

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

April 17, 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. Emery Thibodeau, Member
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, 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
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Karen Mahurin Mr. Paul Sayan
Mr. Don Glaze Mr. Paul Kubena
Ms. Darolyn Brown Mrs. Janie Lawley
Mrs. Grace Merkes Mr. John Kistler
Mr. Craig Keck Mr. Paul Sorenson
Mr. Tim Navarre Ms. Jeanie Robinson
Mrs. Ann Bayes Mrs. Angela McKinney
Mr. Jim Dawson Mrs. Rebecca Epperson
Mr. Jim Simmeroth Mrs. Marti Steckel
Mr. and Mrs. John Gensel Miss Cindy Geeslin
Mr. Lee Stalker Mrs. Pam Lazenby
Ms. Carolyn Cannava Ms. Diane Silva
Ms. Martine Dikes Mrs. Mary Armstrong
Mrs. Rene Azarra Miss Jessica Kishbaugh
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.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: Miss Baldwin welcomed Mrs. Rosemary Pilatti, music teacher, North Star Elementary and four students who sang the National Anthem and the Alaska Flag Song.

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

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the deletion of Item 10d. Approval of Expulsion #1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of April 3, 1995, were approved as written.

NINILCHIK ELEMENTARY/ HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:

Mr. Paul Kubena, Principal, Ninilchik Elem./High presented a school report highlighting school successes and growth over their nearly 50 years. Ninilchik Elem./High presently houses 208 students in grades K-12 with 15 certified and 9 support staff. He reported that the senior class usually graduates 10-12 students and two-thirds of them continue on to college. Mr. Kubena concluded his report with a short video prepared by the Applied Communications class which featured clips of the area surrounding the school, students and teachers in classes, student artwork, cocurricular and other student activities.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Nancy Chambers, Anchor Point parent, spoke in opposition of the proposal to move 7th and 8th grade Chapman Elementary students to Homer Jr. High School for the 1995-96 school year. Anchor Point parents are proud of their school and do not wish to have their children bussed two to three hours per day to school. She also does not want to see taxpayer money spent to pay for new lockers and other costly renovations at Homer Jr. High School. After comparing preliminary budget figures among all of the Homer area schools Chapman Elementary was the lowest in cost-per-student at \$4,753/student.

Ms. Deanna Chesser, Anchor Point parent, stated that operating a K-8 school is cheaper than staffing a middle school. She added that Chapman Elementary produces its share of valedictorians, college graduates, student body representatives, athletes, and leaders. Turning all K-8 schools into middle schools, although it may be latest concept, is too expensive and the district cannot afford it. She requested the school board accept their PTA's resolution to keep Chapman Elementary a K-8 School.

Ms. Ann Bayes, Anchor Point parent, did not see the enrollment numbers that substantiate the budget changes as presented in Mr. Swarner's report to the Board. She would like to make sure the board is comfortable in accepting the amounts as reported without correct enrollment figures. Ms. Bayes felt that there were many positive reasons for switching from a junior high to a middle school concept but that it was too expensive for Anchor Point and they are happy with a K-8 program.

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(continued):

Ms. Judy Ragland, Anchor Point parent, expressed her concerns over the Youth at Risk Behavior Survey opt out parent permission. She accidentally discovered the permission form under a stack of her son's school papers and was upset to find that a student survey would be administered the following day. She feels that the practice of passive parent permission usurps her authority and influence as a parent.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf announced she had received post cards from Nancy Chambers, Glenda Hill, Jan Crane and Deanna Chesser, concerning the move of Chapman Elementary 7th and 8th grade students to Homer Jr. High.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND/OR
P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A.,
K.P.E.S.A.:

Ms. Angela McKinney, Anchor Point P.T.A. President, distributed a budget analysis of the proposal to move the Chapman Elementary 7th and 8th grade students to Homer Jr. High. She asked the Board why \$84,000 was added to the FY 95-96 Chapman Elementary budget if the students were not moved. She explained that Anchor Point does not anticipate a large increase in enrollment for next year and according to Mr. Garrity, he will not be hiring any new teachers. She raised several budgetary questions concerning Chapman Elementary and Homer Jr. High.

