

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

January 17, 2000

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Deborah Germano, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mr. Mike Chenault, Member

Miss Melinda Haring, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools

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

Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Cindy Hays

Mrs. Connie Best

Mrs. Joy Ward

Mr. Max Best

Mr. Walt Ward

Mrs. Debbie Griffin

Mr. Ken Meacham

Mr. Gary Hale

Ms. Kathy Godek

Mrs. Sharon Hale

Mrs. Debbie Stewart

Dr. Kathy Schwartz

Ms. Norma Holmgaard

Mr. Sam Stewart

Mr. Hank Overturf

Mrs. Shona Loshbaugh

Mrs. Linda Overturf	Mr. Michael Lengenfelder
Mrs. Sue Liebner	Ms. Barb Vogel
Mrs. Debbie Church	Mr. Tim Peterson
Mr. George Church	Ms. Jayne Porter

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Germano invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mr. Mike Chenault	Present
Miss Melinda Haring	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 10a.(7), FY00 Budget Adjustment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of January 3, 2000, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Ken Meacham, Redoubt Elementary principal, praised the students, staff and parents at the school. He reported that one of the school goals is to improve reading skills as measured by CBM and DIBELS. He noted that the school hired a reading specialist and started a reading room that contains reading resources for staff. He reported that each of his staff members received DIBELS and CBM training. He noted that his school was normed three years ago and the information has been updated each year. He reported that after school, 46-50 students participate in the After-the-Bell Program and Title I Programs (Math Club and Reading Club). Mr. Meacham noted that Redoubt Elementary has an incredible transient rate and added that 74 students have enrolled or withdrawn from the school since the beginning of the year. He stated that the school climate is good. He stated that the school has one of the best Title I Programs and introduced Lisa Chambers, Title I Tutor; Tara Rosin, Title I Reading Teacher; and Sharon Hale, Parent Coordinator. Several K-5 grade students demonstrated their reading abilities by reading from their big book, "The Best Things About Title I at Redoubt."

Mrs. Griffin led the students in a song titled "Mi Cuerpo," which was sung in Spanish and English. Mr. Meacham displayed several pieces of art created by Redoubt Elementary students and noted that Dr. Schwartz will be conducting an inservice on February 21 focusing on the integration of art into writing and language arts.

Mrs. Hale invited the Board and Administration to their celebration of Dr. Suss's birthday on Thursday, March 2, in conjunction with Read Across America Day. Mr. Meacham thanked the Board for their support.

RECESS:

At 7:46 p.m., Ms. Germano called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 7:50 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Dr. Peterson reported that she received letters from AASA announcing their discontinuation of sponsorship for the Sallie Mae award, from AASB announcing their search services have expanded to include vacancies for other central office staff positions, from legislators requesting input on a variety of bills, and an e-mail message regarding activity busses in Homer.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Larned presented an award of appreciation to Mr. Walt Ward for being selected as Vocational Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Crawford presented an award of appreciation to Mr. Hank Overturf for being selected as Assistant Principal of the Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson reported that she has declined requests from other districts to facilitate their high school graduation qualifying exam. She reported that the Homer High School principal hiring process will begin with meetings on January 26 with the school staff and site council. She reported that in conjunction with KPEA, the District will conduct a mentor teacher retreat. Dr. Peterson reported that she has received 124 evaluations of administrative staff and 52 evaluations of Central Office staff. She noted that the Technology Work Group will meet on February 3 at 10 a.m. She announced that the Budget Review Committee will meet January 20 and 24 and that the joint budget worksession with the Assembly will be March 7 at 10 a.m. Dr. Peterson reported that the District has been recognized as a "What Parents Want" award winning school system by School Match.

Financial Reports:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending November 30, 1999, and December 31, 1999.

Budget Transfer Report:

Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 57 through 185 for various schools and departments within the District.

BOARD REPORTS:

Ms. Germano noted that she will be attending the KPSAA meeting on January 20. She reported that she visited Kachemak Selo and especially enjoyed listening to a second grade student read to her.

Mrs. Mullins reminded those present that she will be participating on the Budget Review Committee and requested input to take to the committee.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Charter School Budget Adjustment for FY00; Termination of BayView Charter; New Teacher Assignments; Long Term Substitute Teacher; AR 5144, Elementary and Secondary Discipline Guides; Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permit; and FY00 Budget Adjustment.

