

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

March 16, 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  
 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. Susan Cain	Mr. Joe Deutsch
Mayor Gary Davis	Mrs. Judy Schell
Mrs. Pam Lazenby	Mrs. Janis Mullen
Mr. John Kistler	Mr. Hal Smalley
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mr. Henry Anderson
Mr. Dave Spence	Mr. Duane Anderson
Ms. Nancy Watson	Mr. Zachary Holmes
Mrs. Sandra Holmes	Mrs. Melody Douglas
Mrs. Nancy Jones	Mrs. Sharon Moock
Mr. Dennis Murray	Mrs. Becky Moore
Mr. Rick Matiya	Mr. Daryl Kellum
Mr. Rick English	
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:

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	Present
Mr. Ryan Rogers	Present

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of a presentation by City of Soldotna Mayor, Gary Davis, under "Hearing of Delegations."
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of March 2, 1992, were approved with corrections.
- HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Mayor Gary Davis, City of Soldotna, presented the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District with an Exemplary Service Award for its cooperation in opening schools and having staff available in the Soldotna-Kenai area during the chlorine gas leak on January 30, 1992. Dr. Holmes accepted the award on behalf of the school district.
- COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mrs. Obendorf noted an invitation had been received inviting the board to Port Graham School's Elders Day Program on March 18, beginning at 10:00 a.m. She requested board members to advise her of their desire to attend in order that travel arrangements can be made.
- She reported a petition had been received from the Skyview Swim Team supporting the continuance of the swim program.
- Mrs. Obendorf advised letters had been received from Gutry Singleton, Ginger Vollom, Melissa Poole, Casie Hoffman who wrote in support of Skyview High School remaining a high school.
- She noted two letters had been received from the Nikolaevsk Elem/High School requesting a full-size gymnasium for that school. One letter was signed by many Nikolaevsk students.
- REDOUBT PTA: Mrs. Susan Cain, Redoubt PTA Chairperson, told the board about creative ways the Redoubt staff is handling discipline problems. She noted the Golden Rings Award reinforces good behavior, where classes are rewarded a pop corn party when they receive 100 memos. Classical music has been introduced in the lunch room to provide a calm atmosphere. A student recognition program also recognizes good behavior and students will receive buttons and teachers will present a special program for the students. She recognized the teachers for their extra work involved in working with these programs. She questioned whether parents could expect a lower PTR next year. Dr. Holmes responded this is a top priority of the school board and administration, and it is being considered in the \$60,000 budget contingency.
- KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA: Mr. Rick English, Vice President of the Kenai Middle School PTA, expressed appreciation on behalf of the group's president for the March 7 Parent Training Meeting. He also expressed appreciation to the district for its MegaSkills workshops for parents. He reaffirmed their support for the opening of Kenai Elementary School. He felt it was prudent to have the facility ready to relieve classroom crowding in Kenai. He

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PTA (continued):

stated this was the best viable alternative given the current financial situation. He quoted information from educational research indicating an increase in pupil achievement with the decrease in class sizes.

SOLDOTNA HIGH PTSA:

Mrs. Becky Moore, Soldotna High School PTSA Chairperson, expressed appreciation to the Board for their attendance and taking time to hear parental concerns at the Housing Facilities Meeting on March 10. She expressed concern that not all PTSA presidents were invited to attend the recent special budget meeting. She felt all school representatives should have been included. Dr. Holmes stated the meetings on March 11 & 12 were for the superintendent and administrative council to gather information from the principals and a small group of community members on priorities for budget reductions. The people who were invited were those who had a good working knowledge of the budget and who had attended meetings regularly. He noted no decisions were made, and people who indicated an interest were allowed to attend. Mrs. Moore suggested that parent groups be allowed to attend similar meetings where they can gain information.

SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY  
PTA:

Mr. Dennis Murray, Co-chair of the Soldotna Elementary PTA, reiterated earlier information on the value of lower PTRs in schools. He expressed appreciation to the school board and administration for their involvement in the well-attended public hearing on March 10. He expressed appreciation to Dr. Holmes for the parental and staff involvement recently in the selection process for the Soldotna Elementary principal.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mary Beaumont, multi-grade teacher at McNeil Canyon Elementary School, for her deep commitment to students and professional leadership exhibited during her 15 years in the school district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Dr. Holmes commented the Soldotna Elementary Principal search was a successful one. He expressed appreciation to those involved in the process.

He expressed appreciation to Ken Tarbox, Marilyn Dimmick, Mary Rubadeau and Jan Hall for their presentations at the March 7 Parent Group Meeting. He also expressed appreciation to the parents in attendance on Saturday at the meeting.

PORT GRAHAM ELEM/HIGH  
SCHOOL REPORT:

Mr. Joe Deutsch, Principal/Teacher at Port Graham Elem/High School, a K-10 school, gave a video presentation on their active school in Port Graham. He told the Board the school's quality educational program recognizes the culture of the people and special needs of the students. He noted the school is also the center for social and community life of the village. He described the many ongoing programs at the school

PORT GRAHAM ELEM/HIGH  
SCHOOL REPORT(cont):

including the upcoming Elder's Day Program on March 18 which gives special recognition to the senior citizens of the village.

Mr. Wiley questioned where the 11th and 12th grade students attend school after completing their program at Port Graham, and whether the students attend English Bay School for those last two years of school. Mr. Deutsch responded that most students attend either Kenai Central High or Soldotna High, and to his knowledge no Port Graham students completed their high school education at English Bay. He stated he felt consolidating the 11th and 12th grades at English Bay was a good idea.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending February 29, 1992.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Application for Interstate Teacher Exchange, Resignations, 1992-93 Teacher Assignments, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, Substitute Teacher Contract, Sick Leave Bank Requests/Support, Sick Leave Bank Request/Certified, Grant Applications, Gaming Primary Members, and Application for "Superintendent's Prepared" Program.

APPLICATION FOR  
INTERSTATE TEACHER  
EXCHANGE:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an application for an Interstate Teacher Exchange from Dwayne Craig, Grade 5, Soldotna Junior High.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1991-92 school year for Ron Thrasher, Music, Chapman Elementary; Kim Pendleton, Media Center, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; and Chris Schrier, Industrial Arts, Nikiski Jr/Sr High.

1992-93 TENTATIVE  
TENURE ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1992-93 tentative tenure teacher assignments for Kimberly Foley and Katherine Lucky at Kenai Central High.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUESTS/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve Leave of Absence Requests for the 1992-93 school year for Jane Handy, Special Education/Speech, Sterling Elementary; and Carol Musson, Grade 1, Soldotna Elementary. Mrs. Radke recommended the Board deny leave of absence requests for Alice Witte, Physical Education, Homer High; and Lee Moore, Physical Education/Spanish, Nikiski Jr/Sr High because the requests did not meet the parameters of the current K.P.E.A. Agreement.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a contract for 19-day substitute teacher Dawn Musgrove, Special Education/Resource, Redoubt Elementary.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUESTS/SUPPORT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve draws from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Ginger Self, Food Service, Kenai Central High, 24 days; and Cathy Ainsworth, Accounting Specialist, Central Office, 24 days.

SICK LEAVE DRAW  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 24 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for June Waltrip, Grade 2, Tustumena Elementary.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve grant applications for the following: Chapter I Program, \$595,828; Chapter I N or D, \$9,282; Migrant Education Program, \$331,147; Drug Free Schools Program, \$140,970; Preventing/Combating Chemical Abuse in School, Home and Community, \$559,035; Migrant Educational Instructional Assistant/Teacher Training Grant, \$8,150; Chapter II Block Grants, \$98,366; Community Schools Program, \$43,416; and the Bilingual/Bicultural Plan of Service.

