

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

January 19, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORT - Mr. Ken Meacham, principal of Redoubt Elementary, explained how his school celebrated National Children's Book week and expressed his appreciation to Mick Galic and Safeway for their support of education and Redoubt Elementary. Mrs. VanDerWedge presented awards to outstanding readers; Mrs. Griffin's third grade students sang a Hawaiian song accompanied with a hand game, and Mr. Rolf gave a technology presentation emphasizing how Redoubt Elementary is doing more for students with less technology equipment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren announced that January is School Board appreciation month and distributed certificates of appreciation to each Board member. He reported that the Board conducted a budget worksession prior to the Board meeting and now have a balanced budget for FY 99. He announced that budget hearings will be conducted in Kenai, Homer, Seward, Soldotna, and Nikiski to solicit input from the public.

FINANCIAL REPORTS - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending November 30, 1997, and December 31, 1997.

BUDGET TRANSFERS REPORT - Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 97 through 211 for various schools and departments within the District.

COCURRICULAR REPORT - Mr. Dave Spence, executive secretary for the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association, reported that the primary goal of all elementary cocurricular programs is the involvement of the maximum number of participants. At the middle level, the primary goals are to encourage student participation and to afford individual students the opportunity to further develop the skills required to participate in their chosen activities. High school cocurricular programs involve students in district-sponsored activities that refine their interests and talents. He reported that while high school enrollment has shown an increase of approximately 8% since the 1992-93 school year, participation in cocurricular programs has grown by approximately 45% overall; a 43% increase for boys, and a 48% increase for girls.

CERTIFIED DIPLOMA INTERIM REPORT - Mr. Ed McLain presented a three-part interim report on certified diplomas. He explained that Part I is an overview of the process and action plan that the Certified Diploma Steering Committee has developed and is following; Part II is an overview of Committee comments and considerations in key areas under review; and Part III is a list of key questions contained in the initial statement of charge for the Committee to consider.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Colleen Jones, Special Education/EH, Soldotna High School and Ann Heimbuch, Grade 6, West Homer Elementary.

1997-98 TEACHER APPOINTMENT - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1997-98 school year for Sharon Stevens-Ganser, Temporary (half-time) Kindergarten, Seward Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Jolee Ellis, Grade 1, McNeil Canyon Elementary; David Lewis, Special Ed/Severe, West Homer Elementary; Sheryl McMichael, Grade 6, Sterling Elementary and Lawrence Moore, Photography/Vocational Ed, Skview High.

REDIRECTION OF BOND FUNDS - The Board unanimously approved a request to redirect remaining funds from the West Homer Elementary and Tustumena Elementary projects for use toward the purchase and installation of a replacement boiler at Ninilchik Elementary/High School in the amount of \$12,000; purchase of furniture and equipment for the new second story addition at Ninilchik Elementary/High School in the amount of \$100,000; and apply remaining funds towards the Seward High School swimming pool renovation.

KPESA NEGOTIATION TEAM - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Sharon Radtke, Patrick Hickey and Melody Douglas to the District negotiating team. Mrs. Gross appointed Debra Mullins and Joe Arness to serve as Board representatives.

POLICY REVISIONS - The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP and AR 5123, Promotion/Acceleration/Retention. Changes to the policy and regulation require parental involvement and notification. The District retains the right to either retain or promote if concurrence cannot be reached. Parents/guardians may appeal any decision under due process.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 2, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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