

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

May 3, 1993

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
 Mr. Martin Jackson, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Holmes, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,
 Operations, and Technology
 Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional
 Services
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Jan Wallace-Keck	Mrs. Janie Lawley
Mrs. Diane Borgman	Mr. Larry Nauta
Mrs. Sue Liebner	Ms. Kari Mohn
Mr. John Kistler	Mr. Duane Anderson
Mrs. Zada Friedersdorff	Mr. William Rolph
Mrs. Arlene Wiley	Mr. David Schmidt
Mrs. Nancy Stengl	Mr. Ken Tarbox
Miss Grace Smutz	Mrs. Judi Ballentine
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mr. Pat Shields
Mr. Mark Moldenhourer	Mrs. Carla Anderson
Mr. Lee Stalker	Mrs. Debbie Griffin
Mrs. Laura Sena	Mrs. Alyson Stogsdill

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. Miss Maija Morgenweck, Skyview High School student, sang the National Anthem.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Late - 7:37 p.m.
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Martin Jackson	Present

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with changes to 7b, Health Curriculum Committee Report; and 7c, School Based Decision Making Committee Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of April 19, 1993, were approved with corrections.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mrs. Obendorf reported a letter had been received from a parent in Voznesenka related to a lack of equipment and furniture for the new portion of their school.

She noted an invitation had been received for a baccalaureate program on May 16 at 3:00 p.m. at Soldotna High School for the classes of Kenai, Nikiski, Skyview and Soldotna high schools.

She read a letter from Mrs. Rita Higman, Seldovia parent, who wrote in support of community service as a graduation requirement. Mrs. Higman felt such a requirement would help round out the personal development of our young people.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Obendorf presented Plaques of Appreciation to Mr. David Schmidt, Soldotna Junior High music teacher; and Mrs. Nancy Stengl, Redoubt Elementary fifth grade teacher, for their contribution to the school district and devotion to students and their profession.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Holmes reported training for the Strategic Planning action team leaders was held on Saturday, May 1. He noted teams are now being formulated, however, it is not too late for candidates to submit their names for any of the ten team areas. One organizational meeting is planned for each team prior to the end of the school year and sessions will resume in late August or early September. He anticipated the School Board will receive the final plan for adoption in January, 1994.

REDOUBT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Larry Nauta, Redoubt Elementary School Principal, staff members William Rolph, Debbie Griffin, Sue Liebner, Zada Friedersdorff, and PTA Co-chairperson Alyson Stogsdill reported to the Board on programs and events occurring at their school. Their report consisted of a slide presentation and narration on the student population, physical plant, parent involvement, special programs and the school environment.

HEALTH CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
REPORT:

Mrs. Diane Borgman, Director for Elementary Education, presented the Health Curriculum Committee's report on their review of the district's K-12 health curriculum. She noted the committee gathered information from teachers, administrators, students, nurses and counselors to gain input on the curriculum. Several speakers provided the committee with current health information. In addition, the report contained the borough attorney's opinion that there were no conflicts with school board policy and controversial issues within the health curriculum. Mrs. Borgman recommended that a comprehensive school health and wellness program be a goal of the board. The Board requested an administrative recommendation be presented at a future meeting before any of the committee recommendations are implemented for the next school year.

SCHOOL BASED DECISION
MAKING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mrs. Mary Rubadeau and the School Based Decision Making committee members Ken Tarbox, Sue Liebner, and student Grace Smutz presented the committee's recommendations to the Board. She noted the committee focused its work on several aspects of the implementation plan which was approved in April, 1992. The committee reviewed their eleven recommendations which included a draft policy on school based decision making; inservice training for staff, parents and community members; peer coaching; cooperative planning with the Strategic Action Team; waiver requests; negotiated agreement considerations; and collaborative working relationships between the district administration, school communities and various employee unions. The Board will consider the committee's recommendations at their next school board meeting.

SOLDOTNA HIGH SCHOOL
BLEACHERS:

Mr. Dahlgren reported the bleachers at Soldotna High School have been inspected and repairs should be completed by the end of the week. He felt the repairs would render the bleachers in safe operating order. Mr. Tauriainen requested the Soldotna High School PTSA receive a copy of the memorandum on the bleachers.

