

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

August 17, 1998

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Treasurer

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Ms. Deborah Germano, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and
Business Management

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Miss Sara Holt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Louise McDonald Mr. Gary Hodel

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, (Mr. Joe Arness, Mrs. Susan Larned, Dr. Nels Anderson, Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Ms. Deborah Germano, and Mrs. Debra Mullins) were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:21 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss the superintendent evaluation and Board self-evaluation. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:30 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Gross invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present

Mr. Joe Arness Present

Mrs. Susan Larned Present

ROLL CALL: Dr. Nels Anderson Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford Present

Ms. Deborah Germano Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 10c. Approval of AASB Nomination and the deletion of Item 10a.(3) Approval of Leave of Absence Request/Support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of August 3, 1998, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS
AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Dahlgren reported that he received a letter of request from the Aurora Borealis Academic Policy Committee to use the Kenai Elementary School to house their students. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he directed Mr. Hickey to locate the architect's renovation information which was completed several years ago. Mr. Dahlgren suggested the District return the Kenai Elementary building to the Borough. He recommended that the District not move another school into the Kenai Elementary building.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board of the Districtwide Inservice, August 19, 1998, 9:00 a.m., at Kenai Central High School. He invited Board Members to attend the new employee breakfast which begins at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria just prior to the inservice.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mrs. Marlene Byerly has been selected as NASSP's Alaska Secondary School Principal of the Year and that Mr. Dan Walker has been chosen as one of four finalists for Alaska's Teacher of the Year.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending July 31, 1998. Mr. Hickey noted that the report reflected the adjusted budget as approved by the Board of Education and that the Borough Assembly would consider the requested adjustments at their August 18, 1998, meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were 1998-99 Teacher Assignments and Resignations.

1998-99 Teacher
Assignment:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1998-99 teacher assignments for Jim Helgeson, middle school, Nanwalek School and Olga Timofeeva, English, Kenai Central High School.

Resignations:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Richard Smith, Special Ed/ resource, Kenai Central High; Tammy Woffinden, English, Kenai Central High and Wayne Vaughan, music, Ninilchik Elementary/ High School.

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Number 1 and 2 including addendums. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

BP 5131.6, Alcohol and
Other Drugs:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs. The proposed revisions update the policy section on refusal to submit to testing; clarifies the intent of the policy related to repeat offenses; clarifies that suspension is part of the consequences for selling or distributing alcohol or other drugs and requires a recommendation for expulsion for distribution or sale; and recognizes and states the requirement that there will be a due process hearing (pursuant to established School Board policies) before imposing a suspension.

Mr. McLain distributed a revised policy including changes as requested during the last Board meeting. The new language requires that students suspended for selling, offering for sale or distributing alcohol, drugs or other illicit items be recommended for expulsion to the superintendent or his designee who will review the matter. Mr. McLain explained that based on the review, the superintendent or designee may bring the expulsion recommendation to the Board. Mr. McLain added that a quarterly report will be provided to the Board listing student substance abuse and violence incidents.

Mr. McLain noted that additional language was included in the policy that clarifies discipline related to subsequent violations.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve revisions to BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board amend the policy by adding the words, "by a student after consultation with his or her parent or guardian" after "Refusal," in the first sentence of page (b). Ms. Germano seconded.

Mr. McLain stated that in an earlier section of the policy, the District is required to notify the parents when students are required to take a Rapid Eye Exam, Breathalyzer or urinalysis. Mr. Arness stated that the intent of the amendment is to involve parents before a student decides whether to cooperate with the substance abuse testing.

Mr. Dahlgren explained that quite often parents are not available at times when substance abuse testing is necessary and that the proposed amendment would impede the investigation process.

Mr. Arness stated that the intent of the amendment was to keep students from getting into trouble with the policy without knowing the repercussions. He suggested adding the words, "when they are available," at the end of the new wording.

Mr. Dahlgren outlined the procedures taken when a student is suspected of substance abuse and refuses substance abuse testing. He stated that parents and police, when necessary, are contacted. He stated that there are too many instances where students get into trouble when their parents go away for the weekend. Mr. Dahlgren stated that not all students have an emergency phone number and that not all students live with parents.

Ms. Germano asked whether it is a high level of importance to contact parents when their child is suspected of substance abuse. Mr. Dahlgren replied that it is extremely important to contact parents when their child is suspected of substance abuse but that he was referring to activities occurring away from school grounds such as field trips or cocurricular trips and parents may not be available.

RECESS:

At 7:50 p.m., Mrs. Gross called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:

At 7:57 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Amendment failed unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board amend the policy by adding the sentence, "Refusal to submit to such a test will be treated as a positive determination of drug or alcohol use per this policy.", at the end of the first paragraph of page (b). Dr. Anderson seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATION OF
ALASKA SCHOOL
BOARDS
NOMINATION:

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the nomination of Mari-Anne Gross to the AASB Board of Directors. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford thanked the Board for another great meeting.

Dr. Anderson stated that he was interested to learn that in order to participate in cheerleading, his daughter is required to attend 10 practices and pay the participation fee. He stated that he did not understand why cheerleading does not qualify as a legitimate extracurricular activity.

Dr. Anderson suggested the Board consider a policy addressing predatory sexual behavior among students.

Mrs. Larned congratulated staff for their recent awards and Mrs. Gross for her nomination to the AASB Board of Directors.

At 8:04 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ADJOURN:

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of August 17, 1998,
were approved on September 14, 1998,
as written.