

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

December 4, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a golden apple award to Linda Overturf, Soldotna Middle School teacher, for being selected the 1999-2000 Family and Consumer Services Alaska Teacher of the Year. The Board presented certificates of appreciation to Kenai Central High teachers Shona DeVold and Liz Burck for being chosen as 1999-2000 British Petroleum Teachers of Excellence.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson noted that a pop-up window has been added to the District website and has been designed to advise the public on weather-related information. She reported that Commissioner Rick Cross has resigned and that the State Board of Education will meet December 8 and 9 to discuss the vacancy. Dr. Peterson noted that Pete Sprague and Bill Popp have been appointed as Assembly representatives to the Technology Committee. She announced that Assembly President Navarre has requested that the Site Study Task Force be reactivated to consider the location of the School District Central Office. She noted that a joint budget worksession with the Assembly has been confirmed for February 20, 2001.

DEED Capital Improvement Projects: Mr. Hickey noted that there were no projects which qualified for consideration under new construction and three projects making the list for major maintenance. He stated that with the declining enrollment projections in the Soldotna area, the Soldotna Middle School project did not qualify for consideration and was excluded. He stated that three major maintenance projects were already scheduled for action.

Assessment Report: Dr. McLain presented the Assessment Report and noted that Mr. Leal, assessment director, provided the Board with a detailed report of the results from the benchmark exams, high school qualifying exam and last year's level tests during the worksession held prior to the regular Board meeting.

Resignation: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Shae Hollandsworth, Grade 6, K-Beach Elementary and Jean Slankard, special education/resource, Spring Creek School.

Leave of Absence Requests – Support: The Board unanimously approved leave of absence requests from Linda Encelewski, buyer, Student Nutrition Services (effective 12/27/00); Sandra Houghton, bus driver, Seward Middle/High (effective the 2001-2002 school year); and Debbie White, Title I tutor, Mt. View Elementary (effective 12/9/00).

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for Stephanie Roberts, generalist (temporary), Kenai Middle; Cindy Hurst, kindergarten (temporary), Soldotna Elementary; and JoAnn Campbell, special education/resource, Nikiski Middle/High.

School Calendar: The Board unanimously approved the 2001-2002 school calendar and tentatively approved school calendars for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

Major Maintenance Priority List: The Board unanimously approved a list of legislative capital improvement and major maintenance projects for FY 2001. The Board unanimously approved an amendment to move item Number 87 (Chapman – Connect to Public Water System) to Number 6 and to designate water treatment a priority districtwide.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 5111, Admission. The Board removed the first reading of BP 6146, Graduation Requirements and Standards of Proficiency.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 8, 2001, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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