
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mrs. Liz Downing, Vice President
Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Clerk
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Treasurer
Mr. Marty Anderson
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. Bill Holt
Mr. Tim Navarre
Mrs. Penny Vadla
Miss Destini Riley, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Mrs. LaDawn Druce | Mrs. Margie Warner |
| Mrs. Kelly Brewer | Mrs. Sharon Moock |
| Mr. Benny Abraham | Ms. Kelly Reisig |
| Mr. Dave Spence | Ms. Phyllis Oberhauser |
| Ms. Bobby Copeland-Paulino | Ms. Noreen O'Brien-Duggan |
| Mrs. Laurie Olson | |

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
(7:00:17 PM)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.
(7:00:35 PM)

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT: Mrs. Vadla read the District's mission statement.
(7:01:01 PM)

ROLL CALL:

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| Mr. Joe Arness | Present |
| Mr. Marty Anderson | Absent/Excused |
| Mrs. Sammy Crawford | Present |
| Mrs. Liz Downing | Present |
| Mrs. Sunni Hilts | Present |
| Mr. Bill Holt | Present |
| Ms. Lynn Hohl | Present |
| Mr. Tim Navarre | Present |
| Mrs. Penny Vadla | Present |
| Miss Destini Riley | Present |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the inclusion of a memorandum related to Number 10d., Fireweed Charter Requests.
(7:02:05 PM)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(7:02:41 PM)

The School Board Minutes of March 1, 2010, were approved as printed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

(7:03:03 PM)

The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Phyllis Oberhauser, Nikiski North Star Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Parent Liaison/ Teaching Assistant; Bobby Copeland-Paulino, Paul Banks Elementary; and Noreen O'Brien-Duggan, Paul Banks Elementary Teacher's Aide, for their service to the District.

The Board presented a gift to Mrs. Tachick in honor of National Secretary's Week.

SCHOOL REPORT:

(7:11:45 PM)

Mr. John O'Brien, Nikiski Middle/High School principal, introduced staff members Mrs. Kelly Brewer and Mr. Mark Wackler, and Nikiski site council members Mr. Travis Moore, Mr. Mike Peek and Ms. Ann Krogseng. Mrs. Brewer and Mr. Wackler narrated a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Title VII Program and the Nikiski Alternative Program. Ms. Sondra Shaginoff-Stewart, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, introduced the Jabela'ina dancers, who performed a song with a drum accompaniment.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

(7:30:00 PM)

Dr. Atwater reported that he won a \$1000.00 scholarship to be awarded to a District senior sponsored by GCI. He reminded those present that No Child Left Behind and the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam testing begins April 6. He summarized recent legislative activities and was hopeful that HB 317, proposed two-year funding for education and HB 237, debt reimbursement, will pass.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

(7:32:21 PM)

Mrs. Warner, KPESA president, reported that she recently completed the Leaders for Tomorrow program. She announced that the NEA Board of Directors traveled to Juneau to lobby legislators to return the state to a defined benefits program retirement system and funding for education. She reported that she will attend the April leadership meetings in Anchorage.

Ms. Druce, KPEA president, thanked Board members for participating in Read Across America Program. She reported that the teacher evaluation process is ongoing. She recognized three teachers for their assistance with the process: Troy Minogue, Marina Bosick, and Margaret Griffin. She reported that KPEA members are encouraged to attend Borough Assembly meetings, to send post cards to Assembly members, and visit with community members regarding the importance of school funding. She encouraged the Board to approve item Number 10c., KPSAA Recommendation Regarding Softball, Baseball. She highlighted retirees Lee Murphy and Karen Murdock.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

(7:38:11 PM)

Dr. Atwater reported that there are 246 homeless students in the District, a 40% increase over last year. He announced that the Alternative to Out of School Suspension (ATOSS) Program is being dropped because the federal funding for the program has been eliminated. He announced that there are 15 teachers in the Aspiring Principals Program which will begin May 7 with Dr. Donna Peterson as the teacher. He announced that the LD and RTI manuals have been completed and thanked District staff for their work. He reported that the new federal health care requirements will create a significant increase to the District costs since approximately 325 children under the age of 26 could join the plan.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

(7:41:32 PM)

Mr. Jones presented District financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2010.

