
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

May 2, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held a student expulsion hearing before traveling to Seward. The Board conducted several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the Frameworks Administrator Evaluation, air quality, Native Youth Leaders and the proposed revised Superintendent and Board Self-Evaluation documents.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. David Kingsland, Seward Elementary principal, announced that twice school has received the Alaska Performance Incentive Award and was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School and credited its success to great teachers. Ms. Augusta Lind presented the after-school improv students who shared two skits titled, *Hunting the Whatsit* and *What is in the Food*. Mr. Kyle Schneider, music teacher, directed the fourth grade students in singing *Paradise*. Mr. Kingsland provided two video clips highlighting arts and culture, geography, music, the Artist in Residency Program, technology, field trips, science projects and the school facility and playground.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Ms. Stephanie Presley, Prevention Coordinator and Ms. Jill Simpson, Prevention Director at Seaview Community Services provided information on Seward Prevention Coalition history and goals. Ms. Simpson explained that the Coalition has applied for a 3-year grant to promote healthy communities. Ms. Presley explained that survey data will be used to meet community needs and fill gaps in services.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater announced that the District will again participate in the USDA Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program for a total of \$200,000 at 12 schools. He reported that the student transportation contract has not yet been reached but that negotiations continue. He reported that the Communication Survey results have been reported to the Communications Committee members and that the return was not as high as hoped for. He reported that and that the communication specialist position is vacant and has been advertised. He reported that state funding has not been decided but if CSSB 84 is signed by the governor, approximately \$800,000 will be available for career and technical education for five years. He thanked teachers for their hard work and recognized that May 1 begins Teacher Appreciation Week.

FINANCIAL REPORT: On behalf of Mr. Jones, Dr. Atwater presented the District financial report for the period ending March 31, 2011.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS, 2011-12: The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for the 2011-2012 school year for Denise L. Kelly, Program Coordinator, Pupil Services; and Michael L. Hanson, Assistant Principal, Mountain View Elementary.

NONTENURE TEACHERS FOR TENURE, 2011-12; The Board unanimously approved a contract and tenure for Wendi Dutcher, generalist, Connections; Riley Justis, generalist, Connections; Reubin Payne, generalist, Connections; Mark Wackler, generalist, Connections; Dennis Welch, generalist, Connections; Stacy Naden, art .50 FTE, Homer High; Daniel Olson, geography, Homer Middle; Joanna Greene, Grades 4/5, Kachemak-Selo; Robyn Zinszer, kindergarten, Kaleidoscope School; Shana Butler, library .50 FTE, K-Beach Elementary; Cheryl Romatz, interventionist, K-Beach Elementary; Jeff Baker, physical education, Kenai Central; Stacia Rustad, health, Kenai Central; Steve Fischer, vocational education, Kenai Middle;

Margaret Gilman, language arts, Kenai Middle; Megan O'Neill, math interventionist, Kenai Middle; Elizabeth Reiter, generalist, Kenai Youth Facility; Kendall Dellasperanza, Grade 4, McNeil Canyon; Maureen Wilkinson, interventionist .50 FTE, McNeil Canyon; Timothy McFarland, music, Mountain View Elementary; Dylan Hooper, credit recovery, Nikiski Middle/High; Paul Johnson, vocational education (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary), Nikiski Middle/High; Gary Wiebel Jr., school counselor, Nikiski Middle/High; Shanna Johnson, Grade 4, Nikiski North Star; Tricia Young, Title I teacher, (temporary), Nikiski North Star; Kathryn Baum-Fjelstad, language arts, Ninilchik School; Barbara Denboer, language arts, Ninilchik School; Bryan Hickey, math, Ninilchik School; Melinda Michener, K-2 Title I Teacher (.50 FTE, temporary), Ninilchik School; David Patat, science, Ninilchik School; Brandon Young, primary, Paul Banks Elementary; Ranada Hassemmer, interventionist, Redoubt Elementary; Erin Flowers, Grades 3/4, Seward Elementary; Susan Pfeifferberger, interventionist/Title I, Seward Elementary; Kyle Schneider, music (.80 FTE permanent/.20 FTE temporary), Seward Elementary; Chad Hinders, history, Seward High; Barry Hartman, vocational education, Skyview High; Eric Pomerleau, physical education, Skyview High; Byron Weeks, science, Skyview High; Cindy Schlung, K-2 Title II Teacher, (temporary), Soldotna Elementary; Shaya Straw, Grade 3, Soldotna Elementary; Meggean Bos, home economics, Soldotna High; Dana Edwards, math (.75 FTE permanent/.25 FTE temporary), Soldotna High; Sheilah-Margaret Pothast, Spanish .50 FTE, Soldotna Middle; Amanda Brendtro, interventionist, Sterling; Belinda Smith, Grades 2/3, Sterling; Kurtis Schoenberg, Title I teacher (.75 FTE/.25 FTE Migrant, (temporary), Voznesenka; and Jennifer Justis, interventionist .50 FTE, West Homer.

TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS, 2011-12: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contract for the 2011-2012 school year for Steve Cothran, distance education, Curriculum and Assessment; Emanuela Meriggi, distance education, Curriculum and Assessment; Heidi Stokes, .50 FTE generalist/.50 FTE Title I teacher, (temporary), Chapman; Christopher Brown, language arts, Homer Flex; Connie Akers, library .50 FTE, Homer High; Amy Christianson, band, Homer High; Anna Fisher, social studies, Homer High; Jennifer Booz, science, Homer Middle; Darcy Mueller, language arts, Homer Middle; Erin Neisinger, itinerant counselor, Homer Middle; Zachary Zimny, art, Homer Middle; Patricia Truesdell, K-12 generalist, Hope; Kimberly Fields, Grade 2, Kaleidoscope; Marianne Kasch, Grade 5, Kaleidoscope; Patricia Haywood, Grade 6, K-Beach Elementary; Ryan Miller, math, (temporary), K-Selo; Cathy Walker, Grades 2/3, K-Selo; Douglas Armstrong, science, Kenai Central High; Noell Boyer, social studies, Kenai Central; Melissa Morckel, math, Kenai Central; Lindsey Pender, language arts, Kenai Central; Jonathan Horbacz, math, Kenai Middle; Rochelle Horbacz, math/science, Kenai Middle; Lacey Wisniewski, math/reading .50 FTE, Kenai Middle; Corise Story, kindergarten, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Lenore Swanson, music/physical education/primary, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Jeffrey Clay, K-6, Moose Pass; Renee Christensen, Grade 5, Mountain View Elementary; Nicole Cunningham, Grade 1, Mountain View Elementary; Summer Dallman, Grade 1, Mountain View Elementary; Matthew Epplin, primary, Mountain View Elementary; Tammy Farrell, library .50 FTE, Mountain View Elementary; Kevin Hilton, Grade 1, Mountain View Elementary; Shannon Hoffbeck, Kindergarten, Mountain View Elementary; Cynthia McKibben, Grade 3, Mountain View Elementary; Shawna Vlasak, pre-kindergarten, (temporary), Mountain View Elementary; Jesse Bjorkman, social studies, Nikiski Middle/High; Holly Boyle, reading, Nikiski Middle/High; Laura Niemczyk, high school language arts, Nikiski Middle/High; Justine Reese, credit recovery, Nikiski Middle/High; Anna Widman, art, Nikiski Middle/High; Heather Hooper, Grade 2 .50 FTE, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Rose Kiernan, Grade 2, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Karen Pala, pre-kindergarten, temporary, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Katy Settlemyer, Grade 2 .50 FTE, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Kimberly Trammell, kindergarten, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Vivian Norenberg, .38 FTE Title I/.12 FTE migrant/.50 FTE title ii, (temporary), Nikolaevsk; Sarah Compton, Grades 1-2, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Seanna Gunn, kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Kjersten Syth, physical education, Paul Banks Elementary; Amy Ware, K-2 Title I teacher, (temporary), Paul Banks Elementary; Michelle Fournier, Grades 2/3, (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary),

Razdolna; Jennifer Keil, generalist, Razdolna; Bethany Andrews, Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary; Stephanie Belger, Grade 1, Redoubt Elementary; Carolyn Farmer, Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary; Kara Schreur, Grade 2, Redoubt Elementary; Carol Hutto, Generalist (temporary), River City Academy; Deanne Pearson, math, River City Academy; Helen Lindemuth, library .50 FTE , Seward Elementary; Bethany Waggoner, art, Seward High; Jeffrey Wolf, math/Spanish, Seward High; Wesley Andrews, school counselor, Skyview High; Laura Fourtner, school counselor, Skyview High; Krista Heldenbrand, language arts, Skyview High; Jesse Settlemyer, language arts, Skyview High; Amanda Williams, science, Skyview High; Eric Dahl, intermediate, Soldotna elementary; Aaron Lohmeyer, music, (.85 FTE permanent/.15 FTE temporary), Soldotna Elementary; Bristol Whitmore, Spanish, Soldotna High; Jeffrey Vincent, science, Soldotna Middle; Thomas Cavanaugh, Grade 6, Sterling Elementary; Cynthia Ussing, intermediate, Sterling Elementary; JoEllen Fowler, interventionist (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary) title i teacher, Tustumena Elementary; Christina Granger, pre-kindergarten .50 FