
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

January 10, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds, K-Beach Elementary Principal, gave a computer-generated presentation highlighting the school theme of the Olympics, student achievements, results of last year's theme, Monday Morning Meetings, a Russian dancer special guest, the summer reading program, teleconferencing with UAF, activities with senior citizens, classroom lessons and activities, the salmon egg collection project, assessment information, therapy dogs, parent involvement, the school store and school art projects. She noted that the school achieved Annual Yearly Progress for the second year as mandated by the NCLB Act. Students from Grades 2, 3, and 4, presented information on the U.S. election process and information on presidential history and invited the Board to the mock Inaugural Ball hosted by the school on January 20.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Dr. Marilyn Jackson provided information about the Community Action Coalition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson provided an explanation about steps that were used to generate the FY06 Preliminary Budget in advance of Board action on the proposed FY05 budget revisions. She announced that the Board and Assembly will conduct a joint worksession on January 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. She announced that public budget hearings will be held at Kenai Central on January 19, Seward High on January 20 and Homer High on January 24. She announced that a Site Council and parent group training will be held on January 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Kenai River Center. Dr. Peterson reported on the 10 Things Youth Leaders Want School Boards to Know as printed in the *AASB Commentary*, December 2004.

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

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations for Merlin Cordes, .50 FTE generalist, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School, (effective on January 6, 2005); Dennis Dunn, principal, Kenai Central High School (effective at the end of the 04-05 school year); Michael W. Wykis, principal, Sears Elementary, effective at the end of the 04-05 school year; Candice L. Perry, Social Studies/P.E., Seward Middle High School (effective December 30, 2004); Linell J. McCrum, Special Education resource, K-Beach Elementary (effective at the end of the 04-05 school year); and John Owens, principal, Nikiski Middle/High School (effective at the end of the 04-05 school year).

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for Mary M. Hicks, temporary generalist teacher .50FTE, Seward Area Connections Program; Kimberly R. Johnson, temporary generalist teacher at Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; and Amy Williams, special education, resource teacher at Skyview High School.

HSGQE Waiver: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam

Waiver request Number 2005-03.

Budget Transfers: The Board unanimously approved Budget Transfer Number 131 and 132 to pay for a music teacher and physical education teacher for Aurora Borealis Charter School; Number 140 to establish gas utility budgets at locations where natural or bottled gas is used for heating; Number 141 for adjustments to telephone budgets between locations as a result of changes in usage and billing; and Number 147 to pay for services contracted to meet student needs as determined by the IEP process.

Request for Leave of Absence-Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Justin George, III, head custodian, Soldotna High School (effective January 10, 2005 until November 8, 2005).

Revisions to AR 0420: The Board approved revisions to AR 0420 (School-Based Management/ Site Councils) in order to bring policy in line with current practice.

FY 05 Budget Revision: The Board approved a revised FY05 Revenue Budget in the amount of \$83,017,786. The Board approved an amendment to move \$500,000 designated for elementary reading curriculum into the contingency account. The board approved an amendment to move \$181,800 designated to upgrade deteriorating phone systems into the contingency account.

POLICY REVISION: The Board approved revisions to AR 6146.1 (Weighted Grades) using language in Option Number 2.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of various revisions to Section 4000 (Personnel) and revisions to BP 3311 (Bids).

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 7, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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