Mr. Paul Sayan, President, K.P.E.A, stated that with the new wave of attacks on public educators, teachers are feeling angry and moral is declining. Budget cuts have left everyone feeling depressed. He highly opposed SB 132 which would cut duty free lunches. He pointed out that teachers work an incredible amount of hours each week and this legislation will not make teachers work any harder.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented an award of appreciation to Diane Silva, Vocational/Special Education teacher, Skyview High for her work developing job readiness skills, vocational program planning and employability skills for special education students. Ms. Silva works with numerous businesses and employers to develop work sites for her students. She has accomplished this so well that many businesses provide ongoing placements for district special services students. Ms. Silva has been referred to as a "kid advocate" and a warm and caring teacher.

Mrs. Obendorf presented an award of appreciation to Mrs. Pam Lazenby, Parent Volunteer. Mrs. Lazenby is recognized as a model volunteer parent who has unselfishly given up her time and talents towards better education on the Peninsula. Mrs. Lazenby is continually in the schools assisting in the classroom and coordinating other volunteers and organizing parents to promote their school. Mrs. Lazenby has volunteered on various central office committees and organized a districtwide P.T.A.

AASB POLICY DEVELOPMENT
SERVICE:

Dr. Bromenschenkel reported that the dates for the AASB Policy Development worksession would be June 8, 9, 10, 1995. Mrs. Obendorf asked for complete participation by the board. She requested that board members contact her if they could not attend so an alternative date can be chosen.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT
FOR CO-CURRICULAR
PARTICIPATION REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended that the Board study the issue of high school credit for cocurricular participation during the 1995-96 school year as part of their study of the graduation requirements.

DUAL CREDIT FOR COLLEGE
COURSES REPORT:

Mr. Thorpe reported that a dual credit agreement was reached between the district and the Kenai Peninsula College. This agreement allows high school seniors to take courses at \$20 per credit and receive college and high school credit simultaneously.

Underclassmen who are QUEST students, are allowed to take dual credit courses at their own expense, if approved by their building QUEST coordinator.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF
CHAPMAN/HOMER MOVE:

Mr. Swarner presented a cost analysis of the proposal to move Chapman Elementary 7th and 8th grade students to Homer Jr. High. He stated that the additional revenue is \$31,110 and the decreased expenditures are \$99,716 for a total of \$130,826 in "savings" as a result of moving the projected enrollment of 51 students.

Mr. Tauriainen felt that enough questions have been raised by the Anchor Point parents concerning the discrepancy in numbers of students and budget amounts that he would like to have the information reevaluated.

Mrs. Obendorf asked the Anchor Point parents to submit their questions in writing to Dr. Bromenschenkel by Friday, April 21 and she would direct the administration to respond to them.

RECESS:

At 8:54 p.m. Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 9:17 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending March 31, 1995. He stated that all expenditures are on target except substitute and legal costs.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT:

Mr. Swarner reported on budget transfers number 278 through 485 for various schools within the district.

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CONSENT AGENDA: Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Grant Application, 1995-96 Inservice Dates, Extended Field Trip Requests, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, Leave of Absence Request/Support, Leave of Absence Request Extension/Certified, Leave of Absence Request Extension/Support, Substitute Teacher Contract, and Tentative Meeting Dates/1995-96.

GRANT APPLICATION: Mr. Thorpe recommended approval of the Community School Program grant in the amount of \$43,560.

