

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

July 12, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools

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

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Melody Douglas

Mr. Pete Sprague

Mr. Don Glaze

Mrs. Dena Cunningham

Mr. Tim Peterson

Mr. Scott Cunningham

Ms. Barb Vogel

Mrs. Mahurin

Mr. Don Oberg

Mr. Buck George

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Susan Larned	Absent/Excused
Ms. Deborah Germano	Present/Arrived at 7:40 p.m.
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Miss Charise Calvert	Absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of June 7, 1999, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Dr. Peterson stated that she received three letters: one from a Nikolaevsk parent to the Borough Mayor requesting swings for the school playground during the summer, one from Governor Knowles reminding districts that under SB98 a tenured teacher moving to a new school district must work in that new district for two years before being eligible for tenure, and one from AASB soliciting presenters for the 1999 Annual Conference.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham presented Mr. Don Glaze with a plaque, a \$1,000 check and a ring from Herf-Jones for being selected as McDonalds' Alaska Assistant Principal of the Year.

Mr. Glaze thanked the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the Cunninghams, McDonalds and Herf-Jones for the award.

- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson presented the 1998-1999 Superintendent's Annual Report. The report highlights staff achievements, student accomplishments, cocurricular achievements, reports on various programs throughout the District and progress made on the Board goals.
- Dr. Peterson read from the Superintendent's Report, which was included in the information packet. The report highlights activities of Board interest, hiring updates and awards, and prizes and grants that have been awarded to District staff and students.
- FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 1999.
- BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT:** Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 323 through 861 for various schools and departments within the District. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to report on the budget transfers in July.
- BOARD REPORTS:** Mrs. Gross reported that the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) recently hosted the Pacific Region Conference of the National School Boards Association in Girdwood. She stated that AASB gave a brief introduction to the long-range plan, discussed Board standards and presented the ASSET Building Model.
- CONSENT AGENDA:** Items presented on the Consent Agenda were 1999-2000 Annual Agenda Guideline, Participation in National School Employees Insurance Trust, Resignations, 1999-2000 Teacher Appointments and Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignments.
- 1999-2000 Annual Agenda Guideline:** Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the 1999-2000 Annual Agenda. The Annual Agenda consists of dates on which routine items are presented to the School Board for approval.
- Participation in National School Employees Insurance Trust:** Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the District's participation in the National School Employees Insurance Trust. He noted that KPEA and KPESA requested a change in vendors from AFLAC to American Fidelity, and in compliance with that request, the District allowed the agreement with AFLAC to lapse.
- Resignations:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1999-2000 school year for Lisa Wiley, language arts, Nikiski Middle/High; Angee Maw, dance/history, Soldotna High; John Damberg, music, Seward Middle/High; Olga Veter-Eluska, Russian, Voznesenka; and Rob Keller, special education/resource, Seward Middle/High.

1999-2000 Teacher Appointments:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Scot Akers, math, Nikiski Middle/High; Donna Anderson, Grades 1-2, Sears Elementary; Stephanie Anderson, math, Seward Middle/High; Patrick Binder, social studies/language arts, Seward Middle/High; Karen Davis, librarian/media specialist, Seward Middle/High; Thomas DeGray, Grade 6, Soldotna Elementary; Dawn Edwards-Smith, generalist, Kenai Alternative School; Andrea Eggleston, art, Kenai Middle; Chris Hanson, science, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Suzanne Klaben, Grade 4, Tustumena Elementary; Tara Rosin, Title I Reading (temporary), Redoubt Elementary; Lisa Sova, physical education, Soldotna Elementary; Cindy Thomas, kindergarten, Sears Elementary; Carolyn Window, music, Chapman Elementary; and Kraig Berg, industrial arts/math, Kenai Central High.

Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignments:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve tentative nontenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Dotti Harness, math/science, Homer High and Michael Stockburger, business education, Homer High.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Consent Agenda items Numbers 1 through 5. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

KPESA Negotiated Agreement:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve the 1999-2002 Kenai Peninsula Educational Support Association Negotiated Agreement as presented.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the 1999-2002 Kenai Peninsula Educational Support Association Negotiated Agreement. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mrs. Mahurin stated that she was pleased that KPESA has a three-year agreement and that the Board was involved in the process. She welcomed Dr. Peterson and Mr. Syverson and stated that she is looking forward to three good years.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Teacher Termination:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve the termination of a teacher for failure to return a signed contract within the designated time line.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the termination of a teacher for failure to return a signed contract within the designated time line. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Appointments:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve administrator assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Scott O'Tremba, Principal, Homer Middle; Lee Young, Principal, Soldotna Middle; and John Pothast, Principal, Skyview High.

Ms. Germano expressed concern about Mr. O'Tremba's lack of experience at the middle school level.

ACTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the administrator assignments as presented. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1999-2000 Board of Education Goals:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve five goals for accomplishment during the 1999-2000 school year. These goals are 1) revisit and clarify roles, relationships and expectations for site councils; 2) continue the development of criteria for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District diploma certification to provide learning challenges for all levels of achievement; 3) focus on positive public relations with an emphasis on safe schools; 4) adopt the Association of Alaska School Board's Model School Board Standards; and 5) support and facilitate the successful transition of new administrators. Five additional ongoing action items were also included.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the five goals and five action items for accomplishment during the 1999-2000 school year. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Director and Assistant Superintendent Contracts:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the three-year salary schedule and contracts for the assistant superintendents and directors.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the three-year salary schedule and contracts for the assistant superintendents and directors as presented. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of revisions to AR 6141, Curriculum Development and Evaluation, which updates the District time line for curriculum review and revision.

Mrs. Crawford asked if any of the curriculum rotations had changed in the revision. Mr. McLain stated that the standards for social studies were moved to the 2000-2001 school year.

The Board heard a first reading of revisions to AR 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements, which concerns high school credit for home school, private school, or correspondence courses.

Mrs. Crawford asked who will serve on the course review committee. Mr. McLain responded that the Connections Program director, the Assessment director, the Curriculum director, a high school principal, a high school teacher, a high school counselor, and a teacher or counselor from the school where the student is requesting credit will serve on the committee. Mrs. Crawford asked whether students would be tested. Mr. McLain stated that students must demonstrate competency before they are granted credit.

The Board heard a first reading of revisions to AR 6153, School-Sponsored Trips, which clarifies District policy and procedure related to school field trips.

Dr. Anderson stated that the issue of health insurance could be economically discriminatory towards students without coverage.

Mr. McLain explained that there have been instances when securing medical care for students on field trips outside of the District was difficult. He stated that it is possible to purchase reasonable student medical insurance for specific field trips.

FIRST READING OF POLICY
REVISIONS (continued):

Mr. Arness asked whether the District is liable for the cost of student injuries when students take field trips. Mr. McLain stated the he would consult with legal counsel. Mr. McLain stated that the current policy requires student medical insurance coverage for international field trips.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Pete Sprague thanked the Board for approving the 1999-2000 Board action item directing the administration to proceed with facilities studies for the Nikiski area reconfiguration and Soldotna Middle School addition.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford welcomed Dr. Peterson and Mr. Syverson. She congratulated Mr. Glaze for his award. She asked how many students have enrolled in the Connections Program. She asked when the Technology Committee meeting would be held.

Dr. Peterson stated that the Technology Committee meeting will be held July 27, 1999.

Mr. McLain stated that he will email the Connections Program enrollment information to Board members.

Dr. Anderson stated that he felt the budget transfer report was unnecessary. He noted that every student who took the Triscience test failed and felt these results indicated a problem. Mr. McLain replied that the test was given to students who wanted to opt out of Triscience, not for those who actually took the course. Dr. Anderson stated that he is concerned and would like to find out why so many failed the test.

Ms. Germano disagreed with Dr. Anderson's comments regarding the budget transfer report. She stated that she feels the reports are necessary.

Mr. Arness welcomed Dr. Peterson and Mr. Syverson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved that 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 discuss grievances and litigation. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:50 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 8:50 p.m. Mrs. Gross moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of July 12, 1999,
were approved on August 2, 1999,
with a correction.