

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

December 16, 1991

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. Ryan Rogers, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Jackie Sewall	Miss Ann Rumley
Mr. Ken Tarbox	Mrs. Sharon Mook
Mr. Dave Spence	Mr. John Kislter
Mrs. Melody Douglas	Dr. Nels Anderson
Mr. Mick Wykis	Miss Grace Perry
Mrs. Kay Perry	Mrs. Nancy Savaria
Mrs. Susan Borko	Mr. Henry Anderson

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:13 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:15 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 6:16 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

The Board reconvened in regular session at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Absent - Excused
Mr. Michael Wiley	Absent - Excused
Mr. Ryan Rogers	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of December 2, 1991, were approved with corrections.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from Jane Behlke of Fairbanks who informed the Board of their family's desire to establish a scholarship for Seward High School graduates honoring their mother, Mrs. Luella McMullen James. The letter described procedures on establishing the fund, selection of a recipient, and annual reporting on growth of the fund.

Mrs. Obendorf reported a letter had been received from the Alaska Council for Teachers of English who announced Cory Borgman, Homer Junior High School student, had recently received the National Promising Writers Award. Her teacher Karen Wessel, was also recognized by the organization.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Holmes reported the Board and Central Office Administration had conducted budget hearings in Seward, Kenai and Homer during the past week. Attendance varied between 20-60 people at the meetings. He noted Budget Review Committee Meetings would begin on January 8, followed by a second round of public hearings in February.

SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
REPORT:

Mrs. Marlene Benson, principal, Skyview High School, reported the basic philosophy of her school is that all individuals are important and every student has his/her place in the many programs at the school. Mrs. Susan Borko, music director, lead the Skyview Bell Choir in several musical numbers. The presentation concluded with the Board and audience ringing the bells and singing the final song.

AUDIT REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the Audit Report for the 1990-91 school year as prepared by Cooper and Lybrand, certified public accountants. The auditing firm stated the school district's records were in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Mr. Swarner reviewed all sections of the report with the Board. Mrs. Melody Douglas, chief accountant, was recognized for her outstanding contributions in coordinating information for the audit report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ended November 30, 1991.

HOUSING REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported the Housing Committee evaluated and reviewed current facilities with regard to the enrollment projections for next year and into the future. Guidelines for evaluating the various options included educational soundness, space utilization, cost effectiveness and long term solutions. The Board will conduct a worksession at their January 6 meeting related to the various options and reconfigurations proposed.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported the Activities Committee was responsible for three charges which were: 1) writing a philosophy statement, 2) developing budgetary considerations for budget placement, and 3) reviewing other areas of activities and interpretation of board regulations. He noted the philosophy statement was adopted by the Board on December 2, and the committee will have funding considerations prepared for the budget process. He explained the formula used in preparing the budget amounts. He stated activity programs continue to be highly subsidized by participation fees, fund raising, and booster clubs.

SCHOOL BASED
DECISION MAKING
INTERIM REPORT:

Mrs. Rubadeau reported the School Based Decision Making Committee met for its second of five meetings on December 11 in preparation for an April 20 report to the school board. She noted the purpose of the committee is to revise management to improve instruction and learning. The committee will review materials on this issue, and Dr. Don Shalvey will be used as a consultant for this effort as it relates to instructional improvement. Currently, principals are being surveyed on their perspectives of the elements of the school based decision making model already in place.

FIRST READING/POLICY
REVISION/008.23/
008.23R, SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented the first reading to revisions on Policy 008.23/008.23R, School Volunteers. The revisions included aligning the school parent organization to identify and coordinate school volunteers and that volunteers participate in training activities.

Mrs. Dimmick requested the last sentence be revised to read, "comply with school regulations and participate in volunteer training activities." Mr. Arness commented that volunteers should be encouraged rather than required to participate in training activities.

FIRST READING/POLICY
REVISIONS/007.42,
COMPULSORY
ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented the first reading to revisions on Policy 007.42, Compulsory Attendance. The revisions would take into account minutes of instructional time lost and changes the number of days from 15 to 10 in schools on an 80-minute period. The change was made at a request from Skyview High School administrators due to their class schedules.

FIRST READING/POLICY
REVISIONS/007.42,
COMPULSORY
ATTENDANCE (cont.):

Student representative Ryan Rogers questioned whether a student could miss 15 days but not 800 instructional minutes, and if that was true, the policy was not clear on this. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that such was possible if a school was on a rotating day schedule. She stated the word "and" could be deleted to clarify the policy's intent.

FIRST READING/POLICY
REVISIONS/002.513,
ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented the first reading to revisions on Policy 002.513, Order of Business. The change was requested by the school board in a recent worksession where all meetings would use the same agenda format.

FIRST READING/POLICY
REVISIONS/003.121,
FIELD TRIP REQUESTS:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented Policy 003.121, Field Trips, with no revisions. The Board had previously requested a review of the policy and any revisions to the current policy would be presented by board members on January 6, 1992.

K.P.E.A.:

Mr. Henry Anderson, K.P.E.A. President, questioned whether written reports were available on the Audit Report, Activities Report and School Based Decision Making Interim Report. Mrs. Obendorf commented the last two reports were oral reports. Mr. Swarner advised that Mr. Anderson had received an Audit Report earlier in the day. Mr. Anderson stated he felt the policy relating to school volunteers should include the words "expected to participate in training activities" because these people would be working with expensive equipment such as computers, projectors, etc., which needed to be operated properly. He added this would also be true in using library equipment where volunteers often work.

