

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

May 2, 1994

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Vice President
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk
 Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer
 Dr. John Nels Anderson, Member
 Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member
 Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Member
 Mr. Rick Bell, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Interim Superintendent
 Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Gerry Tullos	Mr. Larry Nauta
Mrs. Carol Simons	Mr. Victor Borko
Mr. Lee Stalker	Mr. Mick Wykis
Mrs. Suzanne Legner	Mrs. Pauline Mills
Mrs. Pam Lettington	Mrs. Ludy Link
Mr. James Simeroth	Mr. James White
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Notter	Mr. Richard Campbell
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grimm	Miss Patty Hill
Dr. Peter Cannava	Mr. Dennis Murray
Mr. Marc Berezin	Mrs. Lenoria Johnson
Mr. Gene Merrill	Mr. Josh Berezin
Mrs. Arlene Wiley	Mrs. Debbie Tupper
Dr. Carla Anderson	Miss Kelli Little
Miss Julie Parshall	Mr. David Henson

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:01 p.m., Mrs. Gross 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 7:06 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 7:07 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

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- RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 7:30 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:
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| Mrs. Betty Obendorf | Present |
| Mr. Michael Tauriainen | Present |
| Mr. Michael Wiley | Present |
| Mr. Joe Arness | Present |
| Dr. John Nels Anderson | Present |
| Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross | Present |
| Mr. Emery Thibodeau | Present |
| Mr. Rick Bell | Present |
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the deletion of Item 10d, Approval of 1994-95 Capital Projects.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of April 18, 1994, were approved as written.
- TUSTUMENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Mick Wykis, Principal, Tustumena Elementary School, presented a report on his school via a computer assisted program. He noted the philosophy for its 270 student school is to present a solid basic education to prepare them for the future. He commented there is a strong community spirit within the school, and he acknowledged the valuable work of staff and parents with both the academic and extracurricular programs. He noted the new site based council consists of equal membership at the school and the council has been working on writing hiring guidelines, budget review, co-curricular activities review, capital improvements, and local policies. The program concluded with second grade students under Mr. Borko's direction singing two songs to the Board and audience.
- RECESS: At 7:55 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.
- RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 8:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.
- PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Soldotna High School students Gene Merrill and Josh Berezin questioned the Board why seniors are dismissed from school ten days (333 instructional minutes) early when learning could be taking place. Mr. Dahlgren responded he had sent a memorandum to high schools this week announcing effective the 1994-95 school year seniors will not be dismissed from school before May 17 and graduation ceremonies will be scheduled after that date.

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- SOLDOTNA HIGH SCHOOL PTA: Dr. Carla Anderson, Soldotna High School PTA Chairperson, expressed concern that the Board was addressing overcrowding and portable classrooms now when boundary considerations should have been earlier in the year. She also questioned why capital expenditures which would increase the operating budget were being made when space is available. She noted Soldotna High School has excellent programs, and there should not be implications that it is anything less because it is an older school. The PTA requested that 1994-95 be a transition year for boundaries between Skyview High and Soldotna High, and that the Board carefully consider student populations at these schools.
- AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Obendorf presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mrs. Karyn Grimm, Central Office Programmer, in recognition of her expertise and ten years of dedicated service to the district.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Dahlgren reported on outstanding student performances at the Caring for the Kenai contest, dance group performances, and state wrestling championships.
- He informed the Board that Mayflower Contract Services has filed an injunction against the state to halt proceedings with the district's transportation proposal, which could cause a delay in the re-bid opening.
- CONSENT AGENDA: Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, Substitute Contracts, and Grant Applications.
- RESIGNATIONS: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1994-95 school year for Rebecca Germain, Special Education/Resource, Sears Elementary; Ardis Grove, Kindergarten, Redoubt Elementary; Patrick Manning, Counselor/Social Studies/Computers, Susan B. English Elem/High; Walt Wilson, Grade 3, Redoubt Elementary; Sandra Averett, Special Education/Educationally Handicapped, Mountain View Elementary; and Gerald Irvin, Science, Seward Jr/Sr High.
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/
 CERTIFIED: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1994-95 school year for Kandi Diamond, Grade 3, North Star Elementary; and Tami Mulick, Physical Education, McNeil Canyon Elementary.