1995-96 INSERVICE DATES: Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve the request for nine inservice dates for the 1995-96 school year.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST: Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve an extended field trip request for Reneé Henderson to take approximately 35-75 choir students to perform in Italy, The Netherlands and possibly Minneapolis, Minnesota in March 1996.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/CERTIFIED: Mrs. Radtke recommended approval of an unpaid leave of absence request for Kellie Wannamaker, third grade, Mt. View Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT: Mrs. Radtke recommended approval of an unpaid leave of absence request for Jill Randall, Special Ed. Aide, Chapman Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST EXTENSION/CERTIFIED: Mrs. Radtke recommended approval of an unpaid leave of absence extension request for Cheryl Schweigert, kindergarten, Sterling Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST EXTENSION/SUPPORT: Mrs. Radtke recommended approval of an unpaid leave of absence extension request for Larry A. Schweigert, custodian, Kenai Middle School.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT: Ms. Radtke recommended the Board approve a substitute teacher contract for Ken Hepner, Special Ed./Resource, Kenai Central High.

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES/1995-96: Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended approval of the tentative School Board Meeting, Administrative Meeting, Skills for Excellence, Academic Night and Board Planning Sessions for the 1995-96 school year.

ACTION Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY APPROVAL:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve Policy 007.5 Student Fees, which will allow the district to develop procedures for collection and accounting of student fees; and Policy 006.33 Assessment, which outlines the K-12 assessment process and designates which assessments will be administered at designated levels/curriculum areas.

Mrs. Karen Mahurin expressed her concern that secretaries who are already overwhelmed with work, will now be expected to collect and issue refunds as a result of this new materials fee.

Ms. Angela McKinney questioned what would happen if a family who did not qualify for the free and reduced lunch program refused to pay the textbook fee.

Dr. Bromenschenkel responded that the administration has not developed procedures for collecting or accounting for student fees and would not do so until after the board establishes a level at which fees are to be levied. The first reading of the regulation suggests a \$30 fee. The administration anticipates that two-thirds of the people. That accounts for most of the people who do not qualify for the free and reduced lunches.

Ms. Laura McDonald, Cooper Landing, asked about the textbook fee for families with 2 or more children. She further questioned whether schools would collect the textbook fee if they weren't purchasing textbooks.

Dr. Bromenschenkel responded that the system for collection and distribution of textbook moneys has not been designed yet. One possibility would be that the money collected would stay at the schools to purchase more textbooks and supplies for that school. He stated that decision would be made prior to the requirement of a textbook fee and parents would be notified by their building administrator prior to the following school year.

Ms. Christy Drake, Anchor Point parent, stated that she pays taxes and therefore, feels she should not be charged a textbook fee.

Mrs. Obendorf responded that the decision to charge a textbook fee was one that the board agonized over and none of them liked the idea but the budget was falling \$100,000 short. The legal office has assured the board that it is legal to charge a materials fee.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Policy 007.5 Student fees. Mr. Tauriainen seconded

Motion carried unanimously.

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POLICY APPROVAL
(continued):

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve Regulation 006.33 Assessment, which outlines the K-12 assessment process and designates which assessments will be administered at designated levels/curriculum areas.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Regulation 006.33 Assessment. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board delete the example in brackets (higher order thinking skills) in number 3. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen felt that the this statement might imply that the performance component is limited to higher order thinking skills.

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board to add the terms "parents, student, staff, and school board," after "curriculum office." Motion died for lack of second.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board amend the motion to make the results of the assessments at the district level be published on a building specific basis with the exceptions of schools with less than 100 students. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Dr. Anderson stated that arguments have been made that giving building specific test scores would upset parents where there were differences between schools. He felt that some of those reasons may be sociologic in nature but that it might be an encouragement to those parents become more involved in their schools. It could help to make decisions as to why their students may not be progressing as well as they think they should.

Dr. Bromenschenkel explained that the purpose of the building level analysis is to provide the staff and school based decision making councils with data for designing plans to improve themselves. Publishing comparative scores might be of interest to the public but otherwise have little value. In his opinion, parents need to know how successful the students are in their own school.

