
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mrs. Liz Downing, Vice President
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Clerk
Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Treasurer
Mr. Marty Anderson
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. Bill Holt
Mr. Tim Navarre
Mrs. Penny Vadla
Miss Julie Rang, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mike Warfield	Mr. Bob Ermold
Mrs. Doris Cannon	Mr. Tim Vlasak
Mr. Doug Cannon	Mr. Hal Smalley
Mrs. Christine Ermold	Mr. Joe Gallagher
Mr. Brad Hibberd	Mr. Dave Spence
Mr. Ray Marshall	Mrs. Sandra Ghormley
Mr. Todd Syverson	Mrs. Margie Warner
Mrs. Shelli Furlong	Mr. Bob VanDerWege
Mrs. Norma Holmgaard	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

(7:00:22 PM)

Mr. Joe Arness called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

(7:00:46 PM)

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:

(7:01:14 PM)

Mrs. Vadla read the District's mission statement.

ROLL CALL:

(7:01:40 PM)

Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Marty Anderson	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mr. Tim Navarre	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present
Miss Julie Rang	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(7:02:27 PM)

The School Board Minutes of November 1, 2010, were approved with a correction.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

(7:03:05 PM)

The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to The Warfield family, for their service to Sterling Elementary and Soldotna High.

Mr. Arness recognized State Representative Mike Chenault, and newly-elected Representative Alan Dick.

Mr. Joe Gallagher, Mr. Brad Hibberd and Mrs. Sandra Ghormley, representatives from Homer Electric Association, commended the West Homer Elementary principal and staff for their assistance with the HEA Energy Fair and presented Mr. Marshall with a check to pay for student field trips and an energy kit.

SCHOOL REPORT:

(7:12:40 PM)

Mrs. Christine Ermold, Sterling Elementary principal, introduced Mr. Mick Audette and his music students who performed a Trinidad holiday song. She explained the school's use of positive behavior support which focuses on appropriate student conduct. The students concluded the report by singing the new school song written by Mr. Audette.

RECESS:

(7:27:50 PM)

At 7:27 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER

RECESS:

(7:33:24 PM)

At 7:33 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Mr. Arness recognized three Soldotna High School students in the audience.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

(7:34:19 PM)

Dr. Atwater announced that Mr. Vaughn Dosko, Kenai Middle School assistant principal, was selected as Assistant Principal of the Year by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals. He announced that Julie Ann Wilson, Carol Ann Clonen, The Ecological Girls, The Homer High Foundation Youth Advisory Committee, Ninilchik Emergency Services Emergency Trauma Technicians and Shelby Holben were nominated for Spirit of Youth awards. He reported that 15 Alaska Native students from various schools throughout the District participated in Native Youth Council activities to promote leadership skills. He noted that the activities were funded with Title VII money. He announced that 66 students participated in the All-State Music Festival in November. He referred to a memo to the Board regarding the District's planned use of the federal jobs bill stimulus funds.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

(7:36:16 PM)

Mrs. Warner, KPESA president, reported that school visits are almost complete. She reported that the Nikiski Middle/High School wrestlers were Region III champions in the recent Valdez wrestling tournament and will host the 1A, 2A, 3A state wrestling tournament on December 10 and 11. She wished those present a happy holidays and safe travels.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

(7:37:47 PM)

Dr. Atwater announced that student drug testing recommendations will be provided to the Board at the January meeting. He reported that the District instructional team will meet with teachers throughout the District regarding the curriculum management plan. He reported that the state special education audit was outstanding and that the District administrative section scored 100% in compliance and the student section scored 95% in compliance.

**FIVE-YEAR PUPIL
ENROLLMENT
PROJECTIONS:**

(7:39:42 PM)

Mr. Jones presented the Five-Year Enrollment Projections (2011-12 through 2015-16) that reflects 9,086 students for FY12.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

(7:41:58 PM)

Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending October 31, 2010.

BOARD REPORTS:

(7:42:52 PM)

Mrs. Hilts reported that she and Mrs. Downing attended the Youth Court induction ceremony that involved students from Voznesenka School, Kachemak Selo School and Razdolna School. She noted that Superior Court Justice Christiansen administered the oath of office. She reported that she also attended the Native Youth Leadership Council and was impressed with their leadership skills.

Mr. Holt reported that he assisted with the Native Youth Leadership Council during the climbing wall activity. He reported that he attended the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association meeting and that the group discussed the issue of funding for cocurricular activities travel.

Ms. Hohl reported that she attended the AASB Annual Conference and participated on the Resolutions Committee. She reported that she attended the District Parent Group training, the Seward Site Council meeting, and the Budget Development Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Vadla reported that she attended the Budget Development Committee Meeting on November 10 and thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation. She attended the AASB Annual Conference and reported on several individual workshops.

Mr. Anderson reported that he attended the AASB Annual Conference, and the Budget Development Committee Meeting. He noted that during the AASB Annual Conference Mr. Arness was recognized for receiving the Alaska Association of School Administrator's MacKinnon Educational Excellence and Human Recognition Award.

Mr. Arness distributed AASB boardsmanship certificates issued by AASB to Penny Vadla, Mr. Holt, Mr. Anderson and Ms. Hohl. He also received a certificate.

Mrs. Downing reported that the Youth Court induction ceremony was well done. She commended Ginny Espenshade for her volunteer work with the students. She reported that she attended the AASB Annual Conference and chaired the Governance Subcommittee of the Resolutions Committee.