BOARD REPORTS:

(7:45:27 PM)

Mr. Holt reported that he attended the Association of Alaska School Board (AASB) Legislative Fly-In in Juneau along with Mr. Navarre and Mrs. Hilts and while there, attended an interesting presentation regarding drug testing. He reported the group spoke to several legislators and Governor Parnell.

Mr. Navarre reported that he attended the AASB Legislative Fly-in and communicated the District concerns and priorities. He thanked Mrs. Hilts and Mrs. Tachick for arranging the legislator appointments. He stated that the conversations were good and that the drug testing information was valuable.

Mrs. Hilts reported that she attended the AASB Legislative Fly-in and traveled a day early to review 67 scholarships in which 10 were awarded. She reported that the essay question was about civics education and noted that the top 20 applicants stated that mock elections were valuable. She stated that she would like to see mock elections in District schools and will encourage administrators in her area to try it. She reported that the session regarding Data Driven Decisions, by Mr. Norm Wooton was very valuable. She reported that the group was invited to a breakfast held at the Governor's mansion and that Governor Parnell spoke about the state scholarship program. She reported that the group met with members of the House and Senate education committees on several topics including digital learning. She reported that she attended a Title VII Advisory Committee in which spending priorities were being discussed.

Ms. Hohl reported that she attended the Seward School Site Council, Seward Schools PTSA and the Seahawk Athletic Booster Club meeting. She reported that she attended the last Art Curriculum Committee meeting and noted that there is a proposal to expand the number of art specialists.

Mr. Arness reported that he and Dr. Atwater met with the superintendent at Wildwood Correctional Center to talk about the situation at Spring Creek Prison. He attended the grand opening of the student art exhibit at the Kenai Fine Arts Center and the Nikiski North Star Elementary School principal hire community meeting.

**BOARD WORKSESSION
REPORT:**
(7:53:48 PM)

Mr. Arness reported that the Board held several worksessions prior to the business meeting that included River City Academy Charter First Year Update; Funding for Technology Replacement Plan; KPSAA/ASAA Relationship; Fireweed Charter School Requests; Nikiski Sixth Grade Relocation; and Student Drug Testing. All Board members were present except Mr. Anderson.

CONSENT AGENDA:
(7:54:18 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resignations; Nontenure Teachers for Tenure, 2010-11; Nontenure Teacher Contracts, 2010-11; Annual Report Requirement for Charter Schools; New Teacher Contract; High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2010-06; High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2010-07; High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2010-08; Administrator Contracts; and Request for Leave of Absence-Support.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations, effective December 17, 2010, for Lesley Murphy, Grade 6, K-Beach Elementary and, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year, from Irma Peterson, Grade 2, K-Beach Elementary; Tracy Brown, school psychologist, Mountain View Elementary; Caitlin Caffall, Grade 2, Mountain View Elementary; Laurie Moon, Grade 2, Mountain View Elementary; Megan Smith, language arts, Nanwalek Elementary/High School; Kimberly DeGard, kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Marsha Bailey, primary, Paul Banks Elementary; Tari Hoeft, physical education, Paul Banks/West Homer Elementary; Erin Oxford, primary, Paul Banks Elementary; Jim Legner, technologist, Pupil Services; Joe Taylor, Grade 4, Redoubt Elementary; John Hersrud, principal/teacher, Seward Middle School; Cindy Litzenberger, counselor, Soldotna Middle School; Mary Hicks, kindergarten through Grade 12 advisor, Seward Connections; Donald Frashier, principal/teacher, Tebughna Elementary/High; Michelle Anderson, intermediate, Tebughna Elementary/High; John Hurley, Principal, West Homer Elementary; and Karen Murdock, special education, intensive, West Homer Elementary.

