

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

June 8, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

**SPECIAL MEETING** - A special School Board Meeting was held Monday, June 1, 1998, to interview candidates to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Board Member Joyce Fischer. The seven candidates interviewed were Jeri Best, Lorraine Crawford, Richard Jobe, Marianna Keil, Jean Kimple, Jim Skogstad, and Tammy White. Mr. Dave Beckett notified the Board that he was unable to attend due to a conflict and submitted a letter explaining his interest in serving on the Board and his qualifications. Mr. Doug Mallett was also not in attendance.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS** - Mrs. Pam Lettington, spokesperson for the Nikiski Area Reconfiguration Committee, explained their concerns regarding the configuration of their schools. She presented the results of a survey of residents, students and staff and outlined five scenarios offered for consideration.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS** - Mrs. Gross presented "Pat on the Back" awards from the Alaska Association of School Librarians to Jim Dawson, Donna Peterson and Sue Liebner. Mrs. Gross presented a gift of appreciation to Mrs. Joyce Fischer for her many years of dedicated service to the Board of Education.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board of the planning session, June 9, at 9:00 a.m., in the Skyview High Library. He announced that the State School Board was meeting and would be unveiling proposed regulations on various topics for public comment. He stated that Mrs. Donna Peterson was in attendance at the meeting and would report to the District.

**FINE ARTS REPORT** - Mr. Ed McLain presented the Fine Arts Report and thanked the committee members for their time. He reminded those present of the Alaska Arts Education Institute being held at the Kenai Peninsula College.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS REPORT** - Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 358 through 854 for various schools and departments within the District.

**TITLE II EISENSHOWER GRANT EXPENDITURES REPORT** - Mr. Ed McLain presented a report consisting of the last three Title II end-of-year reports to the Alaska Department of Education. The reports included the approved goals and objectives of the grant, activities funded by the grant, the numbers (of teachers, parents, others) served by those activities, and the dollars expended for those activities for each of the years 1995-1996, 1996-1997, and 1997-1998.

**EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST** - The Board approved a request for a Homer High School student to graduate by the end of the first semester, 1998-99 school year.

**TITLE IX AND SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE OFFICER APPOINTMENTS** - The Board approved the appointment of Ed McLain as the District Title IX compliance officer and Rick Matiya as the District Section 504 compliance officer.

BUDGET TRANSFERS -The Board approved budget transfers Number 622 for \$13,385 to cover periodic temporary help to process mail and freight shipments, Number 631 for \$13,058 to purchase computers for the QUEST distance learning program, Number 705 for \$10,296 to cover extraordinary substitute costs resulting from an employee on long-term leave due to an injury and Number 852 for \$14,945 to cover the purchase of replacement sound system equipment.

TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENT -The Board approved a tentative nontenure teacher assignment for the 1998-99 school year for William Withrow, physical education (half-time), Sterling Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED - The Board approved a one-year leave of absence request for the 1998-99 school year for Sandy Pelischek, Special Ed/Speech and Resource, Seward High.

RESIGNATIONS - The Board approved resignations effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Debbie Burdick, math, Seward High; Carol Huntington, Special Education/resource, West Homer Elementary and Rondi Marsh, music, Skyview/Sterling Elementary.

1998-99 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS - The Board approved teaching appointments for the 1998-99 school year for Bruce Christianson, Special Ed/resource, Soldotna High; Laura Lawrence, Special Ed/resource, Sterling Elementary; Jason Daniels, primary grades, K-Beach Elementary and Victoria Hagen, Districtwide School Psychologist.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS - The Board approved 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Donna Anderson, Grade 1, Sears Elementary and Suzanne Klaben, Grade 3, Nikiski Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT - The Board approved a leave of absence request for Barbara Baldwin, Title I Tutor, Sears Elementary, beginning January 11 to May 7, 1999.

KPESA NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT - The Board unanimously approved the 1998-99 KPESA Negotiated Agreement as presented.

HEALTH COPAYMENT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT/KPAA - The Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kenai Peninsula Administrators' Association and the Board to begin copayments for medical insurance beginning for the 1998-99 school year. Any remaining funds in the KPAA Employee Copay Medical Insurance Account on June 30 of the fiscal year will be reimbursed to participating employees by August 31.

POLICY REVISION - The Board approved revisions to BP 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements, which delay the requirement for students to fulfill 22 units for graduation by one year.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY REPLACEMENT - The Board selected Mrs. Lorraine Crawford to fill a vacant position on the Board. Mrs. Crawford will be sworn in on July 6 and serve until October 1998.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS - The Board heard a first reading of BP 3541.1, School-Related Trips and BP 5134, Student Production of Services and Materials. Revisions to BP 3541.1 adds language addressing school-sponsored trips that involve a student driver. The adoption of BP 5134 would require that a waiver of liability and assumption of risk form be completed prior to receipt of any item for which student labor was involved.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 6, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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