

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

June 5, 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

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mark Norgren	Mr. Tim Peterson
Mr. Wayne Pattison	Mrs. Angela McKinney
Mr. Tim Navarre	Mr. Dave Spence

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:31 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with revisions to item Number 10b., Cocurricular Activities and Handbooks, and 10d., Capital Bond Issue Project List.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of May 15, 2000, were approved as printed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. McKinney, Anchor Point parent, thanked the Board for the opportunity to volunteer in her childrens' schools. She told the Board that she and other community volunteers assisted with transportation of the school mass band as they performed concerts at various schools. She reported that she assisted in her daughter's 6<sup>th</sup> grade math class everyday, which gave her an appreciation for teachers and a chance to observe other students. She stated that volunteers chaperoned a school lock-in and a field trip to Peterson Bay. She stated that volunteers assisted with the Battle of the Books competition. She stated that she liked volunteering. She stated that she assisted with the school concession stand and taught students how to make change, market a product, and compute the gross profit and net profit. She stated that she and community senior volunteers worked in the school library. She reported that she learned quite a bit while supervising students as they worked with computers. She stated that the students taught her about computers which helped to reaffirm their own skills. She thanked the Board

for letting her volunteer.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (continued):** Ms. Trena Richardson, K-Beach Elementary principal thanked the Board for changing the budget transfer deadline to a later date. She stated that in the past budget transfers were due on the last day of work for school staff, which made it very hard to check them out of the building as well as complete the transfers. She stated that having extra time to finish the transfers after the staff has left for the summer has been an enormous help.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** Dr. Peterson reported that she received four letters: one from Kathy Holt regarding the reconfiguration of three Soldotna schools; one from the Susan B. English Parent Advisory Committee president to Dave Spence regarding housing of Borough employees in Seldovia; one from Commissioner Rick Cross regarding the Alaska Education Summit on September 29 through October 1; and one from William Berube, Associate Dean, University of Wymong, to Mr. Syverson announcing the successful completion of the Doctor of Education in the area of Education Leadership by Dr. McLain.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that the Board has been involved with worksessions all day. She reported that the Operational Efficiency Committee has decided that no further meetings are necessary and therefore are permanently adjourned. Dr. Peterson read a letter from the National School Board Association recognizing Mari-Anne Gross and Debra Mullins as outstanding school board members. They both received a certificate and a service pin.

**BOARD REPORTS:** Mrs. Larned reported that the Downsizing Committee did not feel it made sense to continue the Committee. She stated that she attended the British Petroleum Teacher of the Year banquet. She noted that she was impressed to hear about the teachers who were nominated.

Mrs. Crawford stated that she also attended the British Petroleum Teacher of the Year banquet and announced that Liz Burck was selected as the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's Teacher of the Year. She reported that she attended six high school graduations.

Mrs. Mullins stated that she also attended the British Petroleum Teacher of the Year banquet. She stated that she is not surprised at the caliber of teachers in the District and is pleased when the business community also recognizes them. She attended graduation ceremonies at Kenai Central High, Nikiski High, Homer Flex and Skyview High Schools. She noted that the Homer Flex graduation was very emotional and appreciated the students who returned to complete their education. She stated that it was a pleasure to attend the Nikiski High award ceremony for staff who have worked for the District for 10, 15, and 20 years.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Items presented on the Consent Agenda were New Teacher Appointments 2000-2001, Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract, Resignation, Budget Transfers, Tentative Nontenure Teaching Assignment, and Rescission of Resignation.

**New Teacher Appointments 2000-2001:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teaching assignments for the 2000-2001 school year for Timothy McIntyre, school psychologist, districtwide special services; and Jill Faulkner, generalist, Bartlett Elementary/High School.

**Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Dawn Brighton, social studies, Soldotna Middle.

- Resignation: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve resignations from Terrie Kane, special education/severe, Seward Middle/High; Sherri Burt, Grades 5/6, Susan B. English Elementary/High; and Staci Suneson, speech pathologist, districtwide special services.
- Budget Transfers: By memorandum, Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve Budget Transfer Number 692 for \$15,000 to cover costs associated with Connected University membership, which will allow staff development opportunities, and Budget Transfer Number 694 for \$45,000 to cover part of the costs of personalized education plan coordinators.
- Tentative Nontenure Teaching Assignment: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve tentative nontenure teaching assignments for Alexei Basargin, Russian/math; Lynnette Elliott-James, kindergarten; and Sandra J. Lewis, Grade 1 (temporary).
- Rescission of Resignation: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve rescinding the resignation of Rick Ladd, West Homer Elementary principal.
- ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Number 1 through 6. Mrs. Gross seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Cocurricular Activities and Handbooks: Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve changes to the Cocurricular Activities Guidelines proposed by the member schools of the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association.
- ACTION Dr. Anderson moved the Board adopt the proposed changes to the Cocurricular Activities Guidelines. Mrs. Larned seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Nikiski Reconfiguration Project Recommendations: Mrs. Mullins reminded the Board that the Nikiski reconfiguration project recommendations were postponed during the May 15 meeting. She reminded them that the motion before them is to approve recommendations from the Nikiski Reconfiguration Advisory Committee for the reconfiguration of Nikiski Elementary School and the advertisement of architectural schematic services only utilizing those funds previously appropriated by the Borough Assembly.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Wayne Pattison thanked the Board for listening to the Committee.
- Capital Bond Issue Project List: By memorandum, Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a capital project plan in the amount of \$11,054,000. HB 281 allows the Borough and District to create \$7,429,000 in bonded project funding. The projects are eligible to be reimbursed at 70%, which will generate a \$5,200,300 commitment from the state of Alaska against a Borough contribution of \$2,225,700. The bonds must be approved by a vote of the public and the commissioner of education.

Capital Bond Issue Project List  
(continued):

Mr. Tim Navarre asked what amount was recommended for Board approval on the capital project plan. He stated that he had asked that a larger amount be forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Development in case there were monies left over from some of the projects. Ms. Mullins noted that the revised amount is \$8.8 million. Dr. Peterson stated that after the paperwork is completed, the project list might be amended further with Board approval. Ms. Germano reminded those present that the Board will take action on the revised list that was submitted after the Board packet had been printed.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the amended capital bond issue project list. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Appointments:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the appointment of Mark Norgren as principal of Nikiski Elementary, Glen Szymoniak as principal of Homer Middle, Allan Miller as assistant principal of Skyview High, Terri Orr as principal/teacher of Cooper Landing Elementary, and Randy Creamer as principal/teacher of K-Selo Elementary. She stated that all of the candidates are current District employees.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve administrator assignments for 2000-2001 as outlined in item Number 10e. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Mrs. Mullins welcomed Mr. Norgren back to the Nikiski Area.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Gross reported that she has missed a number of meetings and is glad to be back. She stated that she attended several meetings at the state and national level. She stated that she appreciated the Board for allowing her to be absent to attend the meetings. Mrs. Gross reported that the Board conducted the Superintendent evaluation and Board evaluation earlier in the day and commented that the District has one of the best boards in the state.

Mr. Chenault thanked the Nikiski Area Reconfiguration Committee for their years of hard work. He reported that he attended the Nikiski High and Seward high graduation ceremonies. He stated that he enjoyed both ceremonies and felt that they did an excellent job.

Mrs. Mullins extended congratulations to Dr. McLain for achieving his doctorate. She thanked the Nikiski Area Reconfiguration Committee for their perseverance.

Mrs. Larned reported that she attended several graduation ceremonies. She noted that she especially enjoyed the Soldotna High School ceremony because her daughter graduated. She congratulated Mr. Norgren and the other staff who were appointed to administrative positions. She also congratulated Dr. McLain on receiving his degree. She announced that she changed her vote on the Nikiski reconfiguration recommendations during the Board worksession.

BOARD COMMENTS (continued):

Dr. Anderson stated that he changed his vote on the Nikiski Area reconfiguration because he felt that the Board should do some positive things with several District buildings. He stated that he hoped the Board could meet with the Assembly to add more items to the bond list other than what was listed. He congratulated Dr. McLain on his doctorate degree and Mr. Norgren for his appointment as Nikiski Elementary principal.

Mrs. Crawford thanked the Nikiski Area Reconfiguration Committee for their perseverance. She thanked Ms. McKinney for her comments. She congratulated Dr. McLain for receiving his doctorate. She stated that she appreciated having two full days to work with colleagues at a high professional level. She stated that she also appreciates the level of commitment and work that the administration and School Board puts forth.

Ms. Germano echoed Mrs. Crawford's comments. She welcomed back Mrs. Gross and added that it is a joy to work with the Board. She told those present that the Board began their meetings at 9:30 a.m. and will conduct the Board Planning Session the following day. She thanked the Nikiski Area Reconfiguration Committee members for their hard work and Mrs. McKinney for her comments.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Deborah Germano, President

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Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of June 5, 2000,  
were approved on July 10, 2000,  
as written.