

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

February 19, 2001

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Paul Sorenson, Kenai Middle School principal, reported that the school has an enrollment of 441 students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 and that 32% of the student body takes advantage of the free and reduced lunch program which qualifies the school for Title I funds. He reported that the 2000-2001 school goal is to improve student mastery skills in math computation. Students and staff assisted in a computer generated presentation which highlighted assessment scores, the Title I and Gear Up Reading Programs, Family Support Program, and Student Assistance Program.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Ms. Tammy Anderson from British Petroleum Community Relations, Mrs. Suzanne Little and Board members presented commemorative plaques to Jerry Dixon, Reneé Henderson, Bruce Rife, Sheryl Sotelo, and Lana Syverson, for being chosen as 2000-2001 British Petroleum Teachers of Excellence. Each teacher will receive a \$500 savings bond, a commemorative plaque and an opportunity to visit BP Exploration on the North Slope.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Syverson announced that Dr. Peterson is attending the National Superintendents' Conference. He reported that Dr. McLain has been working with the state Department of Education and Early Development and the legislature on "targeted and taught skills" and "essential skills required for graduation." He reminded the Board of the joint budget worksession with the Borough Assembly and the School Board beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21.

Financial Report: Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending January 31, 2001.

AR 3544.1, Vehicle Maintenance: The Board unanimously approved a housekeeping revision to AR 3544.1, Vehicle Maintenance. Existing language "associate superintendent – planning, operations and technology" was stricken in two places and replaced with the words "Superintendent or designee."

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective the end of the 2000-2001 school year for Wayne G. Clark, social studies, Homer Middle; Olga Timofeeva, English, Kenai Central High; and Everett T. Corbin, physical education/vocational education, Seward Middle/High School.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Joellen Fowler, physical education, Soldotna Elementary.

2000-2001 Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved a teacher assignment for the 2000-2001 school year for John DeVold, Library (temporary) at Mt. View Elementary.

Leave of Absence Request – Support: The Board unanimously approved a request for a one-year unpaid leave of absence during the 2001-2002 school year for Deborah Church, school secretary II, Nikiski Middle/High School.

Lease with Seldovia Boys and Girls Club: The Board unanimously approved a request for negotiations between the School District, Borough, and Boys and Girls club to lease a section of the Susan B. English Elementary/High School property.

Change of Registered Agent/Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc.: The Board unanimously approved a change of the Registered Agent, from John K. Dahlgren to Dr. Donna Peterson, for the Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc., which is the nonprofit corporation established to handle the Kenai Central High Vocational House Projects.

2001-2002 Administrator Contracts: The Board unanimously approved a list of administrator and central office contracts for the 2001-2002 school year.

Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments, 2001-2002: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 2001-2002 school year.

BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety and BP 5040, AR 5040, Student Handbook: The Board postponed action on revisions to BP 5030, BP5040 and AR 5040.

BP 5144, Discipline – Corporal Punishment: The Board unanimously approved revisions to 5144, Discipline – Corporal Punishment which excludes certain reasonable and necessary physical restraint from the definition of corporal punishment and obligates teachers or other employees responsible for students who, during the course of employment, observe a student committing a crime to report the crime to local law enforcement.

Early Readmission of Expelled Student: The Board unanimously approved early readmission of an expelled Nikiski High School student.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 4132, 4232, 4332, Publication or Creation of Materials; BP 3522.6, Violent and Aggressive Conduct; BP 3522.5, Campus Disturbances; BP 1313, Willful Disruption of the School; and BP 3313, Contracts, Leases and Agreements.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 5, 2001, 7:30 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer, Alaska.**

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