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SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for 19-day substitute teachers Sandra Lewis, Kindergarten, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Lorrene Forbes, Grade 5, Soldotna Elementary; Susan Glenn, Special Education/Resource, Soldotna Junior High; Holly Kiel, Home Economics, Kenai Central High; and Richard Waisenau, Counselor, Soldotna Junior High.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve grants to be submitted to the Department of Education for the Preschool Handicapped Program, \$78,530; and the Title VI-B Handicapped Program, \$427,544.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

EARLY GRADUATION
REQUESTS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve requests for early graduation from a Homer Flex School student and a Homer High School student.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the early graduation requests as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLACEMENT OF PORTABLE
CLASSROOMS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the placement of six portable classrooms at Soldotna Junior High (2), and one each at Sterling Elementary, Skyview High, Sears Elementary, and Nikiski Junior/Senior High. He further recommended that the incoming ninth grade students who have sisters or brothers at Skyview High School be allowed a zone exemption for attendance at Skyview High, if they so desire. A committee will be formed to make recommendations on any boundary changes in the central peninsula area for the 1995-96 year. The portable classrooms will be placed on site during the summer, 1994. He noted both Skyview High School and Nikiski Junior/Senior High School will receive additional staff if the additional space is available to them.

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PLACEMENT OF PORTABLE
CLASSROOMS (continued):

Discussion followed on the Middle School concept added to Nikiski Junior/Senior High School and Soldotna Junior High, portables already on site, consideration on shifting the Nikiski and Soldotna High-Skyview High boundaries, student populations based on projected economic growth of the area, possible use of portables after Tustumena Elementary School is completed, costs for moving portable classrooms, demographic study of students for the Skyview attendance area in Sterling to be completed after school starts next year, and rerouting bus routes where the district would not be reimbursed if the same route is used for different schools with the same grade configurations.

Dr. Anderson felt there should be alternatives to address situations where there is overcrowding in some schools and space available in others. Mr. Dahlgren stated, as discussed at the worksession two weeks ago, community input would be needed since the schools had gone to bond elections for different grade configurations than those suggested in the worksession. However, housing students needed to be addressed now for the coming year. Mr. Dahlgren commented the six portable classrooms were approved by the Board last year, had received state legislature approval for a 70%-30% matching grant split with Borough Assembly approval, and had gone to bid. Board approval would be for placement of the portables only.

In response to a question from Mr. Tauriainen related to decreasing the number of portables being built, Mr. Dahlgren commented the number could be decreased but he felt the borough would get a better price for all portables being built, rather than just a few of them. He noted it would be prudent to build all portables in view of increasing enrollments.

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.

Dr. Peter Cannava, parent, told the Board the overcrowding at Skyview High and undercrowding at Soldotna High had been predicted for four years. He did not feel it was appropriate to present it now as an emerging problem for the upcoming year. He asked the Board to consider changing boundaries which would work for three to four years, and give the Board the opportunity to work out different methods for housing students.

PLACEMENT OF PORTABLE
CLASSROOMS (continued):

Mrs. Judy Shaw, Sterling parent, stated it did not make sense to add a portable at Skyview when space is available at Soldotna High. She felt the money could be better used for other educational uses such as additional nurses, equipment replacement, supplies, etc. She stated difficult classroom situations arise from using portables and felt this was a band-aid solution to the problem.

Mr. James Simeroth, Kenai Middle School teacher, stated that having taught in a portable classroom, he felt this was a good place to teach when space is not available. He urged the Board to have portables available if there is no alternative plan for the situation. He stated quality education does take place in portable classrooms.

Miss Lisa Parker, Soldotna High School student, questioned why it would be difficult to change the boundaries, particularly when space is available at Soldotna High School and Kenai Central High. She questioned where funds would be available from for supplies when portables are being built. Mrs. Gross responded that funds for the portables come from a different funding source that is used for capital projects only, not school operating expenses. Dr. Anderson commented it is difficult to make change when it affects people, and who are comfortable with things as they exist. Mrs. Gross stated the Board needed to study the long term affects, and changes can be made after further study. In response to a question related to studying enrollment prior to the opening of Skyviw High School, Mrs. Obendorf stated this was carefully reviewed, and changes in the demographics needed to be studied as populations shift.

