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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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March 2, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Homer High School  
600 E. Fairview, Homer, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held two worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the FY10 budget and superintendent vacancy. The Board conducted a conference call with Kenai Peninsula legislators and held a discussion with KPAA, KPEA, and KPESA presidents regarding the superintendent vacancy.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board recognized Miss Katherine Dolma, Homer Middle School student, for being selected as one of two top youth volunteers for Alaska for 2009 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Marilyn Dvorak, Homer Flex Custodian; Lauren Wentz, Homer Flex Aide; Laura Norton, Homer Flex Secretary; and Nancy Vait, Homer Flex Teacher for their service to Homer Flex students.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Benny Abraham, Paul Banks Elementary principal, Mrs. Sharon Schulz, special services teacher, and Kathy Eller, interventionist, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Response to Intervention and the Visualizing and Verbalizing Program by Nancy Bell.

Ms. Sheryl Hingley, Susan B. English Elementary/High School principal/teacher, reported on how the school is helping students be successful through the implementation of the intervention program, use of the distance education program, delivery of classes in music, art, chemistry, dance and theater, foreign language, and vocational education. She introduced contemporary band students, Matthew Gain, Jordan Geagel, Darin Baines and Lily Kroll, who performed two songs led by Rob Rurka, band teacher.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that Dr. Atwater is in Juneau for Alaska Association of School Administrators annual Legislative Fly-In. She thanked Homer High for hosting the Board meeting. She announced that the community budget forums begin on March 3; principal interviews begin with West Homer Elementary on March 3; the end of the quarter is Friday, March 5; Spring Break begins March 16 through 20; and that Alan Fields, Kenai Central High School principal was selected as Alaska High School Principal of the Year by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals.

**FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET:** Mrs. Douglas presented the 2009-2010 Preliminary Draft School District budget of \$123,739,902 for the General Fund and special revenue funds totaling \$18,085,300 for a total of \$141,825,202 for all funds.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending January 31, 2009.

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mr. Arness provided an update on the progress of the superintendent search and reported that at present, five completed applications have been submitted. The Board unanimously approved the prescreening of superintendent candidate applications by all Board members beginning March 9 at 5:00 p.m. through March 10 at 12:00 p.m. Each member will submit a choice of five candidates to interview to the Human Resources Department. A consensus of applicants will be invited to interview (either in

person or telephonically) on March 11, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The public was invited to provide comments, either verbal or written. No comments were made.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Matthew O. Keranen, (temporary) intermediate grade teacher, Tebughna School; and Patricia J. Truesdell, (temporary) K-12 teacher, Hope School.

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved substitute teacher contracts for Ruby Jane Smith, Redoubt Elementary and Deborah Brophy, Skyview High School.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT:** The Board unanimously approved a support unpaid leave of absence request for twenty days for Natalie Kohler, records clerk, District Office.

**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED:** The Board unanimously approved a one-year unpaid certified leave of absence request for Lisa M. Rolph, behavior intervention teacher, Soldotna Middle School and Katherine G. Serge-Hoeschen, language arts teacher, Voznesenka.

**SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM:** The Board unanimously approved the social studies curriculum as presented at the February 16 Board meeting.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year from Hal Neace, science, Homer Middle School; Jordan Fink, science/math, Kenai Alternative High School; Terry Anne Cramer, Grade 3, Mountain View Elementary; Rose Anne Keating, Grade 5, Mountain View Elementary; Michelle Naujeck, language arts, Soldotna High School; Alissa Mattson, language arts, Soldotna High School; Richard Redmond, itinerate counselor, Homer Area; Patti Walker, Grade 3, Redoubt Elementary; and Judith Cox, Grade 2, Redoubt Elementary.

**CONTRACT AND TENURE FOR NONTENURED TEACHERS 2009-10:** The Board unanimously approved contracts and tenure for Pavla Tyson, K-6 .50 FTE Title I, .50 FTE Title II, Chapman; Gabe Evins, Grades 9-12, Connections; Steve Schoessler, Workforce Development, Curriculum; Paul Story, 50 FTE Districtwide counselor/.50 FTE counselor, Homer High; Maygen Jannetta, art .50 FTE, Homer High; Sara Boersma, kindergarten, Kaleidoscope; Justin Carr, language arts, Kenai Central; Scott Peek, algebra, computers, Kenai Central; Douglas O'Brien, Grades 4-8, Moose Pass; Kellie Davidson, Grade 1, Mt. View; Lyndi Miller, Grade 2, Mt. View; Heather Pancratz, language arts/social studies, Nikolaevsk; Kim Hays, Grade 5/6, Ninilchik; Dina Marion, Title I, Paul Banks; Darilyn Caston, kindergarten, Redoubt; Tanya Erwin, Title I, Redoubt; Elizabeth Sowers, Grade 4, Redoubt; Angela Brown, math, Skyview High; Cary Calvert, algebra, Skyview High; Rene Hobbs, art, Skyview High; Jeff Moore, music, Soldotna Middle; Darci Drury, Grades 3-4, Sterling; Shonia Werner, Grade 6, Tustumena; Cindy Denny, Grades 3-4, Voznesenka; Ben Stephens, Grade 5, West Homer; Robyn Walls, interventionist .50 FTE, West Homer; James Reinseth, K-2, Nanwalek; Penny Connealy, math, Ninilchik; Breta Brown, math, Nikiski Middle/High; Carlyn Nichols, science, Seward High, nontenured teachers.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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