GAMING PERMITS -  
DESIGNATING PRIMARY  
MEMBERS:

Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve Resolution 91-92-2 establishing primary members at district schools where student fund raising activities take place using games of chance and skill. These individuals would have authority to sign the application on behalf of their school for these permits. The primary members were: Terry Myrick, Bartlett Elem/High; Serve Wilson, Chapman Elementary; Bernadette Wensely, English Bay Elem/High; Mike Bundy, Homer High; Elaine Grantier, Homer Intermediate; Lincoln Saito, Homer Jr. High; Robert Dover, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Mick Wykis, Kenai Central High; Paul Sorenson, Kenai Middle; Sara Peterson, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Tom Thorpe, Mountain View Elementary; Wanda Bonillas, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Ken Satre, Ninilchik Elem/High; Jan Hall, North Star Elementary; Lewis McLin, Paul Banks Elem/High; Larry Nauta, Redoubt Elementary; Jacquie Imle, Sears Elementary; Roger Sampson, Seward Elementary; Jim Fredrickson, Seward Jr/Sr High; Marlene Benson, Skyview High; Ken Meacham, Soldotna High; Michael J. Smith, Susan B. English Elem/High; and Carolyn Cannava, Tustumena Elementary.

APPLICATION FOR  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
PREPARED PROGRAM:

Dr. Holmes requested authorization from the Board to submit an application to the "Superintendent's Prepared" Program. This program is a one-year urban superintendent training program consisting of several training sessions throughout the year.

Mr. Tauriainen requested that Consent Agenda Item #9, Approval of Gaming Permits - Designating Primary Members, be considered separately.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, and #10. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item #9, Approval of Gaming Permits-Designating Primary Members. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether pull-tabs were included with the gaming permits. Mr. Swarner responded affirmatively. Mr. Tauriainen expressed objection to pull-tabs, the same as in discussions about this last year. He felt schools should not be involved in pull-tabs. Mr. Massie stated he did not favor pull-tabs, but the staff used other portions of the permits to raise funds for school activities.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf

NO - Tauriainen

Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

POLICY REVISIONS/  
AIDS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve revisions to Policy 005.311/005.3.11R, AIDS-Personnel; 006.44/006.44R, AIDS-Students; and 004.61/004.61R, Handling of Infectious Waste. Five recommendations for student education, staff inservice and community training, and a media/resource library related to AIDS were also presented for approval. She noted the policies were developed by the AIDS Policy Committee and two public hearings in addition to worksessions had been conducted on the policies. Mrs. Rubadeau commented she felt the policy was one that would be replicated and used as a model within the state.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the committee recommendations and policy revisions. Mr. Arness seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to delete the word "substantially" in Policy 005.311, 005.311R and 006.44. Motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to delete the word "potential" in Policy 005.311R. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that the wording was "potential risk", and in his opinion there was a risk in AIDS, not a potential risk. Mr. Wiley requested an interpretation on the wording from Mrs. Rubadeau. Mrs. Rubadeau responded the attorney's interpretation as explained to the Board earlier was that these words were taken from state law. Mrs. Dimmick felt the deletion of the word "potential" would weaken the policy.

POLICY REVISIONS/  
AIDS (continued):