**NONTENURE TEACHERS FOR
TENURE, 2010-11:**

Mr. Jones recommended Joshua Brege, construction, Homer High; Bonnie Jason, language arts, Homer Middle School; Maria Calvert, .50 FTE physical education, Kaleidoscope Charter; Joy Harper, Grade 5, Kaleidoscope Charter; Kristin Davis, biology, Kenai Central High; Emily Sims, home economics, Kenai Central High; Tyler Schlung, special education resource, Kenai Middle School; Brittney Johnson, Grade 5, Mountain View; Kimberly Jordan, special education intensive, Mountain View; Dan Adair, science, Nikiski Middle/High; Adam Anders, physical education, Nikiski Middle/High; Jan Darch, Grade 2, Nikiski North Star; Jennifer Reinhart, kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Laura Jacobsen, Grades 2-6, Razdolna; Katharine Glaser, Grade 2, Seward Elementary; April MacDonald, Grade 4, Seward Elementary; Margaret Griffin, counselor, Skyview High School; and Patrick Dwyer, science, Soldotna Middle School, nontenure teachers, for tenure.

**NONTENURE TEACHER
CONTRACTS, 2010-11:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve nontenure teacher contracts for Steve Cothran, distance education, Curriculum & Assessment; Emanuela Meriggi, distance education, Curriculum & Assessment; Heidi Stokes, .50 FTE permanent, generalist/.50 FTE temporary, Title I teacher, Chapman; Mary Simondsen, .50 FTE music, Chapman Elementary; Wendi Dutcher, secondary generalist, Connections; Reubin Payne, generalist, Connections; Dennis Welch, generalist, Connections; Connie Akers, library .50 FTE, Homer High; Amy Christianson, band, Homer High; Anna Fisher, social studies, Homer High; Jennifer Booz, science, Homer Middle; Ingrid McKinstry, math/interventionist, Homer Middle; Daniel Olson, social studies/language arts, Homer Middle; Zachary Zimny, art, Homer Middle; Patricia Truesdell, kindergarten through Grade 12 generalist, Hope; Joanna Greene, Grades 4-5, Kachemak-Selo; Kimberly Fields, Grade 2, Kaleidoscope Charter; Marianne Kasch, Grade 5, Kaleidoscope Charter; Shana Butler, .50 FTE library, K-Beach Elementary; Richard Metcalf, science/math, Kenai Alternative; Douglas Armstrong, science, Kenai Central; Jeff Baker, physical education, Kenai Central; Oakley Cothran, .50 FTE physical education, Kenai Central; Stacia Rustad, physical education, health, Kenai Central; Jennifer Scott, social studies, language arts, Kenai Central; Margaret Gilman, language arts, Kenai Middle; Rochelle Horbacz, math/science, Kenai Middle; Megan O'Neill, math/intervention, Kenai Middle; Kendall DellaSperanza, Grade 4, McNeil Canyon; Lenore Swanson, music/physical education/primary, McNeil Canyon; Maureen Wilkinson, interventionist, McNeil Canyon; Renee Christensen, Grade 5, Mountain View Elementary; Nicole Cunningham, Grade 1, Mountain View; Summer Dallman, Grade 1, Mountain View Elementary; Sarah Kantrud, Grade 3, Mountain View Elementary; Cynthia McKibben, Grade 3, Mountain View Elementary; Timothy McFarland, music, Mountain View Elementary; Jesse Bjorkman, social studies, Nikiski Middle/High; Dylan Hooper, science, Nikiski Middle/High; Paul Johnson, vocational education workforce development (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary), Nikiski Middle/High; Mim McKay, music, Nikiski Middle/High; Laura Niemczyk, high school language arts, Nikiski Middle/High; Jessica Sobey, language arts, Nikiski Middle/High; Mark Wackler, alternative education/credit recovery, Nikiski Middle/High; Anna Widman, art, Nikiski Middle/High; Gary Wiebel, counselor, Nikiski Middle/High; Tammy Farrell, computer/library, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Heather Hooper, .50 FTE primary, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Shanna Johnson, primary, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Rose Kiernan, primary, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Robin Morris, interventionist, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Katy Settlemyer, .50 FTE kindergarten through Grade 1 teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Kimberly Trammell, kindergarten, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Karen Pala, temporary, early education, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Tricia Young, Title I teacher (temporary), Nikiski North Star Elementary; Vivian Norenberg, permanent .50 FTE Grades 2-4/temporary .50 FTE Title I/migrant, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Kjersten Syth, physical education, Paul Banks Elementary; Brandon Young, Grade 1, Paul Banks Elementary; Carolyn Farmer, Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary;

