth, Language Arts, Homer Jr. High (temporary); Stephen Klein, Vocational Education/Home Economics, Homer Junior High, (temporary); Timothy Sandahl, Grade 6, Nikiski Elementary (temporary); Edward Seims, Grades 1-2, Sterling Elementary; David Tomaso, Grades 1-2, Ninilchik Elem/High (temporary); John Luck, Special Education/Educationally Handicapped/Learning Disadvantaged, Soldotna High; Vernel Schneider, Music, Soldotna High/Ninilchik Elem/High (temporary); Maria Zalesky, Social Studies/Spanish, Skyview High; Susan Jenkinson, Social Studies, Kenai Central High (temporary); Mary Dougherty, Business Education (half-time), Skyview High; Lennie Zalesky, Russian, Soldotna High; Mark Vingoe, Special Education/Program Manager/Educationally Handicapped, Districtwide; Jane Teller, Special Education/Resource, Sterling Elementary; and Leonard Ball, Language Arts/Photography, Soldotna Jr. High.

RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Sharon Traber, English, Seward High School effective the end of the 1989-90 school year, pending approval of TRS/RIP Amendment by the State and the KPBSD.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY  
GRANT APPLICATION:

Dr. Larson recommended the Board approve a Johnson O'Malley Grant Application in the amount of \$39,000. If approved, the grant would provide tutoring and counseling services and activities related to the student's Native cultural heritage.

FURNITURE AND EQUIP-  
MENT LISTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new Seward Elementary school in the amount of \$2,965.20 and Skyview High School in the amount of \$51,458.54.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #6. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL  
APPROPRIATION:

Mr. Swarner reported the Borough Assembly had approved \$500,000 of the \$700,000 appropriation due the school district. In an effort to purchase the previously approved textbooks and equipment, he recommended that \$200,000 come from surplus health insurance funds. He noted the district had not received a billing from the State for the Retirement Incentive Program, but estimated this should be approximately \$1.3 million. He recommended the district pay as much as possible of the RIP indebtedness from the surplus health insurance fund for this current year in an effort to avoid interest charges. He anticipated the district would end the year with a fund balance of approximately \$600,000 which would revert to the Borough.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Item 9b, Supplemental Appropriation. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mrs. Fischer pointed out the school district had received \$2.3 million in excess revenues, but would return only \$600,000 to the Borough.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer, Wiley  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Motion carried.

DELIVERY TRUCK  
PURCHASE/BUDGET  
TRANSFERS:

Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve a budget transfer to purchase a delivery truck for the district in the amount of \$40,242. The new vehicle would replace an unreliable 1979 delivery truck. The budget transfer for the purchase would come from Unallocated/equipment, \$25,491, Districtwide/physical exam reimbursement, \$8,882; and Districtwide/extracurricular travel, \$5,869. He also recommended the Board approve Budget Transfer #599 for \$17,500 and #620 for \$15,000.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether the truck was equipped with studded tires. Mr. Swarner stated he was uncertain whether studded tires were included in the purchase price.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the purchase of a delivery truck and Budget Transfers #599 and #620. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Fischer  
Advisory Vote - Yes

Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL APPOINT-  
MENTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the appointments of Michael Smith as principal of Susan B. English Elem/High School and Kenneth Meacham as principal of Soldotna High School for the 1990-91 school year.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the principal appointments as recommended. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board extended their best wishes to Dr. Larson on his retirement and future endeavors. They expressed appreciation to him for his contributions to the district.

Mr. Wiley commented he was pleased to see the vocational education expertise of the Soldotna High School principal appointment.

Mr. Strube stated he enjoyed the mathematics report and added that students usually find word problems challenging.

Mrs. Obendorf thanked Dr. Larson for his report on Request for Reports. She noted that he covered many valid points in the report. She stated the Board would discuss this item at their Goal Setting Sessions, July 18-19, 1990, at Skyview High School. The sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf announced the next School Board Meeting would be held on Monday, July 16, 1990.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:40 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 10:45 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 10:46 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of June 18, 1990,  
were approved on July 16, 1990,  
as written.