Dr. Anderson restated his amendment to request that the district have site specific test scores available for the public.

Amendment carried unanimously.

A friendly amendment was made to insert the word "certified" between "staff" and "members" on item number 5.

POLICY APPROVAL
(continued):

Amended motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF EXPULSION:

Mrs. Obendorf reported that the Board conducted an expulsion hearing prior to the Board Meeting. She noted that no input is taken from the administration nor is public comment allowed.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following:

This matter was heard before the board on April 17, 1995. The student and both parents were present. The School Principal, Assistant Principal and the assistant superintendent for instruction were present and recommended expulsion of the student for exhibiting continued behavior that is inimical to the welfare and safety of other students and constitutes a serious continuing threat to their welfare.

The principal related a series of events involving this student. First, on October 6, 1994, the student was suspended from school for thirty days after he admitted to bringing No-Doze, Dramamine and other prescription drugs to school and distributing them to other students. Fifteen days were waived upon the student completing a specified counseling program.

Second, the vice principal related that on April 6, 1995, JH obtained some marijuana from another student by repeatedly threatening that student with physical violence for approximately ten weeks. JH denied making such threats. The vice principal stated that JH had previously admitted to making such threats, explaining that he was getting the drugs for an expelled student. JH did not recall such statements. On April 6, 1995 this marijuana was discovered in a "Sony Diskman Player" found in a third student's locker. JH admitted placing it in this locker.

Also on April 6, 1995, a half pint bottle, approximately two-fifths full, of Canadian Heritage Whiskey was found in the school library. The vice principal related that JH had admitted bringing it to school and attempted to get another student to hold it for him. When the other student refused to do so, JH asked that student to accompany him to the library where he placed the whiskey.

APPROVAL OF EXPULSION
(continued):

The principal related that the student is not truthful, shows no remorse for his actions and has not changed his behavior since the October 1994 suspension. The student understands the rules but fails to follow them. By nature, the student is a leader and habitually involves other students in his harmful activities. The past actions and attitude of this student make it clear his presence is contrary to the welfare and safety of other students and creates a constant drain on the resources of the school in attempting to deal with him. They also demonstrate a clear risk of future actions affecting students and the school.

These risks make it necessary to remove this student from the school by expulsion for the remainder of the current school year and for the first semester of the 1995-96 school year. Less time does not give the district the opportunity to assess behavior change or adequately protect other students. Even that amount of time may be insufficient and careful review must be undertaken upon application for readmission at the end of the expulsion period. The administration may allow limited readmission to district programs for district correspondence for the fall 1995-96 semester. The student shall not go on school grounds during the period of expulsion for any reason, nor shall he attend any school event or function whatsoever. Prior to readmission to a classroom setting at the end of the expulsion period, the student shall supply a psychological evaluation from a duly licensed psychologist to the assistant superintendent for instruction rendering the opinion that there is cause to believe that the behavior leading to the student's expulsion shall not be repeated. The student and parents are responsible for providing this evaluation. The student shall pass at least four courses during the first semester 1995-96 school term by correspondence or other program outside the district as evidence supporting a change in behavior before being considered for readmission.

Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 1995-96 CAPITAL
PROJECTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the board approve a capital projects list totaling \$1,650,000 to be included in the borough's FY 96 budget. Projects on this list include re-roofing and replacement of carpeting at various schools, upgrading an emergency generator, replace fire doors and an auto shop addition.

APPROVAL OF 1995-96 CAPITAL
PROJECTS (continued):

Mr. Dahlgren reported that the borough mayor is concerned about major maintenance. At the present there is \$13.5 million in the governor's budget for capital projects. None of that money is designated for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. The borough mayor feels that the proposed capital projects list is an appropriate amount to place in the borough budget, based on an increase 5.4% of the assessed evaluation of the Peninsula and increased sales tax revenues.

