Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson welcomed Mr. Glen Szymoniak as the Assistant Superintendent. She reported that on June 11 she attended the Kate Kuhns Aquatic Center dedication at Homer High School. She reported that on June 12 through 15 the District sponsored the statewide Leadership Institute. She reported that on June 27 the administration met with the Kenai Middle Site Council. She noted that during the summer District schools are used to house firefighters as necessary. She presented site council evaluation reports from each school.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2005.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 297 through 653 for various schools and departments within the District.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of James Cammon as Homer Middle School principal, Michael Sellers as Nanwalek School/Port Graham School regional administrator, Daniel R. Carstens as Nikiski Middle/High School assistant principal, Randall Neill as Skyview High School principal, and Sharon Moock as Soldotna Middle School principal.

SUBSTITUTE AND TEMPORARY PAY SCHEDULE: The Board unanimously approved the pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 2005-2006 school year.

NONTENURE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments for Mary M. Hicks, .50 FTE generalist at Connections-Seward Area; Katherine Van Saun, speech language pathologist Districtwide-Central Peninsula; Deborah C. Jacobson, .40 FTE Science at Homer High; Gordon Pitzman, Spanish teacher at Homer High; Kimberly Knecht, primary teacher-Grade 2 at K-Beach Elementary; Audra McCubbins, kindergarten at K-Beach Elementary; Kim Johnson, K-8 generalist at Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Christy Mulyca, Business/Technology Education at Seward High; Holly Alston, .50 FTE Language Arts/Physical Education at Seward Middle; Luanne Bressler Grades 4/5 at Soldotna Elementary; Karlene Meyers, Grade 6 at Soldotna Elementary; Sandra Lyons, Title I Teacher (temporary) at Sterling Elementary; Elizabeth VonZiegesar-Whip, .50 FTE librarian/media specialist at West Homer Elementary.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for Karen S. Fine, elementary Grades 3-6 (temporary) at Fireweed Charter School; Jason S. Steadman, speech language pathologist for Homer Middle, Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Susan B. English; Kelly I. Balise, .50 FTE (temporary)/.50 FTE (permanent) Grade 5 Teacher at K-Beach Elementary; Katherine Mullin, Title I teacher (temporary) at K-Beach Elementary; Tammy L. Hanley, , 21st Century Grant teacher/manager (temporary) at K-Beach Elementary; Alison E. Larson, Grades 9-12 generalist at Kenai Alternative High School; Michelle M. Bayes, .50 FTE (temporary)/.50 FTE (permanent) social studies at Kenai Central High School; Elizabeth Barnett, Grades 4-8 at Moose Pass Elementary; Michelle Burnett, Grade 1 teacher at Nikiski North Star Elementary; Tammy Flanders, special education/resource at Redoubt Elementary; Shaun O'Shea, Grade 6 at Redoubt Elementary; Lori Young, kindergarten teacher at Redoubt Elementary; Catherine Bethune, Title I Teacher (temporary) at Sears Elementary;

Jennifer Dowd, Grades K, 1, 2 or multi-grade teacher at Sears Elementary; Robert W. Barnwell, Grades 5/6 at Seward Elementary; Sharon Stevens-Ganser, Grades 5/6 teacher at Seward Elementary; and Rob Shively, .50 FTE (temporary)/.50 FTE (permanent) language arts teacher at Soldotna High/Skyview High School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board approved resignations effective at the end of the 2004-2005 school year for Mary Beth Verhelst, Grade 1 at K-Beach Elementary; Andrea Cacek, art/photography, Kenai Central High; Charles Boerger, social studies, Seward High School; Melissa Olver, art, Seward Middle/High School; and Leah Dubber, social studies/math at Susan B. English Elementary/High.

2005-2006 BOARD GOALS: The Board unanimously approved three goals in the areas of policy review, charter schools, and funding for accomplishment during the 2005-2006 school year as a result of the Board's June 7 planning session.

2005-2006 ANNUAL AGENDA GUIDELINE: The Board unanimously approved the 2005-2006 Annual Agenda Guideline.

NONTENURE TEACHERS FOR TENURE: The Board approved Michael Houghton and Tania Patiro, tentative nontenured teachers, for tenure.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Number 616 to pay for summer school Special Ed Aides and temporary aides; budget transfer Number 621 to pay for services of a physical therapist; budget transfer Number 623 to pay for substitute salaries at schools where employees have been on long-term leave; budget transfer Number 638 to pay for substitute teacher salaries at Homer High School; budget transfer Number 641 to pay for long-term substitute teacher salaries at Seward High, Kenai Middle and Soldotna Elementary Schools, respectively; budget transfer Number 612 to pay for actual transportation costs in the Kenai/Soldotna area for the month of May; budget transfer Numbers 540 and 561 to pay for Kaleidoscope Charter School music and librarian teacher's salaries, respectively; budget transfer Numbers 581and 629 to pay for costs of Aurora Borealis Charter employee health care benefits and travel to the International Robotics Competition, respectively; and budget transfer Numbers 481, 483 and 543 to pay for Montessori Charter teacher's salaries, administrator's salary, and physical education teacher's salary, respectively.

FY06 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a FY06 general fund budget of $89,560,311 and total of $106,891,787 for all funds.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 1, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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