

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Borough Administration Building
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

August 10, 1992

- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:** Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer
Mr. Joe Arness, Member
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member
Mr. Michael Wiley, Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning, Operations, and Technology
Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Hal Smalley
Mrs. Kathy Godek
Mrs. Janie Lawley
Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mrs. Patricia Porter
Mrs. Melody Douglas
Dr. Peter Cannava
Mr. Richard Waisanen
Others present not identified.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL:**
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| Mrs. Betty Obendorf | Present |
| Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick | Absent - Excused |
| Mr. Michael Tauriainen | Present |
| Mr. Clifford Massie | Present |
| Mr. Joe Arness | Present |
| Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross | Present |
| Mr. Michael Wiley | Present - Late 8:07 p.m. |
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as printed.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The School Board Minutes of July 10, 1992, were approved as written.
- COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged receipt of a letter from Greg Williams, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula, who expressed appreciation for the board's continued support of their organization for the last four years. He also extended thanks for the additional space approved on the July 20 lease addendum.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf reported an Alaska 2000 Education Summit will be held at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage on September 14-15, 1992. The Education Summit will provide an opportunity to let the State Board of Education know what the public and others in the field of education think about the 49 recommendations.

Mrs. Obendorf announced that resolutions to the Association of Alaska School Boards are due September 25. She noted core resolutions had been copied for board members, and resolutions from the KPBSD Board of Education would be voted on at the next meeting.

Mrs. Obendorf commented that a letter from Kurt Kristensen with accompanying education articles printed in the Peninsula Clarion had been received and copied to school board members.

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL
P.T.A.:

Mrs. Kathy Godek, Chairperson for the Kenai Middle School P.T.A., told the Board the Kenai Peninsula PTA's have worked during the summer planning for the September 25-26 Districtwide Parent Conference. Activities include a candidates forum, worksessions, etc. She encouraged school board members and administrators to participate in the conference.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren announced the next school board meeting would be on Monday, September 21.

He invited the Board to attend the first administrator meeting of the 1992-93 school year scheduled for August 17-18. Orientation for new administrators will be conducted during the morning of August 17 and the regular session will begin at 1:00 p.m. The August 18 session will be held at the Merit Inn in Kenai.

Mr. Dahlgren reported he attended a worksession on August 4 with the borough assembly related to placement of the Tustumena Elementary and Kenai Elementary projects on the October ballot. He noted an alternate ordinance has been introduced to vote on the projects separately. The borough assembly will decide on the ballot propositions at their August 18 meeting.

He noted copies of the Alaska 2000 recommendations have been received in the office. These recommendations will be discussed at the Education Summit in Anchorage, September 14-15. He also reported that Commissioner Covey will be in the Central Peninsula area September 8-9 to speak at the Soldotna and Kenai Chamber of Commerce meetings on the recommendations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT (cont.):

Mr. Dahlgren invited the Board to the districtwide inservice session on August 19 at Kenai Central High. The keynote speaker will be Marianne Gatherall from the University of California- Davis addressing the topic of restructuring. Grade level and subject level meetings will be held later in the day. An agenda for the inservice meetings will be mailed to the Board. Other inservice days will be held regionally on August 20 and in individual schools on August 21. Teacher work days will be held August 24-25 with the first day of school for students on August 26.

VOCATIONAL HOUSE
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported the uncompleted vocational house in Deepwood Subdivision, Kenai, has been inspected and the grounds cleaned and cut. He recommended the house be completed by a building contractor and placed on the market for sale. It was anticipated the house would be completed by the first of November.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented a financial report of the district for the period ending July 31, 1992.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 1992-93 Board of Education Goals, Hazardous Bus Routes, Substitute and Temporary Pay Schedule, Resignations, 1992-93 Teacher Assignments, and 1992-93 Non-Tenure Teacher Assignments.

1992-93 BOARD OF
EDUCATION GOALS

Three goals for the 1992-93 school year were presented for Board approval. The goals were: 1) To continue the development of vocational education career planning through the utilization of class sequencing within career clusters, 2) to implement the school-based decision making plan to provide for instructional improvement by increasing the authority and accountability of school site governance, and 3) long range planning for the school district.

HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTES:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve resolutions for hazardous bus routes for the 1992-93 school year for the following schools: North Star Elementary, Nikiski Elementary, Seward Elementary, Redoubt Elementary, Soldotna Elementary, Sears Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Homer Intermediate, Paul Banks Elementary and Kalifornsky Beach Elementary schools. The hazardous bus routes allow for bus transportation of students living within 1.5 miles of school because of limited sidewalks along these roads, heavy traffic, inclement weather conditions and reduced number of daylight hours which affect walking conditions.

