

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

December 3, 2001

NEWS IN BRIEF

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that memos were included in the Board's information packet regarding the feasibility of an "800" number, broadcasting School Board meetings, health insurance, and class size. Dr. Peterson reported that she and Ms. Germano attended the "Education Advocates" meeting which included representatives from the Department of Education and Early Development, the Association of Alaska School Boards and the National Education Association. She reported that the group is continuing to work on a consensus for K-12 education statewide to send to the legislature. She noted that Dr. Whiteley is attending an accreditation conference.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2001-2002 school year for Mary Alice Allman, generalist, Spring Creek School; Gary Blount, generalist, Spring Creek; Debra Hayes, (temporary) special education/resource, K-Beach Elementary; and Heather Pancratz, (temporary) Middle School Coordinator, Homer Middle.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contracts: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for JoAnn McClain, Grades 5-8, Moose Pass and Gordon Griffin, English, Skyview High School.

Resignation: The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Vicki Johnstonfreese, librarian, Sterling Elementary (effective at the end of the first semester of the 2001-2002 school year).

Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan: The Board unanimously approved the Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan.

Revisions to BP 6111 (Elementary & Secondary, School Calendars): The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 6111 (Elementary and Secondary, School Calendars). The suggestion for changing the policy occurred at the October 29 Calendar Committee meeting in response to community members who frequently request calendar information a year in advance.

School Calendars: The Board unanimously approved 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 school calendars and tentatively approved school calendars for 2004-2005 and 2005-2006.

School Board Districting Recommendation: The Board approved a memo containing recommendations regarding School Board redistricting to be forwarded to the Borough Reapportionment Committee. The Board amended the memo recommending that the membership remain status quo, but that if a question were placed before the voters, they would like to be a part of the creation of the proposition, which should include a second option of seven separate regional

representatives.

Legislative Priorities: The Board unanimously approved a list of 2002 state and federal legislative priorities. The Board unanimously approved an amendment supporting a change in state law regarding compulsory education to include ages 6 through 17 years old.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 7, 2002, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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