

# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

March 15, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.  
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building  
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** Mrs. Debbie Harris and Ms. Cathy Rolph, Alaska Art Alliance Board representatives, in partnership with the Kennedy Center presented an award to Mr. Mick Wykis, Sears Elementary principal, for outstanding achievements in integrated arts education.

The Board presented Golden Apple awards to Ms. Carol Butler, Skyview High Custodian, and Mrs. Kelly Bishop, Kenai Alternative High School special education aide, for their service to the District.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Mick Wykis, Sears Elementary principal, provided written information to the Board regarding quality teaching and support for students, parent involvement and extending the school day. He explained that the school staff is trying to bring new students to the school through the magnet school, a strong instructional program, and quality staff. Mrs. Thomas, kindergarten teacher, explained the Zoophonics program and gave a demonstration with the assistance of several kindergarten students who recited the alphabet through action and sounds. Mrs. Atchley, Grades 1 and 2 teacher, explained how reading and writing is taught at Sears Elementary and introduced several students who read their own poems in a Coffee House-style format.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that on Saturday, March 13, 104 students from 14 schools participated in the Districtwide Forensics Meet with the help of 50 volunteers. She reported that on Wednesday, March 10 she spoke to the Anchor Point Chamber of Commerce regarding school consolidation, budget, cocurricular activities and the development of jobs. She announced that she will be a speaker at the April 2 Charter School Conference. She reported that she will be in Juneau on March 16 and 17 to attend the Alaska Superintendent's Legislative Fly-in. She reported that she will be in Washington D.C. March 27 through 31 to work on federal priorities and to look at an education model being considered by the state. She urged those present to submit ballots for Proposition 1 by March 30.

**Financial Report:** Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending February 29, 2004.

**Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contracts:** The Board unanimously approved substitute teacher contracts for Gordon Pitzman, Generalist, Homer Flex, Dave DeRuwe, Math, Seward High School, and Allison Larson, Science, Skyview High School.

**Tentative Tenured Teacher Assignment:** The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenure teacher assignment for the 2004-2005 school year for Janet Miller, Nikiski Middle/High School.

**Resignation:** The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Marc Swanson, 6th Grade, Seward Elementary; Dorothy Harness, Math, Homer High School; Dan Walker, Math/Language Arts/Social Studies, Seward High School; and Dianne Silva, Special Education/Resource, Skyview High School (effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year).

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 5, 2004, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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