

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

March 1, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS** - Two special School Board meetings were conducted on February 8 and 24, 1999. Applications were reviewed and Dr. Donna Peterson was interviewed and recommended for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

**School Reports** - Mr. Mark Leal, Homer Middle School principal announced that March is National Middle School month which is sponsored jointly by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the National Middle School Association. Mr. Hal Neace and several students demonstrated the laws of motion through the use of cars the students had created. Mrs. Margaret Blanding reported on an architectural project that 7<sup>th</sup> grade math students participated in using many math skills including percentages, fractions, measurements and problem solving. Mr. Mark Robinson directed the middle school choir in two selections and demonstrated the process of sight singing.

**Awards and Presentations** - Mr. Arness presented awards of appreciation to Ms. Jill Kriens, Paul Banks Elementary School, Ms. Rene Jahnke, Paul Banks Elementary School; Ms. Debra Lowney, Homer Middle School; and Mrs. Debra Turkington, Paul Banks Elementary School, for their outstanding contributions to education and the District.

**Superintendent's Report** — Mr. Dahlgren noted that a Board budget worksession will be held Thursday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. and that the budget will be presented to the School Board on Monday, March 15. He also announced that a budget worksession with the Borough Assembly will be held on March 16, 1999. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mr. Paul Sorenson has been selected at the 1999 Alaska State Principal of the Year by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP).

**Capital Improvement Projects** - Mr. Hickey presented a listing of capital improvement projects for House District Number 7 for \$3,908,000, House District Number 8 for \$4,268,000 and House District Number 9 for \$3,911,000.

**Early Graduation Requests** - The Board unanimously approved two early graduation requests for a student at Kenai Central High School and a student at Nikiski Middle/High School.

**1998-1999 Teacher Assignments** - The Board unanimously approved teaching appointments for the 1998-1999 school year for Connie Wheat, math (temporary), Seward Middle/Sr. High; Julie Ball, teacher specialist (half-time, temporary), Aurora Borealis and Virginia Bucher, reading (half-time, temporary), West Homer Elementary.

1999-2000 Teacher Assignments - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1999-2000 school year for James Carlson, metals/drafting, Soldotna High.

Substitute Teacher Contracts - The Board unanimously approved 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Heather Truesdell, computers/business education, Skyview High and Stacy O'Tremba, Russian/art/social studies, Voznesenka Elementary.

Resignations - The Board unanimously approved resignations from Paula O'Connell, (effective 2/8/99) Special Education/resource, Sears Elementary and Michael Ashwell, (effective 5/27/99) science/physics, Kenai Central High.

Administrator Contracts - The Board unanimously approved an administrative assignment for the 1999-2000 school year for G. Scott Mengel, principal, K-Beach Elementary.

1999-2000 Administrator Appointments - The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for the 1999-2000 school year for Aaron Stansberry, principal/teacher, Bartlett Elem/High; Fred Deussing, principal, Chapman Elementary; Steve Smith, principal/teacher, Cooper Landing Elementary; Karen Wessel, principal/teacher, Homer Flex; vacant, assistant principal, Homer High; Mark Leal, principal, Homer Middle; William Hague, principal/teacher, Hope School; vacant, principal, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Samuel Stewart, principal, Kenai Central High; William Overturf, assistant principal, Kenai Central High; Dennis Dunn, principal, Kenai Alternative; Paul Sorenson, principal, Kenai Middle; vacant, assistant principal, Kenai Middle; Alex Trout, principal/teacher, K-Selo; Glen Szymoniak, principal, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Ralph Steeves, principal/teacher, Moose Pass Elementary; James Dawson, principal, Mt. View Elementary; Maurice Glenn, principal/teacher, Nanwalek Elementary/High; Trena Richardson, principal, Nikiski Elementary; vacant, principal, Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Don Glaze, assistant principal, Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Carlton Kuhns, principal, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; vacant, principal, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Susan Liebner, principal, North Star Elementary; Richard Toymil, principal, Paul Banks Elementary; Wayne Young, principal/teacher, Port Graham Elementary/High; Kenneth Meacham, principal, Redoubt Elementary; vacant, principal, Sears Elementary; Robert Boyle, principal, Seward Elementary; Malcolm Fleming, principal, Seward Jr./Sr. High; Steven Pautz, assistant principal, Seward Jr./Sr. High; vacant, principal, Skyview High; Gregg Wilbanks, assistant principal, Skyview High; Carolyn Cannava, principal, Soldotna Elementary; Sylvia Reynolds, principal, Soldotna High; Mark Norgren, assistant principal, Soldotna High; Todd Syverson, principal, Soldotna Middle; Lee Young, assistant principal, Soldotna Middle; Paul Kubena, principal, Sterling Elementary; Steve Jones, principal, Susan B. English Elem/High; Lisa Stroh, principal, Tustumena Elementary; Scott O'Tremba, principal/teacher, Voznesenka; Rick Ladd, principal, West Homer Elementary; Patrick Hickey, assistant superintendent, District Operations and Business Management; Edward McLain, assistant superintendent, Instructional Services; vacant, assistant superintendent, Human Resources; Rick Matiya, director, Bilingual/Alternative Education; Melody Douglas, director, Business/Finance; David Spence, director, Planning/Operations; vacant, director, Curriculum & Staff Development, Mick Wykis, director, Operations/Assessment, Don Boehmer, director, Special Services; Jim White, director, Data Processing; Philip Biggs, director, Technology; Roy Anderson, coordinator, Special Services and Norma Holmgaard, coordinator, Grants/Parent Involvement.

1999-2000 Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments - The Board unanimously approved a listing of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year.

Physical Education Curriculum - The Board unanimously approved the K-12 Physical Education Curriculum Guide.

Title IX Indian Education Grant - The Board held a public hearing and unanimously approved the Title IX grant application in the amount of \$202,016. The application will be forwarded to the Department of Education for funding consideration.

Student Expulsion - The Board approved the one-year expulsion of a student for violation of BP 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Policy Revision BP 3120, Transfer of Funds - The Board unanimously approved BP 3120, Transfer of Funds. The revision changes the reporting of budget transfers to a quarterly cycle.

Superintendent Appointment - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Donna Peterson as Superintendent of Schools beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

First Reading of Policy Revisions - The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP and AR 5119, Access to District Schools By Private School Correspondence and Other Programs. The proposed revision brings District policy into compliance with state law regarding part-time student enrollment and removes priority for full-time students in the selection and availability of classes. The revision in the administrative regulation removes the delayed enrollment process for part-time students.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 15, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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