Mr. Tauriainen with concurrence from Mr. Wiley withdrew his amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISION/  
007.12, SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve revisions to Policy 007.12, Substance Abuse as developed by the Substance Abuse Committee with legal advice from Borough Attorney, Tom Boedecker. Members of the committee were: Stuart Goldstein, teacher; Dave Spence, assistant principal; Stan Vogel, counselor; Dan Morris, police department; Gwen Gjovig, parent; Lillian Dorcas, CICADA; Deb Burns, CICADA; Betty Miller, school nurse; Dave Wagner, community member; Karen Rogers, corrections department; Marilyn Dimmick, school board member; Lisa Schmitter, counselor; Mo Scott, grant coordinator; and Dick Carignan, grants administrator. Regulations will be developed this spring and the policy would be effective in the 1992-93 school year.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve revisions to Policy 007.12, Substance Abuse, as presented with the removal of the words "at risk". Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 91-92-1,  
SUPPORT OF ALTERN-  
ATIVE FUNDING FOR  
REMODELING OF KENAI  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Mr. Dahlgren presented Resolution 91-92-1, Support of Alternative Funding for Remodeling of Kenai Elementary School, as requested by the board at their March 2 meeting. The resolution would be forwarded to the borough assembly for further consideration in seeking alternative funding to remodel the school to reduce the overcrowded conditions that exist in the Kenai area elementary schools. The Kenai area parent advisory committees had requested this support by the school board.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether deleting the words "any and all alternative" from the Therefore Be it Resolved" section would have an impact on the resolution. Mr. Dahlgren responded that choice would be of the school board.

Mrs. Pam Lazenby, speaking on behalf of Sears Elementary and Mountain View Elementary PTAs, stated that PTR has been the biggest issue that needed to be addressed, and it was apparent the school needed to be ready to alleviate crowded classroom conditions in the Kenai area.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, stated the resolution as written, supports robbing banks to reopen Kenai Elementary School. He suggested the resolution be rewritten to be more specific in naming alternative funding for the remodeling of Kenai Elementary School.

Mrs. Sharon Moock, borough assembly member, stated she felt the relationship between the school board and borough assembly

RESOLUTION 91-92-1  
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was eroding because the school board was not making efforts in return to the borough assembly. She noted the borough assembly forwarded a capital improvements list to the legislators as recommended by the school board. She stated the school board would supersede that program by approving the resolution, and send mixed messages to both the borough assembly and legislators. She felt approval of the resolution would jeopardize other important projects on the peninsula. She added it was shortsighted to give approval to the project when cost for the project was unknown at this time. She commended the Kenai parent groups for their diligent work, but advised the board not to support the resolution.

Mr. Wiley responded that a couple of years ago the borough assembly disregarded the capital improvements list and approved a project for the Seldovia school. He stated he had no complaints about that project, but it should be noted that the assembly did not follow funding priorities. He added it might be helpful to all if the board added support for the project where the Kenai parents might have some other funding sources in Juneau.

Mrs. Lazenby commented they did not feel the Kenai schools were any more crowded than any others in the area, however, Kenai was the only area where an unoccupied school existed, and where approximately \$2.5 million could bring the school up to operating order. She also felt no other schools would be funded until this school was opened.

Mr. Dennis Murray, parent, stated he agreed with Mrs. Moock that the board was sending mixed messages to other legislative bodies when it retreats from its original position. He noted that although the Kenai group had done a great deal of work towards their classroom needs, the Tustumena project warranted continued support. He noted his basic concern was where the funding would come from, which would primarily be from the state legislature, and if the Kenai project was funded then less funds would be available for educational funding.

Mr. Duane Anderson, parent, told the board they should make up their minds on what they wanted. He commented it was obvious that the Tustumena situation would not improve, and although the Kenai overcrowding situation has not improved, it would not be as drastic as that for Tustumena Elementary. He added that at the time the Kenai school was closed, it was a wise decision with another school coming on-line. He felt the board should maintain its original position, and should consider themselves fortunate if they received funding for the Tustumena project. He felt support of the Kenai project might jeopardize the Tustumena project, which was needed.

Mrs. Obendorf asked Mrs. Lazenby to clarify the Kenai parent groups position on funding for the Kenai project. Mrs. Lazenby responded that parents would be speaking to state



RESOLUTION 91-92-1  
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legislators as well as addressing the borough assembly for their support. She also noted there was some bond money available which could be used for the project.

Mrs. Moock commented that any projects exceeding \$1 million would need voter approval. She noted the costs for the project were unknown at this time and if funds were received from other sources, the voter approval would be circumvented.