SUBSTITUTE AND
TEMPORARY PAY
SCHEDULE/1992-93:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the 1992-93 substitute and temporary pay scale. The rates remain the same as for the 1991-92 year, and range from \$69/\$87 for teachers, \$9.00 for clerical/custodial, \$12.00 for bus drivers and nurses, \$8.75 for tutor/bilingual instructors, etc.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective immediately for Karen Wessel, Special Education/QUEST, Homer Junior High; Joyclyn Graham, Counselor, Soldotna Junior High; and Travis Durnford, Home Economics, Kenai Central High. She also recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1992-93 school year for Serve Wilson, Principal, Chapman Elementary; Robert Moore, Principal, Nikolaevsk Elem/High and Stephen Wilcox, Assistant Principal, Seward Jr/Sr High.

1992-93 TEACHER
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1992-93 teacher assignments for Daniel Marshall, English/Yearbook/Photography, Seward Jr/Sr High; Sharon Hopkins, Grades 2-3, Tustumena Elementary; Gary Benson, Special Education/Resource/Severe Education, Seward Jr/Sr High; Jane Boerger, Reading/English (half-time), Seward Jr/Sr High; Donna Bellmore, Grade 4, Tustumena Elementary; Michelle Stenger, Elementary, Kachemak Selo; Elena Yoter, Grades K-1 (half-time), Hope School; and Diane Porter, Grade 3, Mountain View Elementary (temporary).

1992-93 NON-TENURE
TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1992-93 non-tenure teaching assignments for Ruth McMillan, Kenai Middle School, and Toni Steward, Mountain View Elementary.

Mr. Tauriainen requested Consent Agenda Items #1 and #2, Approval of 1992-93 Board Goals and Hazardous Bus Routes, be voted on separately. Mr. Arness requested Item #5, Approval of 1992-93 Teacher Assignments, be removed to separate consideration.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #3, #4, and #6. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the 1992-93 Board Goals. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented the Board had held a worksession to discuss the goals for the 1992-93 school year. He read the goals for audience information.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the hazardous bus routes for 1992-93 school year. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented this was a significant budget item which had previously been discussed. He expressed concern that the routes operated in the some areas where sidewalks were available. He also felt the time length for the routes could be shortened from the proposed full school year.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion that the dates for all of the hazardous bus routes be changed from August 26 to October 15 and from May 26 to March 15. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned what savings would result from the change of dates for the hazardous bus routes. Mr. Dahlgren responded the annual budget allocates approximately \$63,000 for hazardous routes, and travel is prorated per day for these students. He estimated this could be \$6,000-\$6,500/month. He noted these funds are not reimbursable from the state. In response to a question from Mrs. Obendorf related to intent of the budget review committee on this topic, Mr. Dahlgren noted this was discussed and it was felt the service was necessary for student safety as compared to the amount of savings. Mrs. Gross commented that walking conditions at Paul Banks Elementary are hazardous particularly in March when that area receives the most snow of the year. She recommended the routes be considered on an individual basis.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Tauriainen
NO - Arness, Gross, Massie, Obendorf

Amendment failed.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to delete the Redobut Elementary and Soldotna Elementary hazardous bus routes. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Tauriainen noted this had been discussed previously where Soldotna had sidewalks and street lights.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

YES - Arness, Gross, Massie, Obendorf
NO - Tauriainen

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the 1992-93 Teacher Assignments. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mr. Arness stated he would abstain from voting due to a business interest with one of the teacher appointments.

VOTE:

YES - Gross, Massie, Tauriainen, Obendorf
ABSTAIN - Arness

Motion carried.

HOMER FLEX SCHOOL
LEASE AGREEMENT:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the Homer Flex School Agreement with RE/MAX of Homer for the 1992-93 school year. The space allocation on Ocean Drive and the \$1,333 monthly rental rate remain the same as last year.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the Homer Flex School Agreement. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf questioned whether the space allocation was adequate for the number of students served at the school. Mr. Dahlgren responded space had been increased last year and there was no intent to expand the program over 25-30 students. The space would be adequate for this amount of students.

Mr. Tauriainen commented there was no one-sided hold harmless clause in the agreement which he felt was appropriate. He added that he would like to see this in other lease agreements with the school district.

Motion carried unanimously.

SIX YEAR PLAN/ENROLL-
MENT PROJECTIONS AND
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
NEEDS:

Mr. Dahlgren noted the Board received the district's Six Year Plan for Enrollment Projections and School Construction Needs, 1992-93 through 1997-98. A projects listing was revised to reflect deletion of projects completed this year. He recommended the Board approve the document.