**NONTENURE TEACHER
CONTRACTS, 2010-11:**
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Ranada Hassemer, interventionist, Redoubt Elementary; Kara Schreur, Grade 2, Redoubt Elementary; Susan Pfeiffenberger, .50 FTE permanent interventionist/.50 FTE temporary Title 1, Seward Elementary; Kyle Schneider, music, Seward Elementary; Erin Flowers, intermediate, Seward Elementary; Barry Hartman, vocational education, Skyview High; Krista Heldenbrand, language arts, Skyview High; Rhonda Neill, library .50 FTE, Skyview High; Eric Pomerleau, physical education, athletic director, Skyview High; Jesse Settlemyer, language arts, Skyview High; Byron Weeks, science, Skyview High; Eric Dahl, intermediate, Soldotna Elementary; Shaya Straw, Grade 3, Soldotna Elementary; Cindy Schlung, .50 FTE permanent interventionist/.50 FTE temporary Title 1, Soldotna Elementary; Meggean Bos, home economics, Soldotna High; Dana Edwards, .75 FTE permanent, math/.25 FTE temporary, principles of engineering, Soldotna High; Tamra Wear, library .50 FTE, Soldotna High; Nicholas Christensen, science, Soldotna Middle; Richard Forcum, vocational education, Soldotna Middle; Sheilah-Margaret Pothast, Spanish .50 FTE, Soldotna Middle; Amanda Brendtro, interventionist .50 FTE, Sterling; Jonathan Horbacz, Grades 5/6, Sterling Elementary; Belinda Smith, Grades 3/4, Sterling Elementary; Cynthia Ussing, intermediate, Sterling Elementary; Linda Vroman, Title I teacher, .50 FTE (temporary), Sterling Elementary; and Joellen Fowler, 50 FTE permanent interventionist/.50 FTE (temporary) Title I, Tustumena Elementary.

**ANNUAL REPORT
REQUIREMENT FOR
CHARTER SCHOOLS:**

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve language in each District charter school renewal contract requiring that an annual report be submitted to the superintendent as part of their end of the year check out process.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACT:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a teacher contract for Bristol A. Whitmore, Spanish teacher, Soldotna High.

HSGQE:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2010-06.

HSGQE:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2010-07.

HSGQE:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2010-08.

**ADMINISTRATOR
CONTRACTS:**

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve administrator contracts for the 2010-2011 school year for Lori Manion, professional Development Coordinator, Curriculum/Assessment; and Andrew Rothenberger, principal/teacher, Kachemak-Selo.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF
ABSENCE-SUPPORT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence, effective for the 2010-2011 school year for Marivel Petska, Special Education Aide, Homer High.

MOTION

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 10. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

CONSENT AGENDA:
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Mrs. Vadla removed Numbers 6, Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2010-06, and 7, Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2010-07.

Motion carried unanimously on Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, and 10.

Motion carried unanimously on Numbers 6 and 7.

FY11 BUDGET:
(7:56:42 PM)

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a General Fund FY11 Budget of \$128,983,838 and a Special Revenue Funds FY11 Budget of \$23,092,231 for a total FY11 Budget for all funds of \$152,076,069.

MOTION

Mrs. Hilts moved the Board approve FY11 Budget of \$128,983,838. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**KPSAA RECOMMENDATION
REGARDING SOFTBALL,
BASEBALL:**
(8:01:54 PM)

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve acceptance of the outsourced Boys' Baseball and Girls' Softball programs as fully sanctioned district activities with the accompanying coaching stipends and the reinstatement of travel funds for all activities as the budget allows.