Mr. Dennis Murray, Soldotna parent, stated a great deal of focus has been on the two high schools, but the Soldotna Junior High School issue should be reviewed. He did not feel portable classrooms solved the problem, but only compounded the problem. He noted this is not a new issue, but does ultimately raise costs for schools. He felt boundaries should be changed and the Board should plan for more than one year to find a balance between the two high schools.

Mrs. Jan Steadman, Soldotna parent, told the Board that the more right decisions are made early, the less decisions needed to be made later. She felt that decisions made in the past have resulted in the current situation, and felt band-aid decisions were being made now.

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PLACEMENT OF PORTABLE
 CLASSROOMS (continued):

Dr. Carla Anderson stated the Alaska PTA was of the position that students should be housed in permanent facilities that meet standards wherever possible, and the current dilemma fits this standard since space is available without using portable classrooms. She felt the boundary situation had not been studied carefully years ago, and was approved much too quickly based on a recommendation by the Sterling PTA, thus creating a "donut" area. She felt some boundary changes could be made to solve the situation.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved to the approve the recommendation from the administration. Mr. Wiley seconded.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved to amend the motion to remove Skyview High School from the listing. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved to postpone action until the May16 meeting. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE TO POSTPONE:

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

Motion to postpone failed.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved to amend the amendment to request a report at the next meeting on how quickly the district can deal with the situation at Skyview High without a portable. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mr. Dahlgren commented there might be a short term solution, but such will not be satisfactory to the communities. He felt Soldotna High School will be over capacity in four years. He noted the schools are currently completing master schedules for next year, and boundary changes would not be appropriate at this time. He added the facilities committee could review demographic information beginning in the fall. Mrs. Rubadeau commented there would be an instructional impact because class schedules have been set and students have selected their classes for next year. She felt this would be disruptive to students and their families. Mrs. Obendorf stated the Board had been busy with the Strategic Plan earlier, and a decision should have been made in February related to attendance areas. Dr. Anderson

PLACEMENT OF PORTABLE
CLASSROOMS (continued):

commented he felt the administration had not provided the Board with recommendations needed to make a timely decision on school crowding. Mr. Tauriainen commented he did not believe changing schools was too traumatic and boundaries should be changed.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT:

YES - Arness, Gross, Obendorf
NO - Anderson, Tauriainen, Thibodeau, Wiley
Advisory VOTE - YES

Amendment to amendment failed.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the amendment to delete the portable for Nikiski Junior/Senior High. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented he felt boundary changes could be made and a portable would not be needed. He also felt the borough should be notified not to build portables which would not be placed on site.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment to amendment failed.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved to amend the amendment to delete the last paragraph recommending an exemption for incoming freshmen at Skyview High School. Motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Amendment carried unanimously.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board reconsider previous Board action requesting the Borough to provide six portables. Mrs. Obendorf ruled the motion out of order.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to suspend the rules for the purposes of requesting six portables. Mr. Wiley seconded.

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PLACEMENT OF PORTABLE
CLASSROOMS (continued):

Mr. Tauriainen commented the reason for the motion was to try to save money.

VOTE:

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

Motion failed.

1994-95 NON-TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a listing of non-tenure teacher assignments for the 1994-95 school year as follows:

Bartlett Elem/High
Jay, Patricia
Williams, Paula

Hope Elementary
Trout, Alex
Yoter, Elena

Beluga Elementary
Koppert, Joyce

Kalifornsky Beach Elem.
Roed, Mary
Sotelo, Sheryl

Chapman Elementary
Twait, Brad

Kachemak Selo
Stenger, Michelle

Cooper Landing Elementary
Smith, Steven

Kenai Central High
Bigham, Liana
Hobart, Jason
Ramponi, Robert
Shirley, Robert

Districtwide
Downs, Judith
Hall, Kevin
Maxwell, Laurine

Kenai Middle
Diamant, Ellen-Sue
Fischer, David
Geiger, Ruth

Homer Flex
Whitney, Anne

McNeil Canyon Elementary
Ford, Lori

Homer High
Minogue, Troy
Sander, Richard
Wilbanks, Gregory

Moose Pass Elementary
Carter, Teri

Homer Jr. High
Calhoun, Daniel
Koplin, Alex
Thielke, Peter

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1994-95 NON-TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS
(continued):

