

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
 Seward High School
 Seward, Alaska 99664

October 4, 1993

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer
 Mr. Joe Arness, Member
 Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Holmes, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,
 Operations, and Technology
 Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional
 Services
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mr. David Dieckgraeff
Mrs. Arlene Wiley	Mr. Chris Smith
Mr. Emery Thibodeau	Mr. Roger Sampson
Mr. Chad Lockwood	Mr. Glen Szymoniak
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wilcox	Mr. Malcolm Fleming
Ms. Emily Ranson	Mr. Gene DeKerlegand
Mrs. Mary Daniel	Mr. George Carnahan
Mrs. Lenoria Johnson	Mrs. Rhonda Holm
Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Cutsforth	Mr. Nathan Davis
Mr. and Mrs. R. Blankenship	Ms. Kelly Lynch
Ms. Karen Sturdy	Mr. Roger Swenson
Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan Sewall	Ms. Sharon Inman-Whiting
Mr. Jesse Dole	Ms. Kristil Nelson
Mr. Greg Moeer	Mr. Matt Courell
Mr. C.J. Boyer	Ms. Holly Farley
Ms. Terry Burnett	Ms. Lerouc Schneider
Ms. Laura Commat	Ms. Meyoung Blurr
Mr. Heidi Farley	Ms. Teri Conant
Mr. Duane Reilly	Ms. Erin Clark
Ms. Coretta Clark	Ms. Teri Carter
Ms. Katy Turnbull	Ms. Jan Kristenson
Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Woods	Ms. Sandy Pelischeck
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.

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ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Absent - Excused
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed with the addition of Item 6a, Awards and Presentations, and Item 9e, Approval of Nomination for Outstanding School Board Member Award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of September 20, 1993, were approved as written.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Karen Sturdy, Seward Parks Director, told the Board the Seward Community School Program is provided under the direction of the Parks Department where the coordinator is hired as a temporary, part-time city employee thus costing less because of reduced benefits. She suggested \$1,697 be appropriated from the surplus in the school budget to bring the program to full time status. She felt it would be more cost effective to employ a Seward employee, not a school district employee. She requested the Board reconsider its method of funding to community schools throughout the district.

Ms. Kelly Lynch, Seward Community School Coordinator, told the Board the community school program in Seward provided services to more than 5,000 participants last year. She noted open programs will not be affected this year, however, classes and special registration events, which were well attended last year, will be cut this year.

Mr. Roger Sampson, Seward Elementary School Principal, expressed appreciation to the Central Office administration for their rapid, logical response to overcrowding at his school and assistance on a recent school death.

Mr. Gene DeKerlegand, President, Kenai Peninsula Central Labor Council, requested the Board reject AASB core resolutions 93-1, Binding Arbitration, 93-4, Open Meetings Act, and 93-6, Repeal of Right to Strike as written.

Mr. George Carnahan, officer of the Kenai Peninsula Central Labor Council, spoke in support of Mr. DeKerlegand's comments requesting the Board to reject AASB core resolutions 93-1, 93-4 and 93-6.

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(continued):

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Woods read a petition requesting consideration for bus transportation to the Questa Woods, Maxwell, and Woodrow subdivisions in Seward as soon as possible. They noted it was hazardous for children playing near the railroad crossing and walking long distances. Mr. Woods noted the Borough Mayor had suggested contacting the Department of Transportation for these road improvements through Project 0-36. He commented there were nearly 40 homes in the area and some students walk approximately two miles.

In response to a question from Mr. Wiley, Mr. Dahlgren responded a special education bus could travel the road system depending on the student's individual educational program. If door-to-door transportation is written into the IEP, special education buses can travel on borough or state maintained roads.

Mr. Roger Swenson, Seward PAC member, told the Board he supported Site Based Decision Making, particularly for the Seward schools. He noted many decisions should be made at the local level, and this tends to increase community participation with the schools with positive effects. He felt there was strong support to Site Based Decision Making in Seward.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf noted a letter had been received from the Cleaning Management Institute informing the Board that Robert Brown of Kalifornsky Beach Elementary School had been named to the prestigious position of technical advisory committee member to this organization. The 1,600 member organization provides educational and informational services to the cleaning industry.

Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Kenai Peninsula Central Labor Council urging the Board to not support AASB core resolutions 93-1, Binding Arbitration, 93-4, Opening Meetings Act, and 93-6, Repeal of the Right to Strike.

She noted a letter had been received from June Pinnel-Stephens of the Alaska Library Association regarding the books being considered by the Board. Attached to the letter was a section from the Resource Book published by the American Library Association for Banned Books Week, which provided brief descriptions of court cases concerning the First Amendment.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from Dr. Byron McCord, parent, who wrote in support of co-educational sports such as soccer and volleyball. He stated he felt the more ways there are to demonstrate and support the concept of equality of the sexes academically and athletically, the healthier our society will be.

SEWARD PAC:

Mr. David Dieckgraeff, Seward PAC Chairperson, thanked the Board for their help in developing the middle school for Seward. He felt the change was beneficial for all students.

He expressed appreciation for placement of teachers to handle the crowded classes in Seward.

He presented letters to the Board related to the lack of handicap access to areas at Seward High School. He cited problems with the high school entrance sidewalk, swimming pool access, height of sinks, etc.

KPESA:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA President, commented that after listening to discussion at the worksession in the afternoon it appeared the district was returning to the "dark ages" in supporting AASB's resolutions on binding arbitration and repealing right to strike. She noted our country is based on democracy where both sides of the issue are heard in court. In supporting both resolutions the State Board indicates it does not stand by its word or agreements. She commented that wording in Resolution 96-6, Repeal of Right to Strike, was used to leverage money into salaries rather than children's programs, needed restructuring, and other cost containment efforts. She felt other working conditions, not just salaries, were important negotiating issues. She urged the Board to take a position for one or the other, but not both.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Wiley presented Miss Emily Ranson, four-time consecutive champion for Region 3A state cross-country running, with a Plaque of Appreciation and flowers for her accomplishment. Miss Ranson is eighth in the nation for such a distinction. He recognized Coach Nathan Davis and the Seward cross-country teams for their excellent performance in state competition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Holmes reported the current enrollment was at 9905 students, which is 187 over projection.

He invited the Board and PAC/PTA's to attend the Kenai Peninsula Council of PTA's two-day seminar in Homer, October 15-16. He noted the seminar has been organized by parents on topic areas of educational interest to them.

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SEWARD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PROGRAM REPORT:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented a chronology of funding for the Seward Community School Program. She noted there is a shortfall of \$1,697 in the Seward program this year due to status quo budgeting. She noted contract days have been reduced in various programs, but priority was given to district employees and their salary increases. She stated the administration supports the community school program which serves students as well as the community.

Mrs. Dimmick questioned whether the administration considered dividing the shortfall with other community schools programs within the district. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that each community has a different arrangement for funding and programs. Many of the employees have worked many years for the district, so cut back in time is not considered.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Extended Field Trip Requests, 1993-94 Teacher Assignment, and Substitute Teacher Contracts.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for eight Homer High School students to attend the Future Farmers of America national conference in Kansas City, Kansas, November 9-14, 1993; and for 40 Soldotna High School students to participate in music clinics at the University of Southern California, Disneyland, and Catalina Island, March 10-17, 1994.

1993-94 TEACHER ASSIGN-
MENT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the appointment of Joyce Koppert, Grades K-8, Beluga Elementary School, for the 1993-94 school year.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for 19-day substitute teachers Verna Brizendine, Special Education/QUEST/Resource, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; and Gail Spontz, QUEST/Technical Coordinator, North Star Elementary.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items for extended field trips requests, teacher assignment, and substitute teacher contracts. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISIONS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve revisions to Policies 003.11/003.11R, Accidents, First Aid, Medication; 004.5/004.5R, Purchases; and 004.243, Bus Routes.

