

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

October 18, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

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

Mr. Mike Chenault, Member

Miss Melinda Haring, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Cook

Ms. Barb Vogel

Mrs. Amy Cook

Mr. Tim Peterson

Mrs. Kelly Brewer

Mrs. Karen Mahurin

Mr. Doug Brewer

Mr. Justin George

Mr. Sam Stewart

Mr. Dave McCard

Ms. Jayne Porter

Ms. Mo Sanders

Ms. Heather Resz

Ms. Sherryl Miller

Ms. Virginia Morgan

Mr. Jim White

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Mullins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Mullins invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected School Board members Mrs. Debra Mullins, Dr. Nels Anderson and Mr. Mike Chenault by Notary Public, Sally Tachick.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as written.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Mrs. Mullins announced that a reorganization of the Board was in order.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned nominated Ms. Germano as president of the Board. Mrs. Crawford requested that nominations for president be closed. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

(Continued):

Dr. Anderson nominated Mrs. Mullins as vice president of the Board.
Mrs. Crawford requested that nominations for vice president be closed.
Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Crawford nominated Mrs. Larned as clerk of the Board. Mrs. Mullins requested that nominations for clerk be closed. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned nominated Mrs. Crawford as treasurer of the Board. Mrs. Mullins requested that nominations for treasurer be closed. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ESTABLISH MEETING TIME, DATE AND PLACE:

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board set its meeting time, date and place for 7:30 p.m., on the first and third Monday of each month at the Borough Administration Building, Soldotna (unless otherwise noted), and that two meetings be scheduled in Homer and Seward in the fall and spring, and that the Board cancel the March 20 and April 3 meetings and reschedule a replacement meeting on March 27, 2000, to approve the budget. Mrs. Gross seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of October 4, 1999, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Sam Stewart, Kenai Central High School principal, told the Board that the instruction, assignments and testing for the school's computer classes are delivered online via internet. He explained that the instructor can give demonstrations and view all student work from his computer. He stated that the school has an advanced learning lab, which is used for remediation of students not meeting the benchmark requirements. He reported that last year's junior class had the highest overall CAT/5 test scores and that the freshman class had six of nine star papers on the districtwide Analytical Writing Assessment. He stated that art education enhances overall student performance and that there is a high correlation between a strong arts program and a strong academic program. He stated that art education strengthens productivity skills and presented samples of student self-portraits drawn by first-year art students. He introduced three students-Katie Campbell, Claire Mishou and Lauren Brewer-who performed an excerpt from the play, *Little Women*.

Mrs. Crawford asked what the enrollment was for Kenai Central High. Mr. Stewart replied that the school's enrollment is approximately 520 students.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Ms. Mo Sanders, Phi Delta Kappa, presented each School Board member with a complimentary, one-year subscription to *The Kappan* magazine and invited the Board to join the fraternity. Ms. Virginia Morgan distributed a packet of information and a sample magazine. Ms. Sanders called the Board's attention to the awards form, which is used to nominate people within the community to be recognized for their contributions towards education.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS
(Continued):

Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Crawford thanked the Phi Delta Kappa delegation for the magazine subscription and stated that they felt the articles were extremely valuable.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Dr. Peterson reported that she received a letter from a parent regarding the pupil-teacher ratio at the elementary level and a letter from the state notifying the District that the educational technology plan was certified, which makes the District eligible for technology literacy challenge funds and e-rate certification. She thanked Mr. Jim White.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. Hickey is attending the National School Business Officials' Conference. She stated that the worksession on school board standards has been moved to the December 6 meeting. She announced that the next Technology Work Group meeting will be October 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Borough Administration Building. She announced that several District principals are attending the State Principals' Conference. She reported that Mr. Walt Ward was named as Alaska State Vocational Associations' Teacher of the Year.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Dr. Peterson presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 1999.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT:

Dr. Peterson reported on budget transfers Numbers 1 through 92 for various schools and departments within the District.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Larned reported that she attended the Calendar Committee meeting last week and that the discussion centered on the beginning and ending dates for school and the length of the holiday and spring breaks.

Mrs. Mullins reported that she attended two days of the superintendents' conference. She stated that the topic of the first day was on "ethics and image" and the topic of the second day was "violence in the schools." She stated that she also visited the administrators' meeting.

