

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

January 9, 1995

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
- Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Vice President
- Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk
- Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer
- Mrs. Susan Larned, Member
- Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member
- Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Member
- Miss Mandy Baldwin, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

- Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Superintendent
- Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning, Operations, and Technology
- Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
- Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
- Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Mr. John Kistler | Mr. Ralph Steeves |
| Miss Erin McDonald | Miss Jolie Glaser |
| Mr. Tanner Young | Mr. Forrest McDonald |
| Mrs. Melody Douglas | Mr. Mick Wykis |
| Mrs. Janie Lawley | Ms. Mo Sanders |
| Mr. Paul Sayan | Mr. Rick Ladd |
| Mr. James Simeroth | Mrs. Karen Mahurin |
| Miss Jessie Banas | Mrs. Judy Downs |
| Mrs. Pam Lazenby | Mrs. Kathy Douglas |
| Mrs. Catherine DeLacee | 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, which was led by Miss Jessie Banas, Kenai Middle School student.

ROLL CALL:

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| Mrs. Betty Obendorf | Present |
| Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross | Present |
| Dr. Nels Anderson | Present |
| Mr. Joe Arness | Present |
| Mrs. Susan Larned | Present |
| Mr. Michael Tauriainen | Present |
| Mr. Emery Thibodeau | Present |
| Miss Mandy Baldwin | Present |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed with the deletion of Item 10d, Expulsion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of December 9, 1995, were approved with a correction.

MOOSE PASS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL REPORT:

Mr. Ralph Steeves, Principal/Teacher at Moose Pass Elementary School, reported to the Board on his 35-student school. He stated that although the school is currently listed as a K-8 school, it actually houses students in grades K-6. He noted the school has a very active Parent Advisory Committee which as provided sports equipment for the students, and has other projects planned to assist the school. Additionally, Mr. Steeves spoke on reconfiguring the elementary school, student accomplishments, and a successful portfolio system on student progress. The school report concluded with students Erin McDonald, Jolie Glaser, Tanner Young and Forrest McDonald demonstrating their academic skills in a quiz game with the School Board. The quiz ended in a 4-4 score.

GUESTS:

Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged the presence of students from Mrs. Raemaker's social studies class at Skyview High School in attendance at the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf announced a communication had been received from Joel Kopp, GreenStar Project Coordinator, requesting the Board adopt an environmental policy which would establish a goal for improving the environmental impact of the district. She felt the Board should consider the request.

Mrs. Obendorf commented Mrs. Diana Herschbach, President of the Association of Alaska School Boards, had written informing the Board of Peaceful Solutions Week, February 12-18, 1995. A resolution accompanied the letter which encourages schools to work together with families and communities to solve the problems of violence.

KPEA:

Mr. Paul Sayan, KPEA President, expressed concern on the operation of the schools (staff and administration) with the predicted shortfall in the budget, concern on the Governor's transition team for funding schools, appreciation to Dr. Bromenschenkel and Mr. Thorpe for their support to school and staff related to a parent in the Seward community, the district making use of teleconferences for committee meetings, and the distraction of teachers on committees where they should be in the classrooms with students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel reminded the Board of their mid-year worksession on goals, Thursday, January 12. He presented an agenda and information related to the meeting. The Board will review the progress toward implementation of the strategic plan, discuss district organization, review superintendent's performance and conduct a meeting with the principals regarding substance abuse and other related issues.

At the request of the Board, Superintendent Bromenschenkel reported there were legal restrictions to extending the school day in order to shorten the school term to less than 180 days. His report was accompanied by state laws which addressed this issue.

AUDIT REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented and reviewed the Audit Report of the district for the 1994-95 school year. In a letter from independent accountants, Coopers and Lybrand, they stated the district reported its operations of the year in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Mr. Swarner noted the district received two awards recognizing its excellence in financial reporting for the past year.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ended November 30, 1994.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Tustumena Equipment, Extended Field Trip Requests, Early Graduation Request, 19-day Substitute Contract, Grant Application, and Leave of Absence Requests/Support.

TUSTUMENA EQUIPMENT:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a list of furniture and equipment for the Tustumena Elementary School addition in the amount of \$18,378.57.

**EXTENDED FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS:**

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for 35 Homer Junior High School students to travel to Washington, D.C. and New York, March 18-24, 1995 to participate in the American Student Travel Company Program; for 25 eighth grade students from Soldotna Middle School to participate in the Lakeland Tour Company Program in Washington, D.C., March 19-24, 1995, for 3 Ninilchik High School students to participate in the Close-up Foundation

- EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUESTS (cont.): Program, April 21-30, 1995 in Washington, D.C.; for 9 Seward Jr/Sr High School students to participate in the Close-Up Foundation Program in Washington, D.C., April 29-May 6, 1995; and for 10 Soldotna High School students to participate in the Amnesty International 1995 Western Regional Conference in San Francisco, California, February 9-12, 1995.
- EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST: Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve an Early Graduation Request in May, 1995 from a Kenai Central High junior.
- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a contract for 19-day substitute teacher Teresa Toller, Library, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary School.
- MIGRANT EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION: Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve a grant application in the amount of \$124,394 for the Migrant Education Program. The application will be forwarded to the Department of Education for further consideration.
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/SUPPORT: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for Yvonne Hakkinen, Special Education Assistant, Ninilchik Elem/High for the 1995-96 school year; and Ann Letzring, Chapter I Tutor, Tustumena Elementary, effective January 9, 1995 through April 28, 1995.
- ACTION Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items #1 through #6. Mrs. Gross seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- BUDGET REVISIONS: Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve revisions to the 1994-95 budget in the amount of \$1,180,818. He noted the revision was based on increased revenue due to additional enrollment, an unreserved fund balance as of June 30, 1994, and a fund reserve balance for employee health care costs as a result of prior year negotiations. The budget revision would be forwarded to the Borough Assembly for final approval.
- ACTION Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the budget revisions and forward the request to the Borough Assembly. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.
- Dr. Anderson inquired whether the borough compensates the district with additional funds due to increased enrollment. Mr. Swarner responded the district has never requested additional funds from the Borough Assembly for this purpose.
- Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve Budget Transfer #287 in the amount of \$265,434 for "housekeeping" transfers placing money in proper accounts where expenditures will occur based on the action plans approved in the strategic plan.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the budget transfer. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISIONS:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve Policies 006.3 and 006.3R, Instructional Program, and Policy 002.23, Mission Statement. He noted suggestions from the Board had been incorporated in the policies and the language describing performance objectives had been modified to read "performance expectations." He noted that state law requires the recommended wording on sex bias.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Policy 002.23, Mission Statement. Mrs. Gross seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to include the words "parents and" in the first line of the Mission Statement section. Amendment died for lack of a second.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to change the heading wording to "Statements of Belief." Amendment died for lack of a second.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Gross, Larned, Thibodeau, Obendorf
NO - Tauriainen
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Policy 006.3, Instructional Program. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Policy 006.3R, Instructional Program. Mrs. Gross seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved to amend the motion to the third paragraph ending the first sentence with a period and beginning the next sentence with the word "The," add "parents, students" to the first line of the last paragraph, and add "parents" to the sixth paragraph. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT SURVEY
ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve the Youth Risk Behavior Survey Questionnaire reviewed by the Board in a worksession prior to the meeting. He noted the survey was developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, and administered through the Department of Education. Letters of endorsement from the National Association of State Boards of Education, National School Boards Association, National Education Goals Panel, National PTA, American Association of School Administrators, National Education Association, American School Health Association and American Medical Association accompanied the survey. The survey would be randomly administered in grades 7-12 during one class period. Mr. Thorpe noted federal law requires school districts to administer a survey of this nature under the Drug Free Schools Program.

Mr. Tauriainen inquired what the cost of administering the survey would be. Mrs. Judy Downs, Coordinator of the Drug Free Schools Program, responded there would be no cost to the school district other than the teacher's time. She was uncertain as to Department of Education costs through a grant for compiling the data.

Mrs. Kathy Douglas, Second Vice President of the Alaska State PTA, urged the Board to approve the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. She noted it was a very comprehensive survey related to behaviors that put students at risk. The survey has been endorsed by the State PTA.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf noted communications had been received from the Kenai Peninsula Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and from Mrs. Patricia Trudesdell, Tobacco Alliance Coordinator, supporting the survey.

STUDENT SURVEY
ADMINISTRATION (cont.):

Dr. Anderson commented he felt information from the survey would be valuable to many organizations at a bargain price with no cost to the district.

Miss Baldwin stated she felt the information would be helpful and urged the person administering the test to stress that students respond honestly to the questions. She noted students sometimes take surveys as a joke and give answers which are not valid assessments.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

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

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 9:02 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

KPSAA/ELIGIBILITY FOR
PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the addition of the word "enrolled", which would clarify that students must meet the minimum standards of eligibility adopted by the KPBSD and those of their particular school for its enrolled students. Mr. Ladd, KPSAA representative, further clarified that KPSAA rules are stringent on eligibility and, as such, correspondence and alternative school students would be excluded from participation. He noted correspondence and alternative schools have different educational programs which are not equivalent to those of high schools. It was recommended the change be made effective January 16, 1995.

Mr. Ladd responded to questions from Board members related to definition of activities, district correspondence students, private school students not being eligible for participation, and number of credits required for full time enrollment. Mr. Dahlgren commented the intent of KPSAA was to have consistent eligibility for student participation. He noted the intent of alternative schools was to recapture students to gain credits for graduation, but not a regular school.

Dr. Anderson commented he was interested in the presentations made in Homer where students from Smokey Bay School were taking courses at Homer High School and vice versa. He felt the change did not apply to these circumstances.

Mr. James Brooks, former Kenai Alternative student, explained he attended the school because he was missing a couple of courses when moving to Alaska from out of state. He felt it was disappointing the schools could not combine efforts and allow the students to participate in athletic activities. He urged the Board to not support the change.