MOTION

Mr. Holt moved the Board approve the recommendation to accept outsourced Boys' Baseball and Girls' Softball programs as fully sanctioned district activities with the accompanying coaching stipends and the reinstatement of travel funds for all activities as the budget allows. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Mr. Arness passed the gavel to Vice-President Downing in order to comment on the recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

The gavel was returned to President Arness.

**FIREWEED CHARTER
SCHOOL REQUESTS:**
(8:13:03 PM)

Mrs. Kiki Abrahamson, Fireweed Charter School administrator, requested that the Board approve Fireweed Academy's request to enter into a lease agreement with Dave and Trudy Ritchie to house an expanded program for Fireweed Academy. She assured the Board that the 2-campus system will work.

MOTION

Mrs. Downing moved the Board approve Fireweed Academy Charter School's request to expand their current 3-6 grade configuration to include grades K-2 and their request to lease additional space contingent upon approval of the lease by the Borough Attorney. Mr. Navarre seconded.

**FIREWEED CHARTER
SCHOOL REQUESTS:**

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MOTION

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve an amendment to include the language “and approval of the design change requirements by the School District Director of Maintenance” at the end of the original motion. Mr. Holt seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

**REVISIONS TO BP 3470,
FUND BALANCE:**

(8:31:32 PM)

MOTION

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 3470, Fund Balance.

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve revisions to BP 3470, Fund Balance which specifies a maximum amount the District may have in its unreserved year-end fund which would be five percent. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**NIKISKI SIXTH GRADE
RELOCATION:**

(8:32:29 PM)

MOTION

Dr. Atwater recommended that the Board approve the reconfiguration of Nikiski Middle/High School to include sixth grade effective in August of 2011.

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve the relocation of the Nikiski sixth grade. Mr. Holt seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
STUDENT DRUG TESTING
TASK FORCE:**

(8:36:25 PM)

MOTION

Dr. Atwater recommended that the Board consider forming a task force to review whether it is appropriate for the District to write and then adopt a policy that would guide drug testing of students who participate in co-curricular activities with the membership to be appointed by the Board president and superintendent and a recommendation to the Board at the August 9, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Jesse Bjorkman, Nikiski Middle/High School teacher, spoke against drug testing students who participate in co-curricular activities because it will deter students from trying out for activities.

Mrs. Crawford moved that the Board form a task force to review whether it is appropriate for the District to write and then adopt a policy that would guide drug testing of students who participate in co-curricular activities. The nine members of the task force would be appointed by the Board president and superintendent and represent legal, community medical, professional educators and school Board. The task force would be directed to make a recommendation to the Board at the August 9, 2010 meeting. Mr. Navarre seconded.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
STUDENT DRUG TESTING
TASK FORCE:**

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Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arness asked Board members to contact him if they are interested in serving on the Drug Testing Task Force.

**2010-2011 TENTATIVE
BOARD MEETING DATES:**

(8:45:20 PM)

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve a tentative meeting schedule for Board meetings for the 2010-2011 school year.

MOTION

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve a tentative meeting schedule for Board meeting dates for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

MOTION

Mrs. Downing moved the Board hold the September meeting in Homer and the May meeting in Seward. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Holt, Hilts, Downing, Crawford, Navarre, Vadla, Arness

NO – Hohl

Amended motion carried.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/
COMMENTS:**

(8:52:15 PM)

Mrs. Moock, KPAA president, reported that not only have the numbers of homeless students increased, but the numbers of students struggling because of parental unemployment have as well. She stated that a number of students have requested waivers for co-curricular activities fees and are not on the Free and Reduced Lunch list. She stated that she was disappointed to hear that the ATOSS Program will be eliminated because it is critical to get students back in school as soon as possible so they do not become drop outs. She asked the Board for financial assistance for co-curricular travel because Soldotna Middle School will not have enough money even with the increase in fees. She noted that there is increased stress in the building this year because of standards based assessments.

