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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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

Homer High School - 600 E. Fairview Ave.  
Homer, Alaska

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**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented Miss Samantha Halpin (for classroom volunteerism) and Miss Katie Gavenus (for establishing an ongoing recycling program), with the Spirit of Youth Award Nomination Certificate.

The Board presented Golden Apple awards to Harry Rasmussen, Homer Flex teacher, and Jeff Szarzi, Homer Flex teacher, for their service to the District. Mr. Rasmussen accepted the award for Mr. Szarzi who was not in attendance.

Mrs. Lorene Wentz, Homer Flex, was recognized for receiving the 2004-2005 Outstanding Performance Award from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Education.

Dr. Peterson presented a 10-year service award pin to Ms. Germano.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Randy Creamer, Principal/Teacher, Kachemak Selo School, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the unusual commute to school by staff, school facility, overcrowding situation, student enrollment, school improvements, and school activities.

Mr. Pete Swanson, McNeil Canyon Elementary School principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the growing student population, cross-age activities, staffing, community support and involvement, annual school goals, classroom activities, assessment scores, academic competitions, staff development, student field trips, volunteers, artists-in-the-schools, and the 2004 National Blue Ribbon Award.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that principal interviews have been conducted for Sears Elementary and Kenai Central High. She reported that the assistant superintendent position vacancy has been posted and that the assistant principal position at Kenai Central High School will soon be advertised. She reported that a Board worksession will be held to discuss the proposed changes to the stated Alaska Student Activities Associations eligibility requirements. She told the public that adequacy and equity in education funding are two key points to discuss with state legislators.

**Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget:** Mrs. Melody Douglas presented the 2005-2006 preliminary School District budget.

**Long-Term Substitute Contract:** The Board unanimously approved a substitute teacher contract for Alison Gryga, math, Nikiski Middle/High.

**2005-2006 Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments:** The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 2005-2006 school year.

**Revisions to 2005 Federal Legislative Priorities:** The Board unanimously approved revisions

to the 2005 federal legislative priorities list.

**2005-2006 Nontenured Pupil Services Teacher Assignments:** The Board unanimously approved a list of non-tenured pupil services teacher assignments for the 2005-2006 school year.

**Resignations:** The Board unanimously approved resignations from Ruby Cobus, kindergarten, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Michael S. Gullett, social studies/generalist, Nikolaevsk School, and Susan L. Bacon, Counselor, Skyview High School.

**Waiver for Soccer 10-Game Limit:** The Board unanimously approved a waiver of the 10-game limit for the 2004-2005 soccer season and that a 15 game season be temporarily approved on a trial basis, or until the KPBSD Member Schools bring forward a proposal to amend this season for School Board action.

**Pupil Services Nontenured Teachers for Tenure 2005-06:** The Board unanimously approved a list of nontenured Pupil Services teachers for tenure for the 2005-2006 school year.

**Resolution 04-05-4:** The Board unanimously approved Resolution Number 04-05-4 which supports the Alaska School District Cost Study Update. The Board approved four amendments to the resolution in order to provide more clarification.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 4, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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