
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mrs. Liz Downing, Vice President
Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Clerk
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Treasurer
Mr. Marty Anderson
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. Bill Holt
Mr. Tim Navarre
Mrs. Penny Vadla

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Tim Peterson Mrs. LaDawn Druce
Mrs. Laurie Olson Mr. Todd Syverson

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Hilts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
(7:00:14 PM)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Hilts invited those present to participate in the Pledge of
(7:00:45 PM) Allegiance.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT: Mrs. Vadla read the District's mission statement.
(7:01:07 PM)

ROLL CALL: Mr. Joe Arness Absent/Excused
(7:01:34 PM) Mrs. Liz Downing Absent/Excused
Mrs. Sunni Hilts Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford Present
Mr. Marty Anderson Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl Present
Mr. Bill Holt Absent/Excused
Mr. Tim Navarre Absent/Excused
Mrs. Penny Vadla Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with a revision to item 10a.(1) Approval
(7:02:15 PM) of 2010-2011 Board Goals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of June 7, 2010, were approved with a
(7:03:10 PM) correction.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:*(7:04:32 PM)*

Mr. Sean Dusek, Student Drug Testing Task Force Chair, provided an update of the Task Force's work to date including a timeline of events, data collected, current legal findings, and possible next steps. The committee will conduct a worksession with the Board at a future meeting.

Ms. Hohl requested that, prior to the fall community meetings, relevant data be gathered from the Alaska State Troopers, city police departments, and the Alaska State Court System on drug and alcohol charges and convictions involving minors.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:*(7:20:16 PM)*

Dr. Atwater reported that Project GRAD will host four presentations by Father Oleska. He noted that the Board received copies of the 2009-2010 School Annual Report to the Superintendent that includes individual school reports of achievements by students and staff.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:*(7:22:05 PM)*

Mrs. LaDawn Druce, KPEA president, reported on her recent trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, to attend the 2010 NEA Annual Meeting and Representative Assembly. She reported that the theme was "Turning Hope into Action" and that NEA selected Dr. Diane Ravitch to receive the Friend of Education Award. She reported that upon her return, she met with U.S. Senator Mark Begich and that the two discussed the reauthorization of ESEA. She commended the administration for the selection of Tim Whip as the principal of Razdolna School. She praised the Aspiring Principal Program. She noted that she will not be able to attend the August 9 School Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:*(7:27:00 PM)*

Dr. Atwater reported that according to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, 33 of 44 District schools made Adequate Yearly Progress and added that the formal announcement will be made in August and a worksession with the Board will be held in September. He presented the 2009-2010 Site Council Evaluation Reports from each school and announced that the Site Council and PTA/PTSA/PTO trainings will be held October 7 and January 28. He announced that hiring is coming to a close with nine positions still vacant, several in hard-to fill-positions. He reported that the Curriculum Audit report will be delivered to the District during the week of July 26 and that a Board worksession to review the results will be held on August 9. He expressed sympathy for the death of Kachemak Selo teacher Jean Stockburger, due to a long-term illness.

FINANCIAL REPORT:*(7:29:48 PM)*

Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2010.

BOARD REPORTS:*(7:30:22 PM)*

Mrs. Vadla reported that she attended the Policy Review Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. prior to the Board meeting to discuss fund issues. She reported that on June 9, 10, and 11 she attended the Analytic Writing Assessment Committee meeting where teachers were working to improve the assessment process so that teachers receive the help they need.

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the Policy Review Committee meeting and that the equipment reserve fund was discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA:
(7:32:12 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 2010-2011 Board Goals; Revisions to AR 5123 (Promotion/Acceleration/Retention), AR 6153 (School Sponsored Trips), AR 6164.5 (Intervention Teams); Administrator Contracts; 2010-11 Nontenure Teacher for Tenure; Nontenure Teacher Contracts; New Teacher Contracts; and Budget Transfer.

2010-2011 BOARD GOALS:

Dr. Atwater presented four goals for accomplishment during the 2010-2011 school year in the areas of student achievement and engagement, communications, long-term funding, and curriculum. The goals were developed during the Board's June 8 planning session.

REVISIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve revisions to AR 5123 (Promotion/Acceleration/Retention), and AR 6153 (School Sponsored Trips), AR 6164.5 (Intervention Teams).

ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve administrator contracts for Timothy Whip, principal/teacher at Razdolna School and Douglas Waclawski, assistant principal at Homer High School.

