

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

April 19, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Reports - Ms. Trena Richardson, Nikiski Elementary School principal, highlighted the reading program, which has been the focus of the school staff. She explained that the staff has dedicated a block of time each morning to work on reading and language arts. She explained that students are divided into multi-age performance groups at Grades 1-3 and 4-6. Cathy Carrow and Lindy Cox explained their involvement with the reading program and provided statistics showing student growth. Wayne Floyd, teacher, and Brian Miller, student, provided a tour of the school web site showing the salmon egg-hatching project funded by the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation grant money. Taylor Moore performed an excerpt from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, which she had used in the recent Districtwide forensics meet.

Awards and Presentations - The Board presented awards of appreciation to Joan Kimball, North Star Elementary and Ramona Paulk, Soldotna High School for their outstanding service to education and the District. The Board presented awards of recognition to Jason Daniels, K-Beach Elementary and Sargeant Truesdell, Soldotna Middle School for their nomination to the 1999 Alaska's Sallie Mae First Class Teacher award.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mr. Ralph Steeves has been selected as the Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals Principal/Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that KPESA and KPEA negotiations have been completed and that a tentative agreement has been reached. He stated that the agreement will be available very soon for public comment and review and will be brought to the Board for approval at the May 17 meeting.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that the District budget will be presented to the Assembly during their April 20 meeting.

Financial Report - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending March 31, 1999.

Budget Transfer Report - Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 165 through 322

for various schools and departments within the District.

Elementary School Program Evaluation Report – Mr. Dahlgren noted that a review of elementary schools within the District was included in the Board packet and a worksession was conducted prior to the meeting.

Request for SABBATICAL AND Leave of Absence/Certified - The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence request from Susan Mathews, special education/occupational therapy, Sears Elementary, and a sabbatical request from Anne Pfitzner, third grade, Soldotna Elementary for the 1999-2000 school year.

Rescission of Request for Leave of Absence/Certified - The Board unanimously approved a request to rescind an unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Jackie Bock, special education/preschool, Sears Elementary.

Class Size Reduction Initiative Grant - The Board unanimously approved the 1999-2000 Class Size Reduction Initiative grant for \$430,113. This grant is designed to lower class sizes in Grades 1-3 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

Substitute Teacher Contract - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Fred Brewster, math, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High School.

Administrator Appointment - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mick Wykis, principal, Sears Elementary.

Nikiski Reconfiguration - The Board unanimously approved the concept of the reconfiguration to a middle school for the Nikiski area.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 3, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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