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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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October 18, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the Board reorganization process, the Connections Homeschool Program, proposed Policy Manual revisions and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** The Oath of Office was administered to Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Mrs. Sunni Hilts and Ms. Lynn Hohl, by notary public, Mrs. Sally Tachick.

**REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:** The School Board Officers for the 2010-2011 school year are Mr. Joe Arness, President; Mrs. Liz Downing, Vice President; Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Clerk; and Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Treasurer.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Timothy Whip, Razdolna School principal, summarized the school's history, and reviewed school staff assignments and student population growth. He reported on the school's change to performance-based education and future education plans. He presented a student-created PowerPoint highlighting student activities, pictures of staff and school facilities, student activities, library relocation project, classroom activities, art activities, field trips, assessment information, and school goals. He invited the Board to visit the school.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater stated that through the use of Moodle, an online forum, teachers are able to collaborate much easier. He reported that five schools worked together during the October 15 inservice day. He stated that the October 7 Site Council and Parent Group training was not well attended and that the January training will be conducted via video conference. He congratulated Soldotna High School and Kenai Central High School football teams for qualifying to play in the state small schools championship game. He noted that the state swim meet will be held in November and wished District swimmers good luck, including Miss Rang, the new student representative to the School Board.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 2010.

**QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT:** Mr. Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 6 through 214 for various schools and departments within the District.

**RESOLUTION 10-11-2:** The Board unanimously approved Resolution 10-11-2, a list of the primary and alternate members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for FY11.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD:** The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Miss Julie Rang, a Kenai Central High School student, as the student representative to the Board of Education.

**HSGQE:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Numbers 2011-02, 2011-03, 2011-04, 2011-05, 2011-06, and 2011-07.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for the 2010-2011 school year for Bridgette Reutter, occupational therapist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Casey Davis, school psychologist, Homer Area; Matthew Epplin, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) primary grade teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Michelle Green, (temporary) primary grade teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Barbara A. Baysinger, (temporary) K-8/Title I teacher, Port Graham School; Justin Hostetter, (temporary) .50 FTE Title I teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Jill Quesenberry, (temporary) Kindergarten teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Wesley Andrews, school counselor, Skyview High School; Laura Fournier, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) school counselor, Skyview High School; Michael Redell, .50 FTE credit recovery teacher, Soldotna High School; and Mary Montgomery, (permanent .75 FTE/.25 FTE temporary) special education resource/K-3 teacher, Susan B. English School.

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Diane Patch, Chapman School; Kathy Thompson, Soldotna Elementary; and Holly Alston, West Homer Elementary.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations from Teresa Kiffmeyer, Native youth council coordinator, Federal Programs (effective October 4, 2010); Anna Widman, art, Nikiski Middle/High School (effective September 13, 2010); Wayne A. Young, principal/teacher, Spring Creek School (effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year); and Carole Demers, Grade 4, West Homer Elementary (effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year).

**ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved an administrator contract for D. Shane Hill, principal/teacher at Port Graham School.

**NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contracts for Theresa Salzetti, (temporary) interventionist teacher, K-Beach Elementary; and Lacey Wisniewski, (temporary) .50 FTE math/reading teacher, Kenai Middle School.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Board unanimously approved the acceptance of the FY10 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

**POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3530, Risk Management and the adoption of BP 6146.5, Differential Requirements for Individuals with Exceptional Needs.

**AASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION:** The Board unanimously approved the nomination of Sammy Crawford to the Association of Alaska School Boards, Board of Directors.

**FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:** The Board unanimously approved a list of proposed FY11 federal and state legislative priorities. The Board approved an amendment removing health care costs in Alaska from the state priority list and health care costs in the United States from the federal priority list.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board heard a first reading of BP and AR 3471, Equipment Reserve; and BP 3350, Payroll, and AR 3350, Payroll – IRS Retirement Plans.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 1, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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