RECESS:

At 8:58 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

The Board reconvened in regular session at 9:15 p.m.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the adoption of Resolution 91-92-1. Mr. Wiley seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the motion in the "Now Therefore Be Resolved" section to delete, "any and all alternative funding for the remodeling" and insert "the timely effort to remodel Kenai Elementary School". In addition, the title would be changed to read, "Support for Remodeling of Kenai Elementary School". Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned what effect the resolution as amended would have on the capital improvement list. Mrs. Dimmick commented that the board is not in control of funding, but was giving support to the project which does not exclude any other projects on the list.

Mr. Wiley stated this project was a little different from other projects, and such a small project could possibly be funded. He commented he did not want it to degenerate to a fight between Kenai and Soldotna, but instead the board should encourage the Kenai parents to lobby for the project.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf

NO - Tauriainen

Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment carried.

Mr. Arness commented that it was not constructive for the board to change their priority list and approve the project until costs are known.

Student representative Rogers stated he felt action by the board was redundant since the project was already on the capital projects list.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved to postpone the motion. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mr. Rogers questioned why the board was postponing the motion. He commented the board could disapprove the motion and begin with another resolution. Mrs. Dimmick stated the board needed to consider the priority of the project on its capital improvements list and gather more accurate cost information on the project.

VOTE TO POSTPONE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf

NO - Tauriainen

Advisory Vote - NO

Motion to postpone carried.

1991-94 K.P.A.A.  
NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the 1991-94 Negotiated Agreement with the Kenai Peninsula Administrators Association as presented. She stated the agreement had been ratified by the administrator's association.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, recommended the Board not approve the negotiated agreement and send it back for renegotiation. He commented that with declining revenue funds there were no funds available to pay the increased salaries. Other items to be reconsidered were reimbursement of expenses for career development, medical/dental insurance, life insurance, and professional dues which were not in the public's best interest. He felt these items could be paid from the sufficient salaries paid to this group of school district employees.

Mrs. Sharon Moock, borough assembly member, questioned various items in the contract including 100% payment of per diem for personal leave days accumulated, sabbatical leave with paid fringe benefits, and increases in the salary schedule. Mrs. Moock urged the board to be cautious in awarding a contract with new benefits to people who are "perceived" as the fat cats especially in this time of uncertain funding conditions.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the 1991-94 K.P.A.A. Negotiated Agreement. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he had concerns about the agreement in view of the current economic situation.

1991-94 K.P.A.A.  
NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT  
(continued):

VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

OPEN NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH K.P.E.S.A.:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board enter into negotiations with the Kenai Peninsula Educational Support Association. A letter from the association was presented supporting the request.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, told the Board they do not negotiate in good faith with the public when they conduct closed negotiations. He suggested that public input be included in the process. He noted he did not foresee increasing revenues and the board was spending in excess to what the borough taxpayers can pay. He suggested the board seek public input before contract negotiations begin.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board to open negotiations with K.P.E.S.A. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Duane Anderson, parent, commented that the March 15 Anchorage Times printed salaries of the Anchorage School District. He stated he had acquired the KPBSD teachers contract, and questioned what the benefit package was for teachers. Mr. Swarner stated it was approximately 22%. He stated the general public was unaware there were always salary increases due to step increases, and the KPBSD is slightly higher than Anchorage on salaries. He added that it is a misrepresentation to the public that the level of government can continue to increase while the states' economy decreases.

Mr. Rick English, parent, told the board they were sending the wrong message to parents which included pay raises to administrators and teachers, but all efforts by parents meant nothing.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, commented that oil revenues were expected in Juneau today. He questioned what would happen to the long range educational efforts in the district. He felt more money was being thrown at education, but the quality of education has not improved.