BOARD REPORTS:

(continued)

Miss Rang reported that she attended a community meeting to explore ways to minimize rivalry between Kenai Central High and Soldotna High. She reported that she attended the AASB Youth Leadership Institute and was impressed with Father Michael Oleska's speech.

BOARD WORKSESSION REPORT:

(7:55:44 PM)

Mr. Arness reported that that the Board held worksessions on the Six-Year Plan and School Construction Needs, iSafe description and the Personal and Social Skills Standards. He thanked Borough maintenance staff who attended the worksessions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(7:56:23 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Career and Technical Education Curriculum; Six-Year Plan and School Construction Needs; New Teacher Contracts; Resignations; Long-term Substitute Contracts; High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2011-08; Request for Leave of Absence-Support; Resolution 10-11-4, Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permits; and Performance Based Personal and Social Skills K-6 Curriculum.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve the proposed revised Career and Technical Education Curriculum.

SIX-YEAR PLAN AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the proposed Six-Year Plan and list of major maintenance and capital improvement projects for FY11 through 2017.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve new teacher contracts for Holly Alston, (temporary) primary grade teacher/Title I teacher, Chapman Elementary; Laurie A. Kerley, (temporary), facilitator gifted teacher .50 FTE, Mountain View Elementary; Michelle D. Thomason, (temporary), elementary school mentor teacher, Mountain View Elementary; and Tammy L. Taylor, (temporary), kindergarten/first grade teacher, Nikolaevsk School.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, from John M. Cook, principal, Mountain View Elementary; Jamie Leman, special education/resource, Ninilchik School; Catherine Turnbull, Grade 1, Seward Elementary; and John Christensen, math, Soldotna Middle.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve long-term substitute contracts for Caitlin Caffall, Kaleidoscope Charter; Marsha Gustkey, Mountain View Elementary; Heather Callen, Seward High; Jennifer Tabor, Soldotna Middle; and Charles Eric Sundheim, Voznesenka School.

HSGQE:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Exam waiver request number 2011-008.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a leave of absence for Jack E. Bennett, custodian I, McNeil Canyon Elementary (effective November 10, 2010 through the end of the 2010-11 school year).

RESOLUTION 10-11-4, PRIMARY SPONSOR OF GAMING PERMITS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve Resolution 10-11-4, a revised listing of the primary and alternate members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for FY11.

PERFORMANCE BASED PERSONAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS K-6 CURRICULUM:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve the adoption of the Performance Based Personal & Social Skills K-6 Curriculum.

MOTION

Mr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 9. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY ADOPTION:
(8:00:32 PM)

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the adoption of BP 3515.7, Restrictions on Sex Offenders on Campus.

MOTION

Mrs. Hilts moved the Board approve the adoption of BP 3515.7, Restrictions on Sex Offenders on Campus. Mr. Holt seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FY11 GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVISION:
(8:01:23 PM)

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve budget adjustments to the FY11 general fund revenue and expenditure budgets in the amount of \$2,771,323 for a total general fund amount of \$132,388,161.

MOTION

Mr. Holt moved the Board approve budget adjustments to the FY11 general fund revenue and expenditure budgets in the amount of \$2,771,323 for a total general fund amount of \$132,388,161. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:
(8:02:09 PM)

The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BB 9250, Compensation, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits.

BOARD COMMENTS:
(8:02:44 PM)

Mrs. Vadla thanked those who spoke to the Board. She congratulated Mr. Dosko for being selected by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals as the Alaska Assistant Principal of the Year for 2010-11. She thanked the youth who created the lovely Christmas Card.

Mrs. Hilts reported that she attended the AASB Annual Conference and was impressed by a speaker who spoke on student readiness for school and that Districts must intervene.

BOARD COMMENTS:*(continued)*

Mrs. Downing stated that a few hours each week in a well-structured pre-kindergarten program readies students for kindergarten. She expressed appreciation for Laura Jacobs' and Mike Sellers' presentation regarding personal and social skills standards during the worksession. She expressed appreciation for the Sterling Elementary School report. She expressed appreciation for Mr. Gallagher who presented a donation and gift to West Homer Elementary staff. She noted that the boroughwide basketball tournament will be held at Homer Middle School December 11. She wished those present a Happy Holidays.

Mr. Holt expressed appreciation for the Sterling Elementary School report. He reported that he recently spoke to a former KPBSD graduate who is a teacher in Hawaii at an underperforming high school, and he was impressed that the former student loves his work.

Mr. Anderson expressed appreciation for the Sterling Elementary report and commended the hard work by the administrator and staff. He stated that the Board appropriately honored Mr. Warfield and family, for their many volunteer efforts.

Ms. Hohl commended the District's many long-time volunteers. She expressed appreciation that the local communities use the school facilities. She expressed appreciation for the Sterling Elementary School report. She reported that she attended the Seward PTSA meeting and noted that the group would like to have iSafe training if one of the Seward schools becomes a pilot school. She reported that she attended the Seward Economic Forum. She announced that the Seward Prevention Coalition is interested in continuing with the QS2 Program. She reported while attending the AASB Annual Conference she heard Mr. Lynn Fielding's presentation regarding kindergarten readiness and summarized his comments.

Miss Rang wished good luck to District wrestlers as they compete in the upcoming state tournament and to the basketball teams and ski teams as they begin their season.

Mr. Arness thanked Mrs. Ermold for including the students in the Sterling Elementary School report. He wished those present a Happy Holidays.

ADJOURN:*(8:15:10 PM)*

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Clerk

The Minutes of December 6, 2010,
were approved as on January 10, 2011
as written.