
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

September 8, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Golden Apple awards to Janet Clark (retired Ninilchik Elementary/High School secretary), Bernie Clark (retired Ninilchik Elementary/High School teacher), Debbie Tressler (K-Beach Elementary secretary), Laurie Olson (accountant), Lana King (payroll specialist), and Jimmy Love, (payroll specialist), for their service to the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that a Board candidate orientation was held on August 25. She noted that there is a new format for school visits this school year which includes informal and formal visits with staff members. She reported that the administration is conducting a daily review of the enrollment at each school. She reported that as part of the administrator evaluation process, she and the assistant superintendents are personally meeting with each principal before October 1.

Nontenure Teaching Assignments: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments for Renee Merkes, math teacher, Skyview High School; Emily Sims, home economics, Skyview High School; Matthew Widaman, athletic director/teacher, Skyview High School; Stephanie Zuniga, specialist/teacher, McNeil Canyon; Carol Boehmler, Grade 4/intermediate, Mountain View; John DeVold, Grades 3-4 teacher, Mountain View; Tanya Erwin, Title I teacher, Grades 3-6, Mountain View; Mary Alice Allman, generalist, Spring Creek High; Gary Blount, generalist, Spring Creek High; and Karen Tolman, Title 1 teacher, Razdolna School.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2003-2004 school year for Michael Wood, Vocational Education/Technology (temporary), Homer High School; Lois E. Bisset, teacher (temporary), special education/resource, Kenai Central High; Darlene Stoddard, (temporary) Title I reading teacher, Nanwalek School; Kristine Barnes, Grade 4 teacher, North Star Elementary; Christian Black, upper elementary (.50 FTE permanent and .50 FTE temporary), Port Graham; Jaimee Coon, language arts teacher, Skyview High School; Vicki Hollingsworth, Title I reading (temporary), Soldotna Elementary; and Michelle Gormanous, school psychologist districtwide, Pupil Services.

Requests for Leave of Absence-Support: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for Robert Duesman, head custodian II, Seward Middle School (effective September 5, 2003 through October 3, 2003) and Kim Hiler, school secretary III, Soldotna High School (effective September 13, 2003 through September 13, 2004).

Resignation: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Matthew Neagley, generalist, Nanwalek Elementary/High (effective at the end of the 2002-2003 school year), and Jane Teller, Grade 3, currently on unpaid leave of absence from K-Beach Elementary (effective August 29, 2003).

Budget Transfer: The Board approved Budget Transfer Number 17 in the amount of \$50,000 to establish a budget for the district's contribution to the Project Grad Program.

Designation of Fund Balance for PERS/TRS Rate Increases: The Board approved an administrative recommendation to establish a fund balance designation of \$1,600,000, to cover the approximate amount for expected FY05 PERS and TRS employer rate increases.

Approval of Professional and Design Services Recommendation for Seward Middle School Project: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation that the firm of Architects Alaska be forwarded to the Borough Assembly for approval to receive the contract award for professional and design services for the new Seward Middle School project.

AASB RESOLUTIONS: The Board approved support for AASB Resolutions 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11, 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7., 2.9, 2.10, 2.12, 2.13, 2.15, 2.16, 2.18, 2.22, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.1, and 5.2. Amendments were approved for resolutions 2.4 and 4.4. Three new resolutions were approved regarding financial exigency, full funding for full accountability, and legislative financial relief for impending TRS and PERS employer rate increases.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The board heard a first reading of BP 6183, Alternative High Schools and BP 6184, Secondary Program and Adaptation.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 6, 2003, 7:30 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward**, Alaska.

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