Mrs. Judy Schell, parent, stated she was discouraged in attending the last several school board meetings. She stated she felt students were the bottom line, and could not

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS  
(continued):

understand why the board was increasing administrator salaries when everyone was concerned with the PTR. She added that the perks included in the administrators' contract are not included in nongovernmental salaries and paid by the individual. She felt all expenses needed to be considered when considering education for students.

Mrs. Moock expressed appreciation to the board for their listening to the public at the March 10 Facilities Meeting at Soldotna High. She added that it should not have been a Skyview High School vs Soldotna High School issue as portrayed by the press. She stated it was necessary that all areas think of their own community, i.e., Sterling, Funny River, Kasilof, Kalifornsky Beach and Soldotna, and the overall impact on the schools they attend. She felt the school board needed to think of the needs for the entire peninsula, not isolated areas. She encouraged the board to give the leadership needed on the peninsula to pull all the needs together.

Mrs. Pam Lazenby commented that she was disappointed the resolution was not approved. She noted this was an issue presented at the Kenai Facilities Meeting. She added that parents foresee a "quick fix" for classroom needs next year, but following that a real problem will exist, thus the priority by parents to address the problem now. She stated that Kenai parents are now sending lobbyists to Juneau to seek funding for the district and state. Expenses for the lobbying effort are provided by the Kenai parent organizations not only for the district but for education in the state.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Rogers commented he did not feel progress had been made for education with the approval of the administrators' contract. He felt students would have to do without.

Mr. Wiley stated it was not an easy decision to approve the administrators' contract, and it needed to be put in the proper context. He noted the 5% salary increases are included in the current year's budget, and should be compared to 9% teacher raises. A voluntary salary freeze exists in the administrators' contract if funds are not available next year. Also, extra work days and reorganization exists in the contract which benefits the district.

Mr. Tauriainen expressed appreciation to parents and students who attended and commented at the meeting at Soldotna High School on facilities. He stated one of the messages from the meeting was that reductions were needed to benefit the PTR. He expressed concern that current funding projections indicated the PTR could be maintained, and was disappointed with the approval of the administrators' contract which would further reduce funding towards that end.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved to reconsider the K.P.A.A. contract at the next meeting.

Mr. Massie commented the administration did what they were asked to do in negotiations, and based on that, the contract was not out of line. He commented the Board was aware of public comments and would consider them in future negotiations.

Mrs. Dimmick expressed appreciation to Mr. Arness for the reconsideration motion. She noted the percentage of increase was a small amount of dollars, but some clauses were not included to change the principal/teacher position or potentials to save money which are negotiated items. She commented that principals were working hard to make budget reductions which would not decimate programs, but an obligation existed to consider other areas.

She expressed appreciation to Mr. Deutsch for the excellent presentation on the Port Graham Elem/High School.

In reference to comments made earlier, Mrs. Obendorf clarified that teachers took a 5% salary reduction in 1987.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded school board members that their APOC forms are due April 15.

She announced the AASB Legislative Fly-In is scheduled for April 12-14. She noted Mrs. Dimmick would travel to Juneau for this since she is an AASB director.

Mrs. Obendorf commented on a very delightful Forensics Meet on Saturday at North Star Elementary School.

Mrs. Obendorf expressed appreciation to Ms. Nancy Watson, Peninsula Clarion reporter, for her reporting of the school board meetings. She wished her well in her future endeavors elsewhere.

Mrs. Obendorf added her appreciation to the parents for their input to school board decisions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:12 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Massie, Tauriainen, Obendorf  
NO - Wiley

Motion carried.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 11:15 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

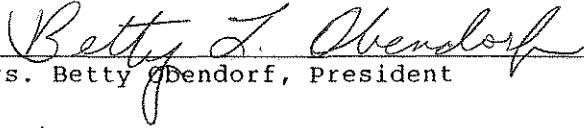
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 11:16 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
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Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk

The Minutes of March 16, 1992,  
were approved on April 6, 1992,  
as written.