Charter School Budget Adjustment for FY00:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve general fund transfers from Aurora Borealis Charter School which was over funded by \$5,404; from BayView Charter School which did not open and was funded \$87,196; and to Homer Charter School which was under funded by \$3,736.

Termination of Bayview Charter:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the termination of the Bay View charter.

New Teacher Assignments: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teaching assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for William Wise, (temporary) special education/educationally handicapped, Special Services Program and Johnna DeGray, (temporary) science, Nikiski Middle/High School.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Cindy Weeks, math, Nikiski Middle/High School.

AR 5144, Elementary and Secondary Discipline Guides: Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve AR 5144, Elementary and Secondary Discipline Guides. The guides will replace the current Secondary Disciplinary Chart, E 5144.

Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permit: Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a Primary and Alternative Member in Charge of Gaming for Hope Elementary/High School and Aurora Borealis Charter School for the 1999-2000 school year.

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board remove item Number 10a.(1), Charter School Budget Adjustment, for discussion purposes.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve Consent Agenda items Numbers 2 through 7. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Dr. Anderson requested the Board remove item Number 10a.(5), AR 5144 Elementary and Secondary Discipline Guide from the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the charter school budget adjustments as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.

CONSENT AGENDA (continued): Mrs. Mullins moved the Board amend the charter school budget adjustment to reflect 26 students at the Homer Charter School. Mrs. Gross seconded.

ACTION Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve item Number 10a.(5), AR 5144 Elementary and Secondary Discipline Guides. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION Dr. Anderson moved the Board table action on item Number 10a.(5) until the February 7 meeting. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Revised 2000-2001 Enrollment Projections: Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve revisions to the 2000-2001 enrollment projections. He noted that the steady decline in enrollment has not ended and he does not suggest the District use the originally approved figures to calculate the FY01 budget. He requested the Board approve enrollment projections to reflect a K-12 student body of 9,971.

ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the revised 2000-2001 enrollment projections as outlined. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mrs. Crawford thanked the Redoubt Elementary students and Mr. Meacham for the presentation. She extended congratulations to Mr. Ward and Mr. Overturf for their awards and thanked all District staff for the extra hours and hard work. She thanked Mr. Hickey for his extra work on the budget.

Mr. Hickey stated that any gratitude expressed should go to the staff.

Mrs. Larned thanked Mr. Hickey and his staff for their hard work. She stated that she enjoyed the Redoubt Elementary School presentation given by the students. She congratulated Mr. Ward and Mr. Overturf for their awards.

Mrs. Mullins thanked the Redoubt Elementary students for their school presentation. She added that she appreciated the reports and invitations to visit the school. She congratulated Mr. Ward and Mr. Overturf for their awards. Mrs. Mullins informed those present that the Board received the FY01 budget document that will require major budget cuts. She stated that it is very depressing to look at what might have to be cut. She noted that the legislature is considering allowing school districts to include principals in the instructional unit. She urged the public to show their support for the instructional unit legislation by writing to their legislators. She solicited suggestions from the public for ways to balance the FY01 budget and added that she does not look forward to serving on the committee.

Mr. Chenault thanked Redoubt Elementary for their school report and congratulated Mr. Ward and Mr. Overturf for their awards. He thanked Mr. Spence for attending the North Star Elementary PTA meeting and updating parents on the reconfiguration of the Nikiski-area schools.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued):

Mrs. Gross congratulated Mr. Ward and Mr. Overturf and thanked them for their work. She thanked Mr. Hickey and his staff for their hard work. She suggested that a budget be mailed to the legislature for them to have while they debate figures. She stated that she visited the Homer Flex School and was disappointed to learn that they are a long way from moving into their new building. She stated that they are currently operating out of a dismal, cramped back room at Homer High School. She asked for an excused absence from the February 7 meeting.

Miss Haring thanked Mr. Ward and Mr. Overturf and stated that their hard work does not go unnoticed and added that they are making a difference at Kenai Central High.

Ms. Germano thanked Mr. Overturf and Mr. Ward. She stated that it was a pleasure to have the students present the Redoubt Elementary School report. She thanked the central office staff for their work and extra time spent on the budget document.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:20 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Specifically the executive session was to conduct a mid-year grievance update. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:15 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the Executive Session be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 9:16 p.m., Mrs. Gross moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Deborah Germano, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of January 17, 2000,
were approved on February 7, 2000,
as written.