Mr. Anderson read a statement from the Kenai Peninsula Education Coalition requesting that the 1992 state legislature fully fund school debt retirement, support an increase in the foundation formula unit value to \$66,000, secure early funding, and increase funding for school construction.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Certified, Sick Leave Bank Draw Request/Support, Resignation, Substitute Teacher Contract, In-Service Release Request, Early Graduation Request, Extended Field Trip Request, and AASB Questionnaire Results.

SICK LEAVE BANK DRAW
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 28 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Cynthia Rehm, Music, Mountain View Elementary.

SICK LEAVE BANK DRAW
REQUEST/SUPPORT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 24 days from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Catherine Lapan, Cashier/Food Service, Chapman Elementary School.

RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Sheila Langston, Special Education/Resource/Educationally Handicapped, Kenai Middle School, effective upon hire of a suitable replacement.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
CONTRACT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a contract for 19-day substitute teacher Mike Belloni, Music, Mountain View Elementary School.

IN-SERVICE RELEASE
REQUEST:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve an in-service release request to Kenai Central High School on January 10, 1992, to prepare for a March, 1992 accreditation visit.

EARLY GRADUATION
REQUEST:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve an Early Graduation request for a Nikiski High School junior to graduate in January, 1993.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP
REQUEST:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve an extended field trip request for 15 Homer Junior High eighth grade students to participate in the American Student Travel Program in Washington, D.C., March 21-27, 1992.

AASB REPRESENTATION
QUESTIONNAIRE:

At the request of the Association of Alaska School Boards a questionnaire was submitted to all school boards in the state requesting information related to statewide representation, voting, officers and board configuration. The Board met prior to the regular meeting to discuss their position on the issues. A completed form would be sent to AASB.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf requested Item #8, Approval of AASB Representation Questionnaire, be considered separately.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #7. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Dimmick noted the Board had discussed the questionnaire prior to the meeting in a worksession, and each of the four sections would be considered separately.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve option #2 under the Representation section and add "2/3 of the total board come from designated regions and 1/3 would be elected at large." Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve option #4 to the Voting section where voting by region, by a delegate assembly made up of an assigned number of delegates from each district, voting on a slate of candidates for their region only, and #6, vote would be by weighted system for establishing the number of delegates for district with significantly higher student enrollment, adding "with a minimum of one delegate for a maximum of five depending on the student enrollment." Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve option #3, Officers, Board of Directors is elected by the general membership, but then the Board of Directors would select its own officers; adding "This is favored only if change in representation is approved as outlined in the first motion." Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve option #2, Board Configuration, 15 member board with 3 officers being elected from the Board (President, President-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer) and an additional ex-officio seat for the Past-President (16 total). Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board request the Committee to resubmit the questionnaire to the membership with the additions from the school board and other additions other school districts may make, since the amendments may be more acceptable to other boards. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Nels Anderson complimented Mr. Dahlgren on the Housing Report and noted he was pleased there was a working document in place on this topic. He stated he had concerns with the philosophy of establishing high schools at 500 students, and noted shifting school boundaries was not addressed. He said he did not feel the long term solutions were practical given the funding situation while keeping the PTR as low as possible. He felt there was an assumption the district would receive more funding which was unlikely. He stated it was more efficient to add to facilities rather than building new ones.

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Assembly Member, apprised the Board of two items to be addressed at the December 17 assembly meeting. These items included schematic design for the Homer Junior High School pool area, and term limitations for school board

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(continued):

members and other elected officials. Mr. Dahlgren explained the Board's intent on schematic design for filling-in the Homer Junior High School Pool area, and completion of the area in other phases.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, stated most parents who volunteer have expertise in the areas they volunteer for and that teachers would most likely see that parents have the necessary training. He commented that he kept hearing that the schools need more money, but noted with more funding the district has not provided better educated students. He suggested that parents teach their children at home as long as they are able to do this, at which point they should deal with some other agency other than the school district with that problem. He also expressed concern that the different configurations for the Kenai schools were not consistent with other schools in the district. He suggested the administration study how these schools would interact with the high school levels, 7-12. He felt the housing plan should be considered districtwide and there should not be discrimination of grade levels between schools by shifting boundaries.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board members extended holiday greetings to the staff and audience.

Mr. Tauriainen requested an excused absence for the January 6 meeting, and suggested the Housing Committee Report be reviewed at a later date. Mrs. Obendorf stated a worksession would be held on January 6 related to this, but a recommendation would be made to the school board later.

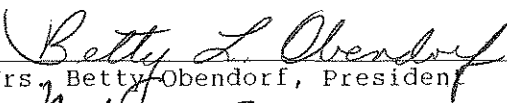
Mrs. Obendorf announced the next school board meeting would be held on January 6, 1992.

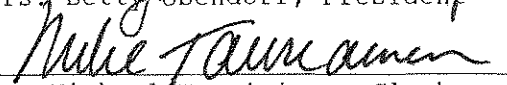
ADJOURN:

At 9:22 p.m., Mr. Tauriainen moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk

The Minutes of December 16, 1991,
were approved on January 6, 1992,
as written.