Mt. View Elementary

Altland, Sandra (.75)
Steward, Toni

Nikiski Elementary

Redlin, Paula

Nikiski Jr/Sr High

Anderson, Scott
Shostak, Kimberlee
VanBuskirk, Christine (.36)

Ninilchik Elem/High

Bosick, Marina

North Star Elementary

Bagley, Gretchen
Miller, Sandra

Paul Banks Elementary

Edwards, Jennifer
Shepard, Janet
Todd, Wendy

Port Graham Elem/High

DeLorenzo, Barbara
DeLorenzo, Richard
Michael, Deborah

Razdolna Elementary

Wisdom, Beverly

Redoubt Elementary

Ballentine, Judith
Farrington, Clyde
Lampman, Robin

Sears Elementary

Bellmore, Donna
Danker, Susan
Jackson, Mary (.5)
Mills, John
Porter, Diane

Seward Elementary

Carr, Jennifer
Ghicadus, Ann
Swanson, Marc

Seward Jr/Sr High

Benson, Gary
Boerger, Jane (.75)
Davenport-Wheeler, Liesl
Fleming, Martha (.5)
Hammer, Angela
Marshall, Daniel
Olson, Deborah

Skyview High

Boehmer, Nancy
Dusek, Sean (.75)
Tabor, Jennifer (.5)

Soldotna Elementary

Morgenweck, Judith
Nicholson, Emily
Nordmark, Amy

Soldotna High

Britton, Julie
Druce, Michael
Hamel, Michael
Smola, Abigail
Vaisenberg, Grigorii (.5)

Soldotna Jr. High

Carpenter, Dave
Pillifant, Laura
Rolph, Cathleen
Schmitter, Lisa
Sotelo, Ed

Sterling Elementary

Darling, Roberta

Susan B. English Elem/High

Agosti-Hackett, Ann

Tustumena Elementary

Blossom, Katie
Hopkins, Sharon

Voznesenka Elementary

Rasmussen, Cindy

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1994-95 NON-TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS
(continued):

Dr. Anderson questioned what input had been received from parents and students on the teachers. Mrs. Rattke responded the process does not require additional input from these groups except that which is built into a specific school's system. She stated no non-tenure teacher automatically receives tenure status and the evaluation process is carefully followed. Dr. Anderson further questioned Mrs. Rattke whether those teachers on the list who would receive tenure were superb teachers. Mrs. Rattke responded not all were superb teachers, but showed promise.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve the non-tenure teacher assignments for 1994-95. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen expressed concern that the non-tenure teachers be screened extremely carefully before attaining tenure. Dr. Anderson stated approval of the listing would involve an expensive investment to the district, and the teachers should be far above average teachers.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Gross, Tauriainen, Thibodeau, Wiley, Obendorf

NO - Anderson

Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Rattke recommended the Board approve resignations from Debra Gilbreath, Principal, Chapman Elementary, effective May 2, 1994; and Dr. Sara Peterson, Principal, McNeil Canyon Elementary, effective the end of the 1994-95 school year.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the resignations as presented. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETINGS IN SEWARD AND
HOMER:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board consider holding an additional school board meeting in Seward and Homer each year. This would mean two meetings would take place in each of these communities. Mrs. Obendorf commented a letter had been received from Seldovia to hold meetings in their community. Additionally, a verbal request from the Village of Tyonek had been made to hold meetings there. She presented cost estimates on travel to Homer and Seward.

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ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETINGS IN SEWARD AND
HOMER (continued):

Mr. Dahlgren commented that the Board had conducted meetings in smaller communities years ago, and although the communities enjoyed them, problems existed with recording the meetings and the public not knowing meetings were held at other locations.

Mrs. Debbie Tupper suggested holding school board meetings on a fifth Tuesday when such occurred, and that the meetings be broadcast despite increased costs.

Mr. Dennis Murray stated the Board was opening the door to many meetings in other communities and very few meetings being held in Soldotna. He suggested that special meetings be held in other communities for specific reasons on a rotating basis, and not disrupt the regular business of the Board.

