

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2003 – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Vice President
Ms. Deborah Germano, Clerk
Mrs. Margaret Gilman, Treasurer
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Member
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member
Mr. Al Poindexter, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Melody Douglas, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Gary Whiteley, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Sam Stewart, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Glenn Haupt	Mr. Tim Peterson
Mr. Jim White	Mrs. LaDawn Druce
Mrs. Norma Holmgaard	Miss Jenni Dillon
Mrs. Jackie Ansotegui	Mr. Jim Heim

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

(Tape 1, 94)

ROLL CALL:

(Tape 1, 109)

Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Margaret Gilman	Present
Mr. Al Poindexter	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

(Tape 1, 128)

The agenda was approved with addition of Item 10b., Approval of Seward Middle School Educational Specifications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(Tape 1, 170)

The School Board Minutes of August 4, 2003, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

(Tape 1, 204)

Dr. Peterson reported that the Annual Yearly Progress designations for Alaskan schools will be made public on Wednesday, August 19 as part of the No Child Left Behind Act. She stated that the District is expecting to receive the information at the same time as the Department of Education and Early Development. She noted that the Board received notes in the general information packet from the cocurricular activities worksession on August 4 and added that the District has been corresponding with the Borough and Assembly regarding members for the Cocurricular Task Force.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

(Tape 1, 281)

Dr. Peterson reported that she attended the ACSA Summer Superintendent Meeting in Juneau. She stated that the Department of Education hosted the first day which included a visit from Commissioner Roger Sampson. She reported that the New Teacher Orientation is being held on August 18-19 and added that returning teachers will begin on August 20. She noted that on Monday, August 25 she will conduct an orientation for School Board candidates. She stated that the Project GRAD opening announcement will take place on September 3 at Kenai Central High School.

Financial Report:

(Tape 1, 362)

Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending July 31, 2003.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Tape 1, 410)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Non-Tenure Teacher Assignments, New Teacher Assignments; Resignations; Central Office Organization; Administrator Appointments.

NonTenure Teacher Assignments:

Dr. Gary Whiteley recommended the Board approve tentative nontenure teacher assignments for Cindy Bedingfield, ATOSS/prevention counselor, Homer Area, and Lisa Hayward, Grade 5 teacher, K-Beach Elementary.

New Teacher Assignments:

Dr. Whiteley recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 2003-2004 school year Kari A. Cook, occupational therapist, Districtwide, Pupil Services; Mary C. Pucillo, school psychologist (temporary), District-wide, Pupil Services; Barbara Titus, Grades K-4, Port Graham Elementary/High; Steven J. Evans, special education teacher-intensive needs, Seward Middle/High; and Geoffrey Glover, elementary generalist, Tebughna School.

Resignations:

Dr. Whiteley recommended the Board approve resignations effective at the end of the 2002-2003 school year from Heather Lindquist, K-3, Cooper Landing School; Colby Neagley, Title I reading, Nanwalek School; Bernie Clark, history/physical education, Ninilchik Elementary/High.

Central Office Organization:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the Central Office organization chart as outlined.

Administrator Appointments:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the appointments of Ben Eveland as assistant principal of Soldotna Middle School and Mo Sanders as administrator of Soldotna Montessori.

MOTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 5. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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educational specifications:**

(Tape 1, 410)

Mr. Stewart recommended the Board approve educational specifications for Seward Middle School for submission to the Department of Education and Early Development for their review and approval.

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the Seward Middle School Educational Specifications. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

(Tape 1, 410)

Dr. Anderson congratulated Mr. Ben Eveland on his appointment as assistant principal at Soldotna Middle School.

Mr. Poindexter congratulated Mr. Ben Eveland on his appointment as assistant principal at Soldotna Middle School.

Mrs. Gilman reported that she attended the play, *Doll Collection*, written by Joe Rizzo and performed by many Peninsula area students. She reported that during registration at Kenai Middle School, she was greeted at the door by a parent volunteer distributing free and reduced lunch application forms. She thanked the administration for the attention and time spent on the assessment results report. She noted that three of her children will be attending school in the District this fall. She welcomed all students to the District.

Ms. Germano welcomed everyone back to a new school year. She commented on the lack of school board candidates for the upcoming election. She stated that last year, members of the public complained that they were not being represented and did not have opportunities to run for a seat on the Board. She expressed disappointment that, with a nine-member Board, many candidates are running unopposed and noted that one seat has no candidate. She stated that according to the filing response, there does not seem to be a problem with representation after all.

Mrs. Crawford extended congratulations to Mr. Rizzo for the excellent performance of his play, *Doll Collection*, to Mr. Ben Eveland for his appointment as assistant principal of Soldotna Middle School, and to Mrs. Druce for coaching the Soldotna High School mock trial team to the national competition. She noted that the District has a wonderful staff and great students and added that she is excited to be starting a new school year. She thanked Dr. Peterson for tying the agenda items to the Alaska State Standards.

Mr. Arness appointed Dr. Anderson and Mrs. Gilman to serve as Board member representatives on the Cocurricular Task Force. He noted that the first meeting will be September 4. He directed Mrs. Tachick to email the Cocurricular Task Force website address to Board email folder.

ADJOURN:

(Tape 1, 801)

At 7:42 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Deborah Germano, Clerk

The Minutes of August 18, 2003,
were approved on September 9, 2003,
as written.