

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

May 18, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS - Mrs. Carolyn Cannava, principal, Soldotna Elementary, stated that students at Soldotna Elementary are placing well above the District average in all academic areas. Miss Anne Pfitzner and her third grade class gave a slide presentation showing the Adopt-a-Creek Project for Soldotna Creek. Ms. Courtright's fourth grade class narrated a slide presentation describing their field trip to Independence Mine which was funded through a grant from the Alaska Chapter of the National Geographic Society. The After-School Theater group concluded the presentation with a medley from their spring production, Wizard of Oz.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS - Ms. Kathy Schwartz announced the upcoming art education staff development and student art camp opportunities to be held at Soldotna High School in June 1998. Mr. Chuck Boll presented a \$500 donation from Laidlaw Transit Company to the District to be used for a student scholarship fund.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS - Mrs. Gross presented awards of appreciation to Fran Norman, Port Graham Site-Based Council Chairperson, for her years of volunteer service, leadership and devotion to quality education for the community of Port Graham; and Patty Campbell, Data Processing, for being the primary author of the District's comprehensive financial system and her outstanding service to the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren told the Board that the passage and subsequent signing into law of SB36 will bring additional monies to the District and that the Board will need to develop a plan for its use.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 1998.

CERTIFIED DIPLOMA REPORT - Mr. McLain presented the certified diploma report. A listing of 19 recommendations and comments was presented. Mr. McLain suggested that the Board conduct a worksession during their June meeting to review the recommendations.

RESIGNATION - The Board unanimously approved a resignation effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Stuart Allen, science, Seward High.

TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENT - The Board unanimously approved a listing of tentative nontenure teacher assignments for the 1998-99 school year.

1998-99 TEACHER ASSIGNMENT - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Allan Miller, science (full-time), Soldotna Middle School.

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE RESOLUTION 97-98-6/TRS - The Board unanimously approved participation in the 1998-99 state-approved Retirement Incentive Program for all eligible members of the Teachers' Retirement System.

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE RESOLUTION 97-98-7/PERS - The Board unanimously approved participation in the 1998-99 state-approved Retirement Incentive Program for all eligible members of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT/KPAA - The Board unanimously approved a memorandum of agreement to add language to the KPAA agreement establishing September 15, 1998, as the deadline for administrators to announce their intention to retire.

RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE 1998-99 RETIREMENT WINDOW - The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to change the 1998-99 retirement window to be set at December 1, 1998, through January 6, 1999. This window will not alter the District requirement that eligible candidates notify the District between September 15, 1998, and October 15, 1998, of their intent to resign from the District and participate in the retirement incentive program.

STUDENT EXPULSIONS - The Board suspended two elementary students for violation of Board Policy 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments. Each student is required to perform five hours of community service prior to readmittance.

COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND HANDBOOKS - The Board unanimously approved recommended changes to the Cocurricular Activities Guidelines proposed by the KPSAA Executive Board. An amendment was approved stating that no penalties would be imposed against students who chose not to participate in activities or events occurring on Sundays or holidays.

BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR REDOUBT AND SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to change the boundaries for Redoubt Elementary and Soldotna Elementary Schools. The area between the streets of Fireweed and the Kenai Spur Highway, north of Marydale and south of Knight Drive, Soldotna, will now be assigned to Soldotna Elementary effective July 1, 1998. Families impacted by the change will be allowed to continue their enrollment at Redoubt Elementary but new families to the District will be required to enroll at Soldotna Elementary.

SALARY SCHEDULE FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS AND DIRECTORS - The Board approved a salary schedule for assistant superintendents and directors. There were no changes from the 1997-98 salary schedule. Directors and assistant superintendents not receiving a step advancement will receive a longevity payment of 2% above their salary if they have satisfactorily completed their goals for the previous year.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Bill Hague, principal/teacher, Hope Elementary/High School.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS - The Board heard a first reading of BP 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements. Proposed revisions delay the requirement for students to fulfill 22 units for graduation by one year.

SPECIAL MEETING - A special School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska. The Board will interview candidates to fill a Board vacancy.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 8, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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