Mrs. Arlene Wiley commented she and her husband recently visited Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia where the residents were pleased to visit with them. She felt the outlying villages would be eager for meetings to be held in their communities.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve additional meetings in Homer and Seward. Mr. Wiley seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to delete reference to Homer and Seward, and hold two additional meetings in other communities each year. Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved to amend the amendment to hold two additional meetings each year in other communities accessible by road. Motion died for lack of a second.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

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ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETINGS IN HOMER AND
SEWARD (continued):

Mrs. Obendorf commented she felt the Board would leave themselves open to many requests for meetings elsewhere, travel expenses to the villages would be costly, and the amendment was not specific. Mrs. Gross stated she felt time would be better spent with board members visiting the villages and communities separately where they had time to talk with the residents and staff. Mr. Arness stated the Board has the option to hold special meetings in other areas if they feel they are needed. Dr. Anderson commented that more meetings away from Soldotna would take him away from his medical practice.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Debbie Tupper presented a packet with information from a Glendale, Arizona junior high school for board perusal. She questioned whether school facilities were built for additions. Mr. Dahlgren responded affirmatively. She stated she was pleased board members had responded to the student who spoke to them regarding portables and boundaries. She also commented she was pleased with the manner in which the Board had approved the strategic plan, and allowed time for review of the detailed strategies.

Mr. Dennis Murray asked for clarification on the number of out-of-area students attending Skyview and Soldotna High School. He questioned whether Skyview High School really had a crowded situation if students were required to attend schools in their area.

Mrs. Pam Lettington asked for clarification on the parameters involved for site based councils. Mrs. Rubadeau responded she had issued a memorandum to all schools which included not exceeding board policy, state regulations, purchasing, transportation, etc.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Wiley expressed appreciation on the Board approving additional meetings in Homer and Seward. He hoped the Board would be flexible to adjust this and hold meetings in Ninilchik or Sterling if needed.

He expressed concern that the school board agendas are published only in the *Peninsula Clarion*, and suggested the agenda be published in the *Dispatch* and Seward and Homer papers. Mrs. Obendorf noted specific funding had been transferred from the utility account for this purpose this year.

Mr. Tauriainen noted he had made available to board members a brief report with attachments on the NSBA Conference.

Mr. Arness commented he was discouraged that a report would not be made on Skyview High's overcrowded situation. With concurrence of the Board, he requested an update on how the overcrowded situation will be addressed without a portable.

Mrs. Gross reported she enjoyed visiting Homer High School and Homer Flex School last week. She commented she was appreciative of the new computer equipment at the Flex School, and urged board members to visit the school.

Mr. Thibodeau reported he spent two days with the Center for Alaska Coastal Studies at China Foot Bay with Mrs. Burke's Kenai Middle School class.

He noted that State Department of Transportation is working on a road crossing at Kenai Middle School.

Mr. Thibodeau reported on an enjoyable visit to Kenai Alternative High School.

Dr. Anderson requested the hazardous bus routes be reviewed. He felt funds could be saved on these routes.

He requested the Board consider adoption of the transportation and facilities portion of the strategic plans at the next meeting.

Dr. Anderson suggested site based councils or PTAs and students be involved in teacher evaluations.

Mr. Bell commented he was not able to attend the last meeting because he was on a Close-Up trip to Washington, D.C.. He stated this was one of the best experiences for students seeing their government in action.

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BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf announced Academic Recognition Night would be held on May 9 at Nikiski High School, 6:30 p.m. She noted she would be out-of-state and unable to attend.

She announced Mr. Wiley would attend the Borough Assembly Meeting in Seward on Tuesday, May 3, as the Board's representative. Mr. Arness will be the Board's representative at the May 17th Borough Assembly Meeting.

Mrs. Obendorf commented she was impressed with district student presentations at the Caring for the Kenai Program banquet.

She reported she attended KPC graduation where a former graduate, Senator Judy Salo, was the guest speaker.

She noted the NSBA Convention in New Orleans was very inspiring, and she attended sessions that dealt with issues and programs the KPBSD is currently working with.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded board members that their graduation schedules were available to them.

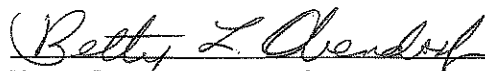
She announced the next school board meeting would be held on Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Room.


ADJOURN:

At 11:23 p.m., Mrs. Gross moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of May 2, 1994,
were approved on May 16, 1994,
as written.