2010-11 NONTENURE TEACHER FOR TENURE:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a contract and tenure for Frederick Foster, (temporary) migrant teacher, Voznesenka and K-Selo Schools.

NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve tentative nontenure teacher contracts for Lila L. Little, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) kindergarten through sixth grade teacher, Chapman Elementary; Riley Justis, generalist-teacher/advisor, Connections Homeschool Program; Misty McCown, (temporary) primary grade teacher, K-Beach Elementary; Cheryl Romatz, interventionist teacher, K-Beach Elementary; Sarah Compton, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) primary grade teacher, Ninilchik School; Kurtis Schoenberg, (temporary) pre-kindergarten teacher/Title I teacher, Voznesenka; and Jennifer Justis, .50 FTE interventionist teacher, West Homer Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve teacher contracts for Darcy S. Mueller, language arts and reading teacher, Homer Middle School; Charles D. Seater, math teacher, Kenai Central High School; Corise B. Story, kindergarten teacher, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Jeffrey J. Clay, kindergarten through eighth grade teacher, Moose Pass School; Shannon M. Hoffbeck, kindergarten teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Terry A. Jacobs, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) Title I teacher/K-6th teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Maretta J. Taylor, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) elementary teacher, Port Graham School; Amanda K. Williams, science teacher, Skyview High School; Bethany Andrews, intermediate grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Carol M. Hutto, (temporary) science teacher/generalist, River City Academy; Jeffrey L. Vincent, science teacher, Soldotna Middle School; and Kenneth O. Westfall, special

education intensive needs teacher, West Homer Elementary.

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve budget transfer Number 1516 for \$55,219 to update school budgets for higher than expected substitute salary costs throughout the school year and for \$51,411 to update school budgets for long-term substitutes needed for absences such as Family Medical Leave, Workers' Compensation leave and bereavement leave.

MOTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 7. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Ms. Hohl removed Number 2, Approval of Revisions to AR 5123 (Promotion/Acceleration/Retention), and AR 6153 (School Sponsored Trips), AR 6164.5 (Intervention Teams).

Motion carried unanimously on Numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Motion carried unanimously on Number 2.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-11-1:

(7:38:53 PM)

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve Resolution 10-11-1 that proposes the Borough administration and Borough Assembly meet in a joint worksession with the Board to begin to explore the creation of an alternative process for calculating the local funding of schools.

MOTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Resolution 10-11-1. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FY11 BUDGET REVISION:

(7:40:05 PM)

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve revisions to the FY11 general fund and expenditures, an increase of \$633,000 from \$128,983,838 to \$129,616,838.

MOTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve revisions to the FY11 general fund and expenditures, for a total of \$129,616,838. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

(7:40:42 PM)

The Board heard a first reading of BP 1250 (Volunteer Assistance), BP 5111 (Admission), and BP 6162.71 (Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy).

BOARD COMMENTS:

(7:41:14 PM)

Mrs. Vadla reported that she attended the City of Soldotna Comprehensive Plan meeting on July 1 and recommended those present attend future meetings. She expressed appreciation for the 2009-2010 School Annual Report to the Superintendent and cited accomplishments and collaborative activities by several schools.

UNAPPROVED

Ms. Hohl expressed appreciation for the 2009-2010 School Annual Report to the Superintendent and asked that a link be placed on the District's website home page to highlight the achievements of District students. She suggested that the title of the Student Incident and Injury Report form be changed to Student/Visitor Incident and Injury Report.

Mr. Anderson reported that he was pleased to participate in the two-day planning session and with the direction of the Board goals. He stated that he is excited to continue to work with the current administration. He reported that recently he briefly visited with Mrs. Melody Douglas, former Chief Financial Officer.

Mrs. Hilts stated that she would like to keep good administrators at small schools for a longer period of time. She commended Mr. Waclawski for doing a fine job as principal of Razdolna School.

Mrs. Crawford thanked Dr. Atwater for the 2009-2010 Site Council Evaluation Report and the 2009-2010 School Annual Report to the Superintendent. She suggested that both reports be highlighted to let the public know about the wonderful things happening in District schools.

Ms. Hohl reported that she has just returned to Alaska from visiting her newest granddaughter.

ADJOURN:
(7:48:26 PM)

At 7:48 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Clerk

The Minutes of July 12, 2010,
have not been approved as of
July 20, 2010.