Mrs. Crawford stated that she has been working on the language arts curriculum and participating on the Technology Committee and reported that progress is being made with both.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 19-Day Substitute Teacher Contract, Leave of Absence/Support, New Teacher Appointments, Requests for Early Graduation, Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permit, Budget Transfers and Resignation

Substitute Teacher Contract:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Connie Tracy, vocational education/Project Adventure, Homer Middle.

Leave of Absence/Support:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Anastasia Basargin, custodian, Voznesenka Elementary.

New Teacher Appointments:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Alexei Basargin, (temporary) Russian/math, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Christine Bergholtz, science, Kenai Central High; Lynnette Elliott-James (temporary) Grades 2/3, Soldotna Elementary; and Molly Kennedy, (temporary) occupational therapist for Districtwide special services.

Requests for Early Graduation:

Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve early graduation requests from students at Homer Flex, Seward High and Homer High.

Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permit:

By memorandum, Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a Primary and Alternative Member in Charge of Gaming for North Star Elementary School for the 1999-2000 school year.

Budget Transfers:

By memorandum, Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve budget transfers Numbers 98 and 118 for costs to provide a lunch program at Hope Elementary/High and cover costs of on-site installation and training of the new point-of-sale system for the food service program and provide professional-technical psychological services necessary due to an unfilled position.

Resignation:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a resignation effective October 12, 1999, for Jacqueline Stringham, music, Nikiski Middle/High School.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda items Numbers 1 through 7. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Mrs. Crawford asked how the students who are applying for early graduation will meet the requirements. Mr. McLain replied that the students will take correspondence classes, take additional classes during the school day or take more required courses in place of elective credits.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICY AND
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
REVISION PROCESS:

Mrs. Germano explained to those present that the change would place administrative regulation revisions on the consent agendas of regularly scheduled Board meetings. This modification would no longer require a first and second reading prior to approval.

Mr. McLain clarified that Board policies and administrative regulations would continue to be kept together in one binder.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve a change that would place administrative regulation revisions on the consent agendas of regularly scheduled Board meetings. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford thanked the audience for their attendance. She thanked Phi Delta Kappa for the gift and Mr. Stewart for the school presentation. She welcomed Mr. Chenault to the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued):

Mrs. Gross echoed comments made by Mrs. Crawford. She stated that Friday she attended a student production at West Homer Elementary, which featured Camelot and King Arthur. She stated that she also visited Nikolaevsk Elementary.

Miss Haring reported that she emailed all District high schools and has not heard any responses but will continue to update them on Board activities. She announced that she will attend the AASB Youth Leadership Conference, November 6-9. She welcomed Mr. Chenault to the Board.

Mr. Chenault thanked Mr. Stewart for the school presentation and commented that the artwork displayed showed some very talented students.

Mrs. Larned welcomed Mr. Chenault. She thanked Phi Delta Kappa for the subscription. She thanked Mr. Stewart for the school presentation and added that she has always had a special interest in the arts and was glad to hear him give a correlation between art and academics. She commented that the self-portraits were very nice. She stated that she attended the Soldotna High School band and choir concert last week and noted that it was "standing room only." She reported that there is an honor choir program during the coming week.

Miss Haring noted that the honor choir concert is Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. at Kenai Central High School.

Dr. Anderson noted that this is the first meeting he has attended without Mr. Arness as a member of the Board. He announced that he was starting a pool on how many times Ms. Germano would pass the gavel to speak to an issue during her term as president.

Mrs. Mullins thanked Mr. Stewart for giving his school report and stated that she especially appreciated the artwork and dramatic arts presentations. She thanked Phi Delta Kappa for the gift and noted that she reads the magazine and feels that the articles are very valuable. She congratulated Dr. Anderson on his reelection and welcomed Mr. Chenault. She stated that she was pleased Ms. Germano was willing to be the Board president.

Ms. Germano welcomed Mrs. Mullins and Dr. Anderson back as reelected Board members. She welcomed Mr. Chenault as a new member to the Board. She thanked Phi Delta Kappa for the gift and stated that she has enjoyed reading *The Kappan*. She thanked Miss Haring for her efforts in trying to contact other student councils. She thanked the Board for their support and stated that she is looking forward to the next year as president.

ADJOURN: At 8:14 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Deborah Germano, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of October 18, 1999,
were approved on November 1, 1999
with corrections.