Mr. Tauriainen suggested the Board hold discussions on items which are included in the document. Mr. Dahlgren stated the Board held worksessions on the document prior to approval. Mr. Tauriainen commented that perhaps projects which appear unlikely to be funded should not appear on the construction timeline.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the Six Year Plan. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

STATE FUNDING OF
SCHOOL PROJECTS/
FY 94:

Mr. Dahlgren requested approval of the revised listing from the Six Year Plan to be submitted to the Department of Education for inclusion in their FY 94 budget requests.

Mrs. Kathy Godek, Kenai Middle School PTA chairperson, questioned whether the list of projects could be adjusted annually or only every six years. Mr. Dahlgren responded the list is readjusted annually as needs change.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the Projects List for the State Six Year Plan/FY 94. Mr. Arness seconded.

STATE FUNDING OF
SCHOOL PROJECTS/
FY 94 (cont.):

Mr. Tauriainen stated that if anyone felt anything would be funded from the list they should not depend on it. He felt the district was "jumping through the hoop" to comply with the Department of Education, but nothing would be forthcoming. Mr. Wiley commented the district might be more successful in securing funding by not placing a desired project on a list.

Motion carried unanimously.

STATE FUNDING OF
SCHOOL PROJECTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board request the Borough Assembly to accept the following school project grants: Seward High School roof replacement, \$31,400; Sterling Elementary heater replacements, \$17,500; Homer Intermediate heater replacements, \$17,500; Paul Banks heater replacements, \$17,500; Soldotna High School hallway recarpeting, \$39,900; Homer Intermediate boiler replacement, \$95,600; Tustumena Elementary repavement, \$17,500; and Moose Pass additional classroom/meeting room, \$150,000. He further requested funds for the Paul Banks Elementary reroofing, \$58,900; Chapman Elementary reroofing, \$51,700; and Ninilchik Elem/High boiler replacement, \$17,500 be reappropriated during the next legislative session. He noted reappropriation of funds was necessary since work had begun on these projects or completed through another project and, therefore, were ineligible for acceptance of funds.

Mr. Wiley requested that reappropriation of funds be made towards the Kenai Elementary School renovations. Mr. Dahlgren commented there was no guarantee that reappropriated funds would be directed to any particular project. Mr. Wiley questioned whether repair work on Seward High School would disqualify that school for roof replacement. Mr. Dahlgren responded the work on the auditorium would not jeopardize the roof replacement project.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve state funding of school projects as recommended. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented the Moose Pass additional classroom/meeting room at \$150,000 had never been on the district's list. He questioned whether the Board should refuse the funds and request reallocation of the money for a priority project.

Motion carried unanimously.

1992-93 ADMINISTRATOR
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Dahlgren announced the superintendent recommended the assignment of Marilyn C. Nelson as principal/teacher at English Bay Elem/High School for the 1992-93 school year.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the appointment of Marilyn Nelson as principal/teacher at English Bay Elem/High. Mrs. Gross seconded.

1992-93 ADMINISTRATOR
ASSIGNMENTS (con.t):

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether parents had been involved in the selection process. Mrs. Ratdke commented that both the parent advisory committee and community residents met the candidate and confirmed their approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Tauriainen commented the Board should review the capital projects lists and remove those projects from the list where needed. He stated projects which are still requested by the community but not likely to be funded, could be placed on an "others" list.

Mr. Wiley commented that he felt the Moose Pass project was an example of "pork barreling" by some legislators. He felt it was appropriate for voters to question legislative candidates about making changes in allocating funds for school projects, and not as a means for repaying favors. He felt the lists submitted by school districts should be followed.

Mr. Wiley commented he respected his fellow school board members and would in no way attempt to recall them.

Mr. Arness requested the administration aggressively pursue completing and selling the vocational house in Kenai. He felt the school district should not be bad neighbors by allowing the house to deteriorate while other neighbors are keeping their homes in good repair.

Mr. Tauriainen requested that information on the health curriculum be distributed to parents when school begins. Mrs. Rubadeau reported this topic and opt out procedures will be discussed at the administrators meeting next week. Mr. Massie requested that administrators be aware of what is going on in the classroom when the health curriculum is being taught.

Mrs. Obendorf commented that parents should be encouraged to attend classes of important nature to their children. She felt any parents who are concerned would make time for this.

She reminded board members to mark their calendars for the numerous upcoming meetings.

Mr. Tauriainen requested an excused absence from the September 21 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:35 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

At 10:55 p.m., Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Arness seconded.

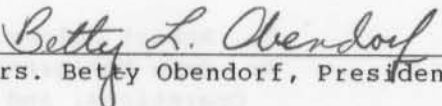
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 10:56 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk

The Minutes of August 10, 1992,
were approved on September 21, 1992,
as written.