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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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September 13, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Homer High School – 600 E. Fairview Ave.  
Homer, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the curriculum audit findings, proposed Policy Manual revisions, the AASB School Climate and Connectedness Survey results, assessment information, the District Improvement Plan, Homer Middle School, proposed AASB Resolutions, and proposed state and federal legislative priorities.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Ms. Anita Harry for her service to Homer High School.

**SCHOOL REPORTS:** Mr. Pete Swanson, McNeil Canyon Elementary principal, gave a Powerpoint presentation highlighting student body configuration, staff, school-sponsored programs (Coastal Walk and Clean up, Snow Fiesta, Artists in Schools Program, After School Learning Lab), assessment information, and awards and recognitions received by the school. He thanked the Board for their past support of McNeil Canyon Elementary School programs.

Mr. Andy Rothenberger, Kachemak Selo principal/teacher, gave a Powerpoint presentation highlighting the community, students and staff, enrollment information, assessment, and the three facilities. He narrated a picture tribute to Jean Stockburger, former staff member, who recently passed away.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater reported that Governor Parnell signed the jobs bill which will bring \$1.3 million to the District. He reported that student enrollment is 136 students below projection and that Cooper Landing Elementary School only has 8 students. He announced that the annual financial audit was completed last week and that no findings were reported. He congratulated the Finance Department and especially recognized Liz Hayes for her extraordinary job preparing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He announced that Cheryl Sotelo, McNeil Canyon Elementary teacher, was selected to receive the ING Unsung Hero award.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Jones presented the financial reports of the District for the period ending August 31, 2010.

**STANDARDS BASED CURRICULUM:** The Board unanimously approved the newly developed Elementary Performance Based Math Curriculum and the newly revised Secondary Performance Based Math, Reading and Careers Curricula.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Deana Kahn, school psychologist, Central Peninsula area; Noell A. Boyer, social studies teacher, Kenai Central High School; Melissa B. Morckel, math teacher, Kenai Central High School; Cheryl A. Brown, special education intensive needs teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Kevin R. Hilton (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) primary grade teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Brent C. Hammer, intermediate grade teacher, Nanwalek School; Helen Pauline Rizzo, computer and technology education/librarian, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Justine E. Reese, science/math teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School; Teresa Kiffmeyer, .45 FTE native youth leadership council leader; and Aaron Z. Lohmeyer, (permanent/.85 FTE, temporary .15 FTE) music teacher, Soldotna Elementary/Soldotna Montessori.

**REVISIONS TO BOARD BYLAW AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION:** The Board unanimously approved proposed revisions to BB 9313, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits and AR 2122 Superintendent of Schools - Job Description.

**TENURED TEACHING CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved a tenure teacher contract for Lee Murphy at K-Beach Elementary.

**NONTENURED TEACHING CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved a nontenure teacher contract for Jennifer Keil, (temporary) Grades 7-12 generalist, Razdolna School.

**HSGQE WAIVER:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2011-01.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT:** The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests from James L. Brown, Student Nutrition Services Homer Area Delivery Driver (effective February 11 to March 11, 2011) and Janine Carlough, Mountain View Elementary custodian (effective for one year beginning September 19, 2010).

**AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS:** The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2011 AASB Core Resolutions.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to BP 3530, Risk Management and the adoption of BP 6146.5, Differential Requirements for Individuals with Exceptional Needs.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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