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POLICY REVISIONS (cont.):

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether services such as psychological or legal services are bid under the procedures for purchases. Dr. Holmes responded they are not bid and he did not feel the district should be locked into legal services. He stated he did not know of any state that has such a requirement. Mrs. Rubadeau added that consultants are sometimes contracted, but the amounts paid were below the specified amount in the policy. Dr. Holmes commented a worksession will be held prior to the first meeting in November on the district's purchasing procedures.

Mrs. Obendorf announced that each policy would be voted on separately.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve policies 003.11/003.11R, Accidents, First Aid, Medication. Mr. Wiley seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved to amend the motion to reword #6 of the regulation to read, "Injections for bee sting emergencies may be administered by a trained staff member in the nurse's absence." Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Policy 004.5/004.5R, Purchases. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented he would like to see changes in the amount for bids, but will wait until the worksession in November.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve Policy 004.243, Bus Routes, as recommended by the administration. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

Mrs. Rubadeau reported the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee met on August 5 and September 22 to review three library books on teenage sexuality which were requested for reconsideration by a parent. The administrative recommendation was: 1) "What Teenagers Want to Know About Sex: Questions and Answers" was found acceptable for placement in middle school and high school libraries. 2) "What's Happening to My Body? Book for Boys: A Growing Up Guide for Parents and Sons" was acceptable for placement in middle school and high school libraries. The 1984 editions should be replaced with 1988 editions at district expense. 3) Remove "A Young Man's Guide to Sex" from school libraries because it has outdated information which could negatively impact the health of students. Purchase an appropriate replacement for this resource book from school district funds. 4) Review all health and preparation for adult living library resource books which are copyrighted prior to 1988 and budget for their replacements, if needed, in the next fiscal budget. A committee of health teachers, librarians and parents should be convened to review these books for outdated information and recommend appropriate replacements if necessary.

Mrs. Lenoria Johnson, parent, requested the Board not make a decision on the three books until they have personally read them. She stated she was pleased one book was removed because it explained steps to masturbation. She felt the other books should also be removed from the schools and quoted sections of the books which she disapproved.

Mrs. Brenda Cutsforth, parent, noted that a Seward parent had commented earlier on the importance of parental involvement in the Site Based Decision Making process. She requested the Board postpone action until each school PTSA with the books in their libraries make recommendations to the Board. Following this input, the Board could make a decision on the books.

Mr. Arlen Cutsforth, parent, presented the Board with materials from Mrs. Lenoria Johnson.

Mrs. Rhonda Holm, parent, told the Board she felt her children should receive proper information on sexuality that is Biblical. She did not feel they should learn about masturbation, etc. at school in inappropriate ways. She did not feel the information in the books should be taught to children.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the administrative recommendation on the three books. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
(continued):

Mr. Tauriainen stated that based on the information presented by Mrs. Johnson he was outraged and disgusted that the committee would think to keep this information in the junior high and high school libraries. He noted he would like to make a cursory look at the books.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to remove the books from the district. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Gross, Tauriainen, Wiley
NO - Arness, Dimmick, Obendorf

Motion failed.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to postpone action on the item until the next meeting. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Tauriainen, Wiley
NO - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Obendorf

Motion to postpone failed.

Mr. Arness stated the review committee was comprised of intelligent individuals who spent time to review the books. He noted the first two books received unanimous approval by the committee and the vote was split on the third book. He noted some members voted to remove the book because of the tone of the book toward women and outdated material. He felt there was mileage of "shock value" from Mrs. Johnson reading the book's words aloud, that students did use such language, students are curious about the topic, and students probably know what is in the books. He urged the Board to approve the books based on the recommendation of the respected committee members. He felt the books were factual, not lewd or disgusting.

Mr. Wiley stated Mrs. Cutsforth had a good suggestion to turn the decision on the books back to the schools, and asked that the question be divided. Mrs. Dimmick stated the Board should not dictate that parent groups review the books.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
 RECONSIDERATION OF
 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
 (continued):

VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION #1:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Tauriainen, Obendorf
 NO - Wiley

Motion carried.

Mr. Tauriainen served notice for reconsideration of the vote at the next meeting.

VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION #2:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Wiley, Obendorf
 NO - Tauriainen

Motion carried.

VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION #3:

YES - Dimmick, Gross, Tauriainen, Wiley, Obendorf
 NO - Arness

Motion carried.

VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION #4:

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wiley served notice for reconsideration of Item #2 at the next meeting.

RECESS:

At 9:07 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 9:25 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

AASB RESOLUTIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf stated the Board conducted a worksession at the September 20 meeting on the AASB Belief Statements and a two-hour worksession prior to today's meeting on the AASB resolutions. She noted public hearings would be conducted separately on the belief statements and resolutions.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Belief Statements as presented by AASB. Mrs. Gross seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to delete Item B-12. Early Childhood Education. Motion died for lack of a second.

AASB RESOLUTIONS (cont.): VOTE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Wiley, Obendorf
NO - Tauriainen

Motion carried.

Mrs. Obendorf noted there was not complete support for core resolutions #6, #7, #14, #16, #19, #21, #22, #23, #27, #31, and #39. A public hearing was opened for all core resolutions.

Mrs. Lenoria Johnson expressed concern on Resolution 93-24, Acquisition of Teacher Tenure. She stated she is opposed to Outcome Based Education and felt if teachers are not trained to conform students to politically correct attitudes and beliefs they will be fired or lose their jobs. She noted a person in Colorado with 20 years experience had refused to conform students. She stated the teacher, who is up for recertification, will probably lose her job. Mrs. Johnson urged the Board to read NEA's 1993 resolutions whose agenda includes things no parent would want the schools to follow. She felt the changes included attitudes and values which would change students attitudes, beliefs and values to be politically correct. She voiced objection to Resolution 93-27 related to additional certification requirements which would include Outcome Based Education, and if teachers do not conform students to standards which are set, they will lose their jobs. She felt NEA F-1 on Preference for Recruitment would give preference to those who have been discriminated in the past, and in her opinion this would be homosexuals.

Mrs. Brenda Cutsforth, parent, addressed Resolution 93-31, Early Childhood Education Program, and referred to a NEA resolution which states that NEA supports early childhood education (with federal funding) in public schools for children from birth through age 8 at facilities appropriate for the child's developmental needs. She commented she disagreed with anyone other than parents having input into children especially at birth through age 8. She felt it was at this time the child should remain at home to learn character traits, etc. She did not feel they should be forced into the system at an early age.

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- AASB RESOLUTIONS (cont.): Mrs. Karen Mahurin, NEA member, stated she took exception to several of the comments mentioned previously where there was confusion between NEA and AASB resolutions. As a delegate to the NEA Convention, she noted that some of the information was taken out of context. She offered to share the full text with the Board.
- Mrs. Obendorf noted the core resolutions had been approved previously by AASB. Other resolutions from within the state will be received later.
- ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the Core Resolutions except #6, #7, #14, #16, #19, #21, #22, #23, #27, #31, and #39 along with recommendations to delete certain resolutions. Mrs. Gross seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve Resolution 93-7, Requesting the Legislature to Change the Make-up of the P.T.P.C. Mr. Arness seconded.
- ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to add, "Be it resolved that at least one lay member be included on the Board." Mr. Wiley seconded.
- Amendment carried unanimously.
- Amended motion carried unanimously.
- ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Resolution 93-14, Requesting the Legislature to Provide Essential Funding for Schools in the State of Alaska. Mrs. Gross seconded.
- VOTE:
- YES - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Wiley, Obendorf
 NO - Tauriainen
- Motion carried.
- ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Resolution 93-16, Small School Funding. Mrs. Gross seconded.
- ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion to change "eight" to "ten". Mr. Arness seconded.
- Amendment carried unanimously.
- Amendment motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Resolution 93-21, Supporting Legislation to Fund Pre-School Programs in Alaska Through the Foundation Formula. Mr. Arness seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Wiley, Obendorf
NO - Gross, Tauriainen

Motion carried.

ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Resolution 93-22, Urging Support for Full Funding of the Head Start Program. Mrs. Gross seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Gross, Wiley, Obendorf
NO - Arness, Tauriainen

Motion carried.

ACTION Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Resolution 93-27, In Support of Competency/Proficiency Testing in the Certification Process. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented this resolution would require more regulation of school districts and he did not want to be involved in that.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Wiley, Obendorf
NO - Arness, Gross, Tauriainen

Motion failed.

ACTION Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Resolution 93-31, Early Childhood Education Programs. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

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AASB RESOLUTIONS (cont.):

Mr. Tauriainen commented he felt this resolution involved government educating children at a very early age. Mrs. Gross stated she was not opposed to early education, but did not like the wording of the resolution. Mr. Wiley spoke in favor of the resolution citing research which indicated ages 3-5 are critical learning stages. He noted unfortunately many parents are not in the homes to care and teach children. Mrs. Dimmick stated the resolution makes programs accessible to all children, but it does not mean they are required to participate in the programs. She noted there is sometimes poor day care available for children.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Wiley, Obendorf
 NO - Arness, Gross, Tauriainen

Motion failed.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Resolution 93-39, Suicide Prevention. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented he did not support suicide, but did not support the state being involved in funding these programs. Mrs. Dimmick commented that AASB supports all districts and this would support a problem that is more prevalent in other areas of the state.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Wiley, Obendorf
 NO - Tauriainen

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve a KPBSD resolution, Advocate for Children. The resolution read, "AASB believes that our advocacy role is to promote parent, public and social service commitment to the shared responsibility of educating our children." Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Dimmick commented she presented the resolution which is based on the goals of AASB in their long range plan. She added that the responsibility for children should be a shared responsibility within the family and community.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve KPBSD Resolution #1, Substance Abuse, to read, "WHEREAS, the state has passed laws concerning alcohol and other substance abuse by minors; and WHEREAS, law enforcement personnel trained in substance abuse are not available in sufficient numbers; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Alaska School Boards urges the state to hire law enforcement personnel trained to deal with substance abuse use, child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence in all areas of the state." Mr. Arness seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion to change, "hire and/or train law enforcement personnel", and delete the word "trained". Mr. Arness seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Mr. Wiley commented the position of school districts should be that they are not involved with law enforcement agencies or request additional funding for them.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Dimmick, Obendorf
NO - Arness, Gross, Tauriainen, Wiley

Amended motion failed.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve KPBSD Resolution #2, Lower PTR, to read, "WHEREAS, research has shown children do not do as well in classrooms with a high ratio of students to teachers in grades K-3; and WHEREAS, budget cuts and inflation have caused high PTR in these grades; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Alaska School Boards urges funding and other incentives to assist schools to lower PTR effectively or otherwise provide individual attention to students in grades K-3." Mr. Wiley seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to delete the words, "funding and other" and add "DOE to utilize." Mr. Arness seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

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ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve KPBSD Resolution #3 to read, "WHEREAS, inflation and budget cuts have forced some school districts to charge students for participation in student activities or seek other funds; and WHEREAS, the question of private or home school students participating in public school activities has been raised; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Alaska School Boards urges the Department of Education to continue to allow local public schools to operate activities program for the benefit of students enrolled in their districts." Motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Resolution 93-6, Repeal of Right to Strike. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Arness commented he did not disagree with the contents of the resolution, but was concerned with the manner in which it is stated. Mrs. Gross commented that as a school board member it is difficult to balance the budget, but binding arbitration could be worse where the district would have no say in the outcome which could be costly to the district. Mrs. Dimmick stated she would vote against the motion because she did not favor dragging the effort up again after a compromise decision had been reached previously. Mrs. Obendorf stated she opposed the right to strike, however, the process in place appears to be working. She felt the threat of the right to strike may cause bargaining units to work to resolution of problems.

VOTE:

YES - Tauriainen

NO - Arness, Gross, Dimmick, Wiley, Obendorf

Motion failed.

