

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

July 6, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

**OATH OF OFFICE/INTERIM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER** - The Oath of Office was administered to Lorraine Crawford by Notary Public, Sally Tachick. Mrs. Crawford was recently selected to serve as an interim member for retiring Board member, Joyce Fischer.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 1998.

**RESIGNATIONS** - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Carol Norstadt, Grades 4-6, Port Graham School; Lynn Norstadt, Grades K-10, Port Graham School; Clark Chesbro, vocational education/general, Susan B. English School; Christine Bergholtz, science, Kenai Central High; Fabian Castilleja, principal, Susan B. English School; Brittany Nowak, librarian, Homer High; and Andrea Messenger, Special Education/educationally handicapped, Seward High.

**1998-99 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS** - The Board unanimously approved teaching appointments for the 1998-99 school year for Kathleen Abrams, Grades K-3, Port Graham School; John Abrams, Grades 6-10 (half-time), Port Graham School; Dawn Bowman, QUEST, Soldotna Middle; Michelle Carver, science, Nikiski Middle/High School; John Damberg, music (temporary), Seward High; Jason Fantz, science, Seward Middle/High School; Mark Fraad, social studies (half-time), Chapman School; Ann Heimbuch, Grades 4-6, West Homer Elementary; Mary Henry, Special Education/resource (temporary), Sears Elem; Renda Horn, music, Paul Banks Elementary; George Kelso, physical education (half-time), Nikiski Elementary; Michael Lanegan, vocational education (.60 time), Skyview High; David Larson, English (half-time), Kenai Central High; Christopher Lau, generalist (temporary), Susan B. English School; Melissa Olver, art, Seward Middle/High; Joseph Rizzo, English, Nikiski Middle/High; Vickey Roney, generalist (half-time), Kenai Alternative; Jean Stockburger, multigrade Elementary, K-Selo School; Michael Stockburger, Grades 9-12 generalist, Kenai Alternative; Jeffrey Szarzi, generalist, Homer Flex ; Sargeant Truesdell, social studies, Soldotna Middle; Troy Zimmerman, social studies, Nikiski Middle/High; and Jeffrey Moore, music (temporary), West Homer Elementary/McNeil Canyon Elementary.

**1998-99 ANNUAL AGENDA** - The Board unanimously approved the 1998-99 Annual Agenda which consists of dates for routine items to be presented to the School Board.

**REQUESTS FOR EARLY GRADUATION** - The Board unanimously approved early graduation

requests from two Homer High School students. One student will graduate at the end of the first semester, 1998-99, and the other student will graduate one year early at the end of the 1998-99 school year.

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB LEASE AGREEMENT** - The Board unanimously approved a lease agreement for the Boys and Girls Club. The agreement is a renewal of last year's lease for space at Kenai Elementary School.

**SUBSTITUTE AND TEMPORARY PAY SCHEDULE** - The Board unanimously approved the pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 1998-99 school year. The salary amount for substitute teachers and nurses increased over the 1997-98 school year.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT** - The Board approved a one-year leave of absence request for the 1998-99 school year for Robert Harwood, driver/courier, Warehouse.

**1998-99 TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS** - The Board unanimously approved a tentative nontenure teacher assignment for the 1998-99 school year for Michael Williamson, math/science, Bartlett Elem/High; Connie Wirz, Title I teacher (.5), Kenai Middle; and Beverly Grogan, lead teacher, Bay View Charter.

**STUDENT EXPULSION** - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a high school student for violation of Board Policy 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

**HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION FIBER OPTIC JOINT LETTER OF INTENT** - The Board unanimously approved the signing of a joint letter of intent with Homer Electric Association to provide fiber optic cabling to District schools. The District will supply the additional end use equipment necessary to establish the network and will apply for Universal Service Funds to finance a portion of the cost of acquiring the equipment.

**ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT** - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Scott O'Tremba, principal/teacher, Voznesenka School.

**FY 1999 BUDGET AMENDMENT** - The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the FY99 budget increasing the amount to a total of \$86,487,679. The additional funds are a result of the passage of CSSB36.

**FY 1999 BUDGET EXPENDITURES PLAN** - The Board approved an expenditures plan for additional funds generated by CSSB36. The plan includes money for the District's retirement contribution for teachers; the governor's Quality Schools Initiative; charter school support; increased staffing; increased nursing services; textbooks/science supplies; data processing equipment upgrades; certified diploma remediation; extended contract days for librarians, counselors, athletic directors and other staff; soccer program support; and equipment/supplies.

**1998-99 BOARD GOALS** - The Board unanimously approved six goals for accomplishment during the

1998-99 school year. These goals are: 1) to develop criteria for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District diploma certification through the expansion of the assessment program, the establishment of benchmark targets, and the development of remediation procedures; 2) to evaluate the elementary program as it relates to pupil-teacher ratio, specialists in reading, art and counseling; 3) to develop a facility plan for the Nikiski area, Soldotna Middle, Skyview High, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High, and Voznesenka School; 4) to develop a public relations effort between staff and community through asset building and community surveys; 5) to develop an equipment replacement plan that will include an evaluation of the District's technology plan and possible technology bond; and 6) to review special education expenditures.

REVISIONS TO BP 3541.1, SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS - The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3541.1, School-Related Trips, that adds language requiring drivers of school-sponsored trips to be 21 years of age or older and be registered with the District.

ADOPTION OF BP 5134, STUDENT PRODUCTION OF SERVICES AND MATERIALS - The Board unanimously approved the adoption of BP 5134 which requires that a waiver of liability and assumption of risk form be completed prior to receipt of items for which student labor is involved.

AURORA BOREALIS CURRICULUM CHANGE - The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the Aurora Borealis Charter School proposal to delete all references to the Calvert curriculum and replace with language that adopts the scope and sequence of the Core Knowledge program.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 3, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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