Dr. Anderson commented that he had toured Soldotna Middle School and Mr. Syverson had recommended installation of a sliding door in Room 23 to make room for another classroom and enlarging the science lab or installing a window in the wall to give a larger room for computers.

Mr. Dahlgren responded that those two projects would not be classified as major maintenance projects and he would try to address those costs through the maintenance budget.

Ms. Ann Bayes, Anchor Point parent, recommended that the funds on the capital projects list regarding renovations to Homer Jr. High to accommodate the move of Chapman students be spent on one of the other projects.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the board approve the 1995-96 Capital Projects list as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTES:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve a change to the existing hazardous bus routes for the 1995-96 school year. He explained that the Hazardous Bus Route Study Committee met on two occasions as well as inspected every hazardous bus route in the district.

The bus routes were evaluated according to pedestrian accommodation, traffic controls/signs, speed limits, visibility/terrain/lighting, traffic, age of students, weather, and types of roadways.

HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTES
(continued):

Mrs. Rene Azarra expressed her opposition to the elimination of the hazardous bus route service in Soldotna. She stated that many times this winter her streets were not cleared and she felt it was unsafe to walk as well as drive. This situation worsens when children are included in this environment. With the elimination of hazardous busing, traffic to and from school will increase considerably. There are no crosswalks or crossing guards, overhead crosswalks or public transportation within the hazardous bus area. Criminals tend to prey on young children as well. She recalled an incident with her daughters and a man that had exposed himself just three blocks from their house. Mrs. Azarra added that she felt the board was putting a price tag on district students and she would much rather see positions cut than the safety of children jeopardized.

Mrs. Karen Gensel, owner, Creative Childcare, asked the Board not to eliminate the hazardous bus routes for Soldotna. She presented a petition signed by over sixty families. Mrs. Gensel related an incident when her second grade daughter was hit by an automobile on Park Avenue. Since that incident she has ridden the bus. She added that the savings gained by eliminating the hazardous bus routes are not worth a child's life.

Mrs. Carolyn Cannava, Principal, Soldotna Elementary spoke against the elimination of the Soldotna hazardous bus routes. She called attention to Binkley Avenue which serves as a route to the post office, Borough Building, a medical center, Safeway grocery store, library, hospital, police station and other important community businesses. She asked the board to think about developing a plan to assist those children who are required to cross Binkley Avenue before eliminating the hazardous bus service. She urged the board, in this particular case, to consider student safety before education.

Mr. Dennis Miller, Soldotna parent, spoke against the elimination of the hazardous bus routes in the Soldotna area. He explained that his son has had difficulties getting on or off the bus because of moose. Mr. Miller also stated that since he lives so close to Soldotna High School there are a lot of teenage drivers in his neighborhood. There are no lights or sidewalks along Diane Lane and many times snow is not cleared from the streets until the next day. With these risks he will not send his two young children to Redoubt Elementary on foot.

HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTE
 (continued):

Mr. Craig Wallace-Keck, parent, Soldotna, expressed appreciation for the time and effort spent by the Hazardous Bus Committee in reviewing the road system and the amount of money that could be saved. He feels that the weather conditions in Alaska should be given special consideration. His job requires him to travel the Peninsula roads quite extensively and there have been several days in a row when sidewalks are not cleared. Children that are only three feet tall are extremely hard to see behind a snow bank or around a corner. Not all parents can make other accommodations in getting their children to school in a safe manner. Eliminating the hazardous bus routes will create an unsafe situation for students.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the Hazardous Bus Routes Committee Recommendations as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board to amend the recommendation to allow winter only (November 1 to April 1) hazardous bus service for routes 28, 34A, 31A, and SW of Spur/Knight Drive. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mr. Thibodeau expressed his concern for students who would be walking down Binkley. He feels it is one of the most dangerous streets in Soldotna because the sidewalks slope off into the road. Vehicles traveling down Binkley drive very close to the curb and outside rear view mirrors hang over the sidewalk area and pose a threat to pedestrians. Mr. Thibodeau felt that it was too big of a risk for students.