AASB NOMINATION:

Mrs. Dimmick stated she felt it was appropriate that Mrs. Obendorf be nominated for the AASB Outstanding School Board Member Award in recognition of her leadership, patience, commitment and time involved in which she represents the KPBSD School Board.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve nominating Mrs. Obendorf for the AASB Outstanding School Board Member Award. Mr. Arness seconded.

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AASB NOMINATION (cont.):

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Tauriainen, Wiley
ABSTAIN - Obendorf

Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Brenda Cutsforth, parent, told the Board there was a need for quality in pre-schools and early childhood education, but the formative years are best served without being a part of the public education system. She noted that two young men were placed on three-day detention last week at Skyview High because they were reading a pornographic comic. She felt the detention was appropriate for the situation, but a comment was made by one of the students that if they were reading a book from the library which gave them more graphic and pornographic material nothing would have happened to them. She questioned whether adults were giving students mixed messages.

Mr. David Dieckgraeff, Seward PAC chairperson, requested the PAC be sent school board packets again because the PAC members do not have time to go the public or high school libraries to read them.

Mr. Tauriainen requested the board reverse its direction and send a copy of the school board packet to the Seward PAC and Homer PAC, if they desired such. Mrs. Gross commented that the Homer PAC should receive the packet if the Seward PAC gets one. Dr. Holmes requested that Mrs. Jewell give a chronology of events in changing the packet mailing order. Mrs. Jewell stated the Homer PAC requested more copies of the packets and the Board determined better public access would be through the high school and public libraries in Homer. The Board also decided to send packets to public libraries in Seward, Kenai, and Soldotna as well as school libraries at Seward High, Nikiski High, and Tustumena Elementary. Mrs. Gross commented that the packets aren't received until Friday or Saturday with little time for PAC members to review the material before the meeting on Monday.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Packets be sent to the Homer and Seward PAC presidents in addition to the current mailing list. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether the two PACs could be faxed the packets. Mrs. Jewell responded that faxing the many pages would be expensive and time consuming.

Motion carried unanimously.

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BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Wiley recognized assembly member and school board candidate Emery Thibodeau in the audience.

Mr. Wiley requested the Board consider the Seward High School handicap access issue, bus request issue, and a supplemental appropriation of \$1,697 for the Seward Community School Program at the October 18 meeting. He reiterated Ms. Sturdy's comments that hiring a Seward city employee would be less costly than a school district employee. Mrs. Obendorf noted the Seward Community School appropriation would be on the October 18 agenda. She requested Mr. Dahlgren to report on the Seward handicap access and busing issue at the next meeting.

Mr. Arness commented he enjoyed being in Seward for the meeting. He stated he was disappointed the book issue had not been decided at the meeting.

Mr. Tauriainen extended congratulations to the Seward cross country teams and Coach Davis.

Mrs. Gross stated she had enjoyed visiting schools in Seward, Hope, Moose Pass and Cooper Landing during the day. She noted excellent things are happening in the schools of the district, and the quality of education of the KPBSD is the best in the nation.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she was pleased with the accomplishment of Emily Ranson.

She stated she was pleased with Mr. Sampson's positive comments and Mrs. Gross' article in the Homer News.

Mrs. Obendorf commented that she always enjoyed the meetings in Seward, which could only be surpassed by Seward High School's graduation. She noted it was apparent the community supported its young people.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she was concerned about the RFP's for the Transportation Contract. Mr. Dahlgren responded the contracts are being reviewed by the attorney and included in the contract is a section requesting that the bidders honor the current negotiated agreements on wages with the existing providers. He noted he was uncertain whether DOE would approve this portion of the contract. Mr. Taurainen stated he did not like to see a new contractor tied to the current contract. Mrs. Obendorf requested a worksession on the transportation RFP for the October 18 meeting.

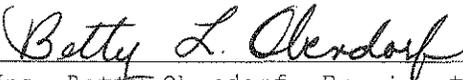
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BOARD COMMENTS (cont): Mrs. Obendorf thanked the Board for nominating her for the AASB award.

ADJOURN: At 10:43 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk

The Minutes of October 4, 1993,
were approved on October 18, 1993,
with corrections.