
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

September 8, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Homer High School
600 E. Fairview Ave., Homer, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the Assessment Report, Kaleidoscope Charter School Reapplication, Principal/Teacher Positions and Hockey in village schools.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Laura Sheldon, McNeil Canyon Elementary Secretary and De Patch, McNeil Canyon Elementary Teacher for their service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Cheryl Schweigert, Nanwalek School, gave a PowerPoint presentation narrated by students, and highlighted dreams and goals of the school, the first basketball team, Native Youth Olympics, field trips paid for by Project GRAD and Gear Up, and their plans to improve attendance. Mrs. Schweigert provided assessment information and noted that writing is an area of school improvement. The students concluded the report by singing a song in Sugt'stun, titled *Uggia*.

Mrs. Rayna Duenas, Homer High principal, and Miss Brittany Wyatt, student body president, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting student learning, the variety of courses, student activities, assessment, community events, maintenance of school facility, student culture and diversity, and the student council goal of improving school spirit. The presentation was tied to the School Board's 2008-2009 goals.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Ms. Bonnie Powell, Project GRAD executive director, announced that federal funding is secure for the next five years. She reported that 46 students attended the summer institute held in Homer in conjunction with the Kachemak Bay Campus, and thanked Homer businesses for their support of the job shadow program. She reported on Project GRAD students who are in their first and second years of college and noted that it is difficult for students to secure funding for the second year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson presented the Leadership Team Work Plans which help manage the Leadership Team workload. She announced that auditors are conducting the annual review of District financial records. She reported that she recently attended the Department of Education and Early Development Instructional Audit Stakeholder meeting in Anchorage.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending July 31, 2008.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teaching contracts for Holly Abel, school psychologist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Camille Hill, school psychologist, Districtwide; Reubin Payne, (temporary) generalist, Connections; Stacy Naden, (temporary) art teacher .50 FTE, Homer High School; Matthew Tucker, special education resource teacher, Homer High School; Wanda L. Grieben, (temporary) Migrant teacher, Grades 3-12, Homer Middle and West Homer Elementary; Daniel Olson, .50 FTE language arts/social studies teacher, Homer Middle School; Jordan Fink, science/math teacher, Kenai Alternative; Steve Fischer, vocational education teacher, Kenai Middle School; Margaret Gilman, language arts teacher, Kenai Middle School; Maureen Wilkinson, elementary interventionist teacher .50 FTE, McNeil Canyon; Caitlin Caffall, (temporary) Grade 2 teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Robin

Castleman, special education intensive needs teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Sarah Kantrud, Grade 2/3 teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Marcy True, special education teacher, structured primary, Mountain View Elementary; Timothy McFarland, music teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Shana Butler, .50 FTE art teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Robert Ernst, special education resource teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Tricia Young, (temporary) Title I teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Joanna M. Greene, (temporary) .50 FTE Title I teacher and (permanent) .50 FTE Middle School generalist, Ninilchik School; Joseph Taylor, Grade 4 teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Kyle Schneider, music teacher, Seward Elementary and Seward High School; Erin Sterley, Grade 3-4 teacher, Seward Elementary; Barry Hartman, vocational education teacher, Skyview High School; Elizabeth Reiter, credit recovery teacher, Skyview High School; Nicholas Christensen, science teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Richard Forcum, vocational education teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Audrey Gray, primary grade teacher, Tebughna School; Sarah P. Ford, (permanent) .50 FTE and (temporary) .50 FTE intermediate grade teacher, Tebughna School; and Terry Day, .50 FTE (permanent) interventionist and .50 FTE (temporary) Title I teacher, Tustumena Elementary.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved an administrator contract for Curtis E. Schmidt as the Skyview High School assistant principal.

NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for Diane Warner, social studies, Homer High and David Patat, science teacher, Ninilchik Elementary/High School.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests from Effimia Litvin, ELL tutor, Kachemak Selo (2008-2009 school year), Debbie Baxter, special education aide, Kenai Alternative High (2008-2009 school year), and Rebecca Jackson, school nurse, Mountain View Elementary (beginning September 8, 2008).

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Vicki Abraham, migrant teacher, Homer Middle (effective August 6, 2008) and Wayne B. Clark, Spanish teacher, Seward High (effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year).

KALEIDOSCOPE CHARTER SCHOOL REAPPLICATION: The Board unanimously approved Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Sciences charter reapplication.

AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS: The Board approved the 2009 AASB Belief Statements and Core Resolutions along with amendments made by Mrs. Hilts to Resolution 2.3 (Urging Consideration of Issues Identified by the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force) and Belief Statement 19 (Civic Responsibility) and additional resolutions from Dr. Anderson regarding child obesity, and Ms. Hohl regarding parental involvement.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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