Mrs. Obendorf agreed with Mr. Thibodeau's amendment and felt this was not the area to save money.

Mr. Tauriainen stated that he walked throughout the year and at times the sidewalks are not cleared right after a heavy snow. He felt that this was an unusual year for snowfall and that normally the sidewalks are well maintained. During these times the responsibility should fall with the parents to provide transportation if they don't want them walking.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment carries.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 10:30 p.m. Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

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RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 10:40 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

BOUNDARY CHANGES: Mr. Arness moved the Board bring the Boundary Changes
ACTION back for consideration. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. John Dahlgren reported that the Facility Committee recommended that the Soldotna High School boundaries be changed to include Funny River Road and those students who live in the St. Theresa Road area. Future students who live in those areas will then attend Soldotna High School beginning with the fall semester of 1995.

The Facility Committee also recommended that the boundary between Soldotna Elementary and Sterling Elementary be changed to align with the high school boundary. This adjustment will also alleviate the crowding at Sterling Elementary.

Mr. Dahlgren presented enrollment figures for the Scout Loop Lake area including Panoramic Drive and Lou Morgan, and the Robinson Loop areas.

In making its recommendation, the Facility Committee also considered that schools should be of approximate same size and offer equal programs. Although the population in the Sterling area is growing, a straight line projection was used in the presentation of the enrollment figures.

The Facility Committee also discussed the fact that Sterling Elementary is over capacity and has requested a portable. There has been a substantial amount of growth in the Sterling area and they are operating with two portable classrooms. There is space at Soldotna Elementary and it seemed appropriate that if changes were going to be made at the high school level that the elementary boundaries should be aligned.

The Committee has concerns over the present enforcement of boundary issues. Either the district should enforce strict attendance areas or allow open attendance and let schools grow based on student and parent choice.

BOUNDARY CHANGES
 (continued):

Ms. Patty Berkahn, Sterling parent, stated that there are 18 students riding the bus that serves Sterling Elementary from St. Theresa Road. She did not support a boundary change for Sterling Elementary because she feels it is not any more over crowded per student/teacher ratio than other elementary schools in the Central Peninsula area. Class sizes vary from 29 to 23; her son is in a class of 24. She urged the board to consider the Soldotna High/Skyview High and Sterling Elementary/Soldotna Elementary issues separately. She did not feel it was important to align the elementary school boundaries with the high schools. Ms. Berkahn spoke in support of allowing the grandfathering of those students who wish to complete their elementary education at Sterling Elementary. She suggested that the new boundaries be enforced for families who have just moved into the area or those who have children entering school for the first time.

Ms. Charlene Smith, Sterling parent, asked the board if her daughter, who is currently at Skyview High, would be allowed to continue to attend and graduate there. She expressed concern that changing school boundaries would divide the Sterling community.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded the board the motion that was tabled from the February 20 meeting was to change the boundaries to include Funny River Road students in the Soldotna High School.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board to amend the motion to include St. Theresa Road, and Scout Lake area including Whisper Lake in the Soldotna High boundary. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board amend the amended motion to include the enforcement of new boundaries with the exception of students already attending Skyview High School. Those students and their siblings should be grandfathered in and be allowed to continue their attendance. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Mr. Dahlgren explained that last year the decision was to close the Skyview boundaries to any student that did not live within the busing area except for those students who had siblings attending Skyview High.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded the Board that a policy on out-of-area attendance already exists.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES
 (continued):

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment to the amendment failed.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MT. VIEW
 ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL
 APPOINTMENT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the appointment of James Dawson as principal at Mt. View Elementary School for the 1995-96 school year.

Ms. Martine Dikes, Mt. View Elementary teacher, spoke in strong support of Mr. Dawson's appointment as principal. She stated that Mr. Dawson has the total support of the school staff. He is valued for his leadership abilities and respect for the school staff. She added that he allows them to be professionals and keeps them updated on district decisions and prepares them for future changes.

