

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

October 18, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

Oath of Office/New School Board Members - The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected school board members Mrs. Debra Mullins, Dr. Nels Anderson and Mr. Mike Chenault by Notary Public, Sally Tachick.

Reorganization of Board - The School Board Officers for 1999-00 are Ms. Deb Germano, President; Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President; Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk; and Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Treasurer.

Establish Meeting Date, Time and Place - The Board set its meeting time, date and place at 7:30 p.m., the first and third Monday of each month at the Borough Administration Building, Soldotna. Two meetings are scheduled to be held in Homer and Seward in the fall and spring. The Board canceled the March 20 and April 3 meetings and scheduled a replacement meeting for March 27, 2000.

School Reports - Mr. Sam Stewart, Kenai Central High School principal, reported that last year's junior class had the highest overall CAT/5 test scores and that the freshman class had six of nine star papers on the Analytical Writing Assessment districtwide. He presented samples of student self-portraits drawn by first-year art students and introduced three students who gave an excerpt from the play, *Little Women*.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. Hickey is attending the National School Business Officials Conference. She stated that the worksession on school board standards has been moved to the December 6 meeting. She announced that the next Technology Work Group meeting will be October 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Borough Administration Building. She announced that several District principals are attending the State Principal's Conference. She reported that Mr. Walt Ward was named as Alaska State Vocational Association's Teacher of the Year.

Hearing of Delegations - Ms. Mo Sanders, Phi Delta Kappa, presented each School Board member with a complimentary, one-year subscription to The Kappan magazine and invited the Board to join the fraternity.

Financial Report - Dr. Peterson presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 1999.

Budget Transfer Report - Dr. Peterson reported on budget transfers Numbers 1 through 92 for various schools and departments within the District.

Substitute Teacher Contract - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Connie Tracy, vocational education/Project Adventure, Homer Middle.

Leave of Absence/Support - The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Anastasia Barsargin, custodian, Voznesenka Elementary.

New Teacher Appointments - The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Alexei Basargin, (temporary) Russian/math, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Christine Bergholtz, science, Kenai Central High; Lynnette Elliott-James (temporary) Grades 2/3, Soldotna Elementary; and Molly Kennedy, (temporary) occupational therapist for Districtwide special services.

Requests for Early Graduation - The Board unanimously approved early graduation requests from students at Homer Flex, Seward High and Homer High.

Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permit - The Board unanimously approved a Primary and Alternative Member in Charge of Gaming for the North Star Elementary School for the 1999-2000 school year.

Budget Transfers - The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Numbers 98 and 118 for costs to provide a lunch program at Hope Elementary/High and cover costs of onsite installation and training of the new point-of-sale system for the food service program and provide professional-technical psychological services necessary due to an unfilled position.

Resignation - The Board unanimously approved a resignation effective October 12, 1999, for Jacqueline Stringham, music, Nikiski Middle/High School.

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Revision Process - The Board unanimously approved a change that would place administrative regulations on the consent agendas of regularly scheduled Board meetings. This modification would no longer require a first and second reading prior to approval.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 1, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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