KPSAA ELIGIBILITY FOR
 PARTICIPATION (cont.):

Mrs. Pam Lazenby, parent representative on the KPSAA Committee, stated that whatever school a student attends, the school comes with its privileges. She noted that when a student participates in a school activity or sport, they are representing that school by also being in attendance at that school. She recommended the Board approve the revision as presented.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board adopt the KPSAA change. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mr. Arness commented the different types of schools had their particular styles such as flexibility with alternative schools, relative freedom of correspondence study or the time, demands and discipline of the regular school. All have their benefits, and activities are a benefit of regular school. Mr. Tauriainen stated the intent of the Board should be to provide the best education for students and be flexible within the system to make this available to the students. He felt students from private schools and public schools would benefit both ways, and the Board should place as few barriers as possible.

Miss Baldwin stated she would support postponement in order for her to talk with students from both the alternative, as well as, regular schools about this issue. Mrs. Obendorf commented there was a timeline on the change. Mr. Dahlgren responded KPSAA would like the revision by the date specified, but Miss Baldwin's comments were pertinent. He reiterated the Board should be consistent based upon the purposes of the schools.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to postpone the motion to the second meeting in February. Dr. Anderson seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Larned, Tauriainen, Thibodeau
 NO - Gross, Obendorf
 Advisory Vote - YES

Motion to postpone carried.

CONTRACT VARIANCES:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve two variances to the KPEA Negotiated Agreement. Those variance were: A) a ten minute shorter duty-free lunch period at Nikolaevsk School during the weeks teachers have lunch duty; and, B) a change for Ms. Debbie Griffin, Redoubt Elementary School, to take her lunch break from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. each day. A third request from Sterling Elementary School was withdrawn because KPEA rejected it. These requests had been reviewed by the District Improvement Council which met on December 9 and reached tentative agreement on them.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve Contract Variances A and B. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that this was a waste of the Board's time. Dr. Bromenschenkel stated this was part of the negotiated agreement agreed to by the Board and KPEA, and if deviations are made from the agreement they must be agreed to by both parties. He felt it was appropriate for the Board to honor their part of the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 94-95-4, PARENT
INVOLVEMENT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented Resolution 94-95-4, Parent Involvement, which encourages parental involvement to support student success and academic achievement in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. The resolution was accompanied by a similar resolution adopted by the Alaska State Board of Education.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, stated he thought the resolution was good, but he felt this was like getting people out to vote.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Mrs. Gross felt the resolution was redundant on what is already being done. Mr. Tauriainen felt it was a good idea, but the resolution didn't say anything and, instead, he would like the resolution to state there would be more committee appointments to parents. Mr. Thibodeau stated the Board should think of the resolution from the parent's point of view which spells out what is done for them.

RESOLUTION 94-95-4, PARENT
 INVOLVEMENT (cont.):

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Larned, Thibodeau, Obendorf
 NO - Arness, Gross, Tauriainen
 Advisory Vote -YES

Motion carried.

FIRST READING/POLICY ON
 STUDENT/EMPLOYEE ACCESS:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the first reading on a new policy and regulation related to Student/Employee Access. The policy addressed issues on political campaigning, use of facilities for promotion of specific religious ideals, advertising in the schools, fund raising in the schools and class visitations.

Board members posed numerous questions related to definition of different organizations affiliated with the schools, restriction of speech and religion, interpretation of political campaigning, and distribution of religious materials.

Dr. Bromenschenkel commented it is the responsibility of the Board to define the manner in which its facilities are to be used and protect the employees and students from inappropriate influence. He noted it is common for policies to exist which limit the use of facilities for other than public school.

After further discussion, the Board felt the policy should be rescheduled at a later date.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA President, addressed the Board on the Student/Employee Access Policy and expressed concern as it effected the union, particularly as it related to type of organization, no political campaigning especially when the union uses the school mail boxes, and advertising. She expressed appreciation for the delay to review the policy.

Mr. James Simeroth, KPEA President, reiterated Mrs. Mahurin's concerns related to the Student/Employee Access Policy, especially as it related to political campaigning and definition of non-school organization. He commented he also favored some of the items in the policy.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, stated he was again giving his annual pre-budget message that government should give the taxpayers a break by holding down expenses in the budget. He urged the Board to take a look at the private sector compared to the government sector, and asked them to consider where education will be in three years.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Miss Baldwin congratulated the KCHS decathlon team, and SoHi students who are going to State.

Dr. Anderson commented the budget review process would begin on Monday and solicited suggestions from board members for reductions.

He commented on teachers being away from classrooms for committee assignments, especially in consideration of a deficit in the substitute account. He recommended that consideration be given to holding committee meetings outside of school hours, during the summer, etc. He felt it was important for teachers to remain in the classrooms.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded the Board of the mid-year goal review session on Thursday, January 12 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Obendorf commented she was still interested in adopting a meeting time limit for conducting business, like the Borough Assembly.

She announced the next School Board Meeting would be held on January 23.

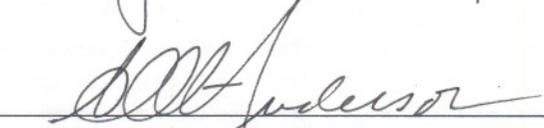
ADJOURN:

At 10:18 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of January 9, 1995,
were approved on January 23, 1995,
as written.