Dr. Bromenschenkel noted that Mrs. Radtke met with Mt. View Elementary parents and there was general agreement among those present that Mr. Dawson should be continued in his position as principal. Dr. Bromenschenkel added that the administration is pleased with Mr. Dawson's performance over the past year as interim principal.

Mrs. Pam Lazenby, Advisory Committee parent and PTA representative, supported the appointment of Mr. Dawson as principal of Mt. View Elementary. He is a unique individual in many ways, he deals with children in a magical way; always positive and fair. He truly loves children, he roller blades with them during recess, does push ups when he cannot remember a student's name, and relates to them on an individual basis. Mr. Dawson greets the students with a smile each morning as they arrive at school.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the appointment of James Dawson as principal at Mt. View Elementary School for the 1995-96 school year. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf read a facsimile from Ms. Kristine Schmidt concerning the appointment of the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and principal of Mt. View Elementary. Ms. Schmidt expressed her disappointment of the appointments by Dr. Bromenschenkel without opening the positions to qualified applicants. She urged the Board to vote against the appointments and allow all qualified applicants to be considered for the positions. In the past, the selection process has been conducted openly and publicly and now "hand picked" candidates with the best connections are being chosen.

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APPROVAL OF MT. VIEW
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL
APPOINTMENT (continued):

Miss Baldwin stated that she had Mr. Dawson as a physical education teacher and coach for volleyball and basketball while attending Mt. View Elementary. She praised him highly for his positive manner even when she shot at the wrong basketball goal.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:35 p.m. Mr. Arness 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. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf explained to those present that the Board will be discussing the retirement incentive program. She asked Dr. Bromenschenkel, Mrs. Radtke and Mr. Swarner to join the Board in executive session.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 12:37 a.m., Dr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

TERMINATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the termination of Shellie Worlsfold, teacher, Seward Elementary School for expiration of her temporary teaching certificate, as required by State Statute.

Mr. Paul Sayan stated that he is a coworker with Ms. Worlsfold and that she is an excellent teacher. He strongly urged the Board to rehire Ms. Worlsfold if the opportunity arises.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the termination of Shellie Worlsfold, teacher, Seward Elementary School for expiration of her temporary teaching certificate. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that Miss Baldwin was excused at 11:35 p.m. just prior to executive session.

Dr. Bromenschenkel asked the Board to remove Approval of Requests to Rescind Resignations/Teachers, Approval of Requests to Rescind Resignations/Administrators, and Approval of Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Appointment; from the agenda and consider these items during a special Board Meeting or at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that there were no objections from the Board.

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ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATION
(continued):

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Tamara Smid, Principal/Teacher at E.L. Bartlett Elem./High School.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the resignation of Ms. Tamara Smid, Principal/Teacher at E.L. Bartlett Elem./High School. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bromenschenkel asked the Board to remove first readings of Policies 007.2 Due Process, 007.12 Substance Abuse, 006.76 Student Access, and first reading of regulation 007.5 Student Fees; from the agenda and consider these items during a special Board Meeting or the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that there were no objections from the Board.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. McKinney thanked the Board for listening to the Anchor Point parents voice their opinions concerning the Chapman Elementary move.

Mr. John Kistler spoke against the textbook fee.

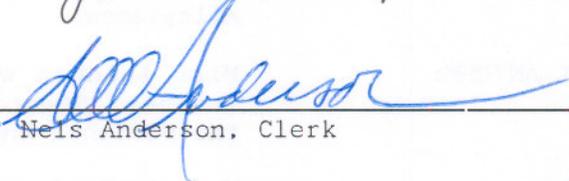
ADJOURN:

At 12:45 a.m. Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Dr. Neils Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of April 17, 1995,
were approved on May 1, 1995,
as written.