In response to a communication read earlier in the meeting related to furniture and equipment at Voznesenka, Mr. Dahlgren responded he would be visiting the new 4,000 square foot addition on May 4. He commented he has been talking to village officials and the school will be equipped by the school district in the most reasonable manner possible. In addition, the portable classrooms and existing school will continue to be utilized as classroom space.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resignations and Grant Application.

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RESIGNATIONS: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1992-93 school year for John Stengl, Science, Soldotna High; Tim Felosi, Special Education/Vocational Education, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; and Mike Smith, Principal, Susan B. English Elem/High.

GRANT APPLICATION: Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve submitting a grant application to the Department of Education for the JTPA Summer Youth Employment and Training Program for \$175,389.

ACTION Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 and #2. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**POLICY REVISION/002.513/
ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve revisions to Policy 002.513, Order of Business. She noted revisions had been made to include the National Anthem or the Alaska Flag Song in Opening Activities, a section on public comments at the beginning of the meeting, clarification on hearing of delegations and a sequential order of reports from schools, administration and the board.

Mr. Jackson inquired whether individuals would need prior approval to speak under the new heading "Public Comments" at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that prior notification was not needed, but possibly a sign up sheet might be used.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned why the reports were listed rather than the current manner of reports only. Mrs. Rubadeau noted this was done to facilitate an order for reports, and a section would be open for board members to make reports when necessary.

ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve revisions to Policy 002.513 as presented. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she presented the change for the additional section on "Public Comments". She felt there is need for people to tell the Board their concerns without waiting until the end of the meeting. She noted a time limit was set for this section on the agenda for two minutes or twenty minutes aggregate. She felt it was important for the Board to hear from its constituents in this manner, yet keep the meeting moving in a timely manner.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to change two minutes to three minutes and change twenty minutes aggregate to thirty minutes aggregate. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Tauriainen, Wiley
NO - Gross, Massie, Obendorf
Advisory Vote - Yes

Amendment carried.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT: Dr. Holmes recommended the Board approve the appointment of Paul Kubena as principal of Ninilchik Elem/High School for the 1993-94 school year.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve Paul Kubena as the Ninilchik principal. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Carla Anderson expressed concern with the Health Curriculum Committee's recommendation that more AIDS education needs to be done. She noted that children are misinterpreting information given to them in certain health and safety courses and are developing anxious types of syndromes and traumas. She was concerned how AIDS education would be taught through the K-2 level and offered her services in teaching children without causing trauma.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Wiley questioned what the hiring schedule was for Hope and Seldovia, and hoped time would be allowed for public participation in the process. Dr. Holmes responded the office was waiting for a resignation and for the past three years the communities have always been involved in the hiring process.

Mr. Wiley commented he was sorry to see Mr. Smith leaving Seldovia, and complimented him on a job well done there.

Mr. Massie stated he was pleased to have been invited to participate in the Science Fair held at Kenai Peninsula College. He noted there were some great student displays.

Mrs. Gross extended congratulations to all the graduates this year.

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BOARD COMMENTS (cont.): Mr. Arness requested the Board follow-up on the construction worksession held earlier in the day. He felt the Board should move quickly, yet carefully on the projects they felt were necessary.

Mrs. Dimmick expressed appreciation to Mrs. Gross and Mr. Wiley for their reports.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he was pleased to have participated in the Academic Recognition Night and the Junior High Mass Band performance in Kenai.

Mr. Jackson commented he was impressed with the Health Curriculum Committee Report and the School Based Decision Making Report.

Mr. Jackson requested an excused absence from the next meeting due to his graduation. Mrs. Gross and Mr. Tauriainen requested excused absences from the next school board meeting to attend graduation ceremonies as the boards' representatives that evening.

Mrs. Obendorf requested that Mr. Dahlgren recommend the necessary steps needed for the Tustumena addition as well as the other projects discussed at the worksession to be placed on an October ballot.

She noted that she had received very nice comments on the Science Fair held at Kenai Peninsula College. The Board concurred with her request to present a Plaque of Appreciation to the college at the next meeting, and send them a letter extending the district's appreciation for their work with the Science Fair.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she felt the Academic Recognition Night was a wonderful evening to recognize the district's outstanding students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:55 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick 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. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:10 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board reconvene in regular session. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 11:11 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Massie seconded.
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty L. Obendorf
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

Mike Tauriainen
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk

The Minutes of May 3, 1993,
were approved on May 24, 1993,
as written.