Mr. Dave Carey, Borough Mayor, reported that there has been significant improvement in communications and shared vision between the borough administration and school district. He stated that he supports the 2010 bond issue for approximately \$27 million to address needed repairs to School District buildings. He stated that the Borough and School District need to work collectively to support the Workforce Development Center so that District students can be trained for future jobs on the Peninsula. He announced that he will present a budget to the Borough Assembly which will include \$45 million in local funding, which represents 99.45% of the cap. He asked the Board to require students to take physical education classes each year of high school. He thanked the Board and the current administration for their hard work.

BOARD COMMENTS:

(9:02:26 PM)

Mrs. Vadla thanked Mr. White for the Technology Replacement Plan. She appreciated the River City Academy progress report from Mr. Wilbanks and the Nikiski High School report. She thanked the school administrators who have submitted written conference reports. She thanked Mayor Carey for his support of the proposed bond issue. She expressed appreciation to Ms. Hohl for the information from Mr. Capra about the State of American Boyhood and No Map to Manhood and added that she has felt that the needs of young men are not being addressed.

Mr. Holt thanked those who presented reports and to Mr. Bjorkman for his comments regarding drug testing.

Mrs. Hilts stated that she is discouraged by the increase in homeless students in the District. She stated that a Drug Testing Taskforce may not be needed but something is needed to involve communities, tribal organizations, and young people to solve the substance abuse problems. She reminded those present to become familiar with the Anti Corruption Act initiative and cautioned that it is really a gag initiative and takes away the freedom to lobby.

Mrs. Crawford was pleased that the FY11 budget was approved without objection. She expressed appreciation for the Nikiski Middle/High School presentation. She stated that the statistics on homeless students are shocking. She thanked Mayor Carey for speaking to the Board.

Mr. Navarre noted that not all items that were eliminated from the School District budget in past years have been returned. He stated that even though the School District is still being underfunded by the state, the District is planning for the future through the fund balance and the equipment fund. He stated that he will ask the Borough Mayor and Borough Assembly to support the budget as presented, based on 100% of the cap.

Ms. Hohl stated that she was impressed with the Nikiski Middle/High report. She stated that she attended the Seward Prevention Coalition meeting. She stated that while in Washington D.C. she visited the Upside Down Organization, and met with the executive director of the children's fund who gave a tour of the school. She provided information about the school that serves kindergarten through twelfth grade that have behavioral and discipline issues as well as physical problems. She stated that she traveled to Washington DC to attend teas hosted by Senator Murkowski and Senator Begich and met with Representative Don Young. She reported that she attended the Seward transportation planning meeting and added that Central Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) received money to provide public transportation across the Peninsula. She attended the governor's advisory committee for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and told the group that special services students need help transitioning when they leave the safety of school. She stated that she will represent PTA at the BP Teachers of Excellence Selection Committee meeting and will attend the upcoming PTA Convention. She stated

BOARD COMMENTS:

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that she attended the legislator constituent meeting. She congratulated Garrett Hanson who received a bronze ulu at the Arctic Winter Games in the Native Youth Olympics.

Mrs. Downing stated that she went to Washington DC to attend the U.S. Department of Education presentation of the new education technology plan. She stated that the plan will free up time for teachers to spend more personal time with students and quality interactions with students. She stated that she would like the Board to provide a solution for co-curricular travel and other enrichment activities for students and suggested that the KPSAA executive board join the Board for a day-long session to create some vision and improve issues throughout the District. She stated that it was a momentous occasion to approve Fireweed Academy Charter School's requests.

Miss Riley stated that she will serve on the BP Teacher of Excellence Selection Committee. She expressed appreciation for the Board discussions.

Mr. Arness reminded Board members to notify him if they are interested in serving on the Drug Testing Task Force.

ADJOURN:

(9:23:17 PM)

At 9:23 p.m., Mr. Navarre moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Clerk

The Minutes of April 5, 2010,
were approved on May 3, 2010
as written.