
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

May 1, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Dr. Shannon Atkinson presented sweatshirts to students who successfully competed in the National Ocean Science Bowl.

LEASE REPORT: Mr. Szymoniak presented a report of District leases and agreements for the 2006-2007 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reminded the Board that Teacher and Staff appreciation week is May 7 through 13 and that high school graduation ceremonies are May 25 through 26. She announced that the Nikiski Middle/High School Drama, Debate and Forensics team placed second in state competition. She announced that the BP Teachers of Excellence appreciation dinner is May 11. She reported that she will give a presentation at the Kenai Chamber of Commerce on May 25. She announced that Pete Swanson, McNeil Canyon Elementary principal, has been selected as the 2006 Alaska Distinguished Elementary School Principal. She presented Mrs. Mullins with a 10 year pin for her service to the District as a Board member.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVERS: This item was removed from the agenda at the recommendation of the administration.

NONTENURE TEACHER FOR TENURE (2006-2007): The Board unanimously approved Naomi Fischer, a nontenure teacher, for tenure.

TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS: The Board approved tentative nontenure teaching assignments for Suzanne Phillips, Grade 8, Aurora Borealis Charter; Jennifer Haugh, Grade 5, Chapman Elementary; Mary Margaret Hicks, Seward Area .50 FTE, Connections Program; Nancy Kleine, Homer Area, Connections Program; Sean Campbell, language arts, Homer High; Mark Casseri, math, Homer High; Deborah Jacobson, science .50 FTE, Homer High; Gordon Pitzman, Spanish, Homer High; Matt Stineff, science, Homer High; Anne Peel, special education-emotionally handicapped, Homer Middle; Andrew Rothenberger, generalist, Kachemak Selo School; Alison Larson, generalist, Kenai Alternative; Elizabeth Barnett, Grades 4-8, Moose Pass Elementary; Derek Bynagle, secondary generalist, Nanwalek Elementary/High; Katharine Bynagle, secondary generalist, Nanwalek Elementary/High; Karen Budge, music, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Tim Helvey, social studies, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Kim Johnson, K-8 generalist, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Tina Wise, music, Paul Banks Elementary; Robert Barnwell, Grade 5/6, Seward Elementary; Sharon Stevens-

Ganser, Grade 5/6, Seward Elementary; Scott Jonsson, art, Seward High; Myla Liljemark, social studies/math, Seward High; Holly Alston, language arts/physical education .50 FTE, Seward Middle; Mark Woodward, language arts/social studies, Seward Middle; Jennifer Brockman, art, Skyview High; Bridgit Gillis, music, Soldotna Middle; Michael Audette, music, Sterling Elementary; Timothy Winters, Grades 7-12, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Ronanda Liberty, upper elementary, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Andrea Joachim, elementary generalist, Tebughna Elementary/High; Donny Joachim, elementary generalist, Tebughna Elementary/High; and Elizabeth Vonziegesar-Whip, library, West Homer Elementary.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT (2006-2007): The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Vaughn Dosko as the Kenai Middle assistant principal.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests from Joy Harper, special needs preschool aide, Soldotna Elementary and Neil Kinney, head custodian, West Homer Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year, from Gerald M. Olson, special education-resource, Nikiski Middle/High School; Judy Leichter, kindergarten, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Debra Womack, special education-resource, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Lana Putman, school psychologist, K-Beach Elementary; Gordy Vernon, occupational therapist, Sears Elementary; John Cote, principal, Seward Middle School; Amy Williams, special education resource, Skyview High; and Tina Skaalerud, special education resource, Soldotna Elementary.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Darrell Hagen, industrial arts/health/physical education, Nikiski Middle/High School; Karma Sherk, preschool, Soldotna Elementary School; and Zada Friedersdorff, language arts, Soldotna High School.

KALEIDOSCOPE CHARTER SCHOOL SPACE RECOMMENDATION: The Board approved a recommendation regarding the Kaleidoscope Charter School Space Request to keep the enrollment at 136 students and provide 6 classrooms at Sears Elementary.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 5, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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