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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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June 7, 2004- 7:30 p.m.  
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented a Golden Apple award to Ms. Judy Klunder, Tustumena Elementary teacher for her dedication to education and a Spirit of Youth Award to Mr. Eric Fischer for his volunteer service to the community.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that she attended a Project GRAD event on Saturday, June 5 and noted that Senator Stevens also attended and complimented the KPBSD. She noted that 48 school ground camper hosts are placed at various District schools to watch and protect them during the summer months. She reported that summer school has begun with an enrollment of 500 students. She reported that furniture and materials at Nikiski Elementary are being moved to other locations. She announced that the state has signed off on all outstanding items identified during the fall 2003 audit. She invited those present to a retirement reception for Dr. Gary Whiteley on Friday, June 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers. She reminded Board members of the Planning Session on Tuesday, June 8 at 9:00 a.m. and that beginning on July 12, Board meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Peterson presented the End of the Year Report, which included a summary of Board action for the 2003-2004 school year as well as progress on administrative work plans and Board goals.

**Financial Report:** Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2004.

**LEASE REPORT:** Mr. Stewart presented a report of leases or agreements for the 2003-2004 school year.

**Administrator Appointments:** The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Guy G. Fisher, III, assistant superintendent, Central Office; Daniel J. Beck, assistant principal, Homer High; and Sharon K. Conley, principal/teacher, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High.

**Nontenure Teacher Assignments:** The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments beginning the 2004-2005 school year for Timothy J. McFarland, music/art/physical education, Aurora Borealis Charter; Amy Stalmaster, special education/intensive needs, Homer Middle School; Christopher Towne, elementary music, Paul Banks Elementary and West Homer Elementary; Erin Southwik, elementary music, Soldotna Elementary; Anne McCabe, Grades 1-3, Soldotna Montessori; and Susan Larned, Grades 1-3, Soldotna Montessori.

**Resignations:** The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year for Dick Sander, principal, Chapman Elementary; John W. Bushell, technology/Quest, Homer Middle; Marcie L. Curry, special education/resource, Kenai Central High; Kim Shostak, special education/resource, (currently on unpaid leave of absence) Kenai Central High; Erik Viste, school psychologist, Kenai Central High; Beth Ladd, special education/resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Sheila DeVold, Grade 5, Redoubt Elementary; Richard C. Houghton,

science/athletic director, Seward High; M. Colleen Pucillo, school psychologist, Soldotna Middle; and Tracy L. Wimmer, Grade 5, Sterling Elementary.

**Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contracts:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Diane Bernard, Grades 1/2, Sears Elementary; Marie Alexson, Grade 5, West Homer Elementary and Elizabeth Ross (DeVold), music, Redoubt Elementary.

**AR 6164.1, Weighted Grades:** The Board approved proposed changes to AR 6146.1, Weighted Grades, which would allow Advanced Placement courses to be weighted.

**Leave of Absence Requests – Support:** The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for Nora Ribbens, aide, Nikiski Elementary (effective April 9 through April 26, 2004); Darrell Moore, custodian, Nikiski Elementary (effective for the 2004-2005 school year; and Kyle D. Gauthier, secretary III, Soldotna Middle (effective 2004-2005 school year).

**Nontenure Teacher for Tenure:** The Board unanimously approved Jill Herbert, a tentative nontenured teacher, for tenure.

**New Teacher Assignment:** The Board unanimously approved a teacher assignment for the 2004-2005 school year for Kathleen Holt, Grade K-2 teacher, Soldotna Montessori Charter School.

**Leave of Absence Requests – Certified:** The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for the 2004-2005 school year for Alexei V. Basargin, social studies/generalist, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Ann McLain, Grade 7, K-Beach Elementary; Dana Edwards, math, Soldotna High School; and Alecia Lybrand, counselor, Kenai Middle School.

**FY05 Budget Revision:** The Board approved a revised FY05 general fund budget of \$81,263,357 and total of \$99,256,424 for all funds. The Board approved an amendment to reduce the contingency fund by \$392,000 and place the money in the unallocated account to be used for additional staffing at the high school, middle school and small schools.

**KPSAA High School Handbook Recommended Changes:** The Board approved various changes to the high school handbook as proposed by the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association.

**KPSAA Middle School Handbook Recommended Changes:** The Board unanimously approved various changes to the middle school handbook as proposed by the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association.

**KPSAA Middle School Eligibility for Cocurricular Activities:** The Board approved a proposed language change to the KPSAA middle school eligibility policy to be in compliance at the state level for student eligibility in school districts with non-traditional programs and the expansion of non-traditional programs for middle school-aged children. The Board suspended the rules to allow public testimony on this item which was postponed from the February 6 meeting.

**KPSAA Coaching Stipends at Voznesenka Elementary/High:** The Board unanimously approved a request from KPSAA for one coaching stipend each for Voznesenka School's middle and high school wrestling programs for the 2004-2005 school year.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July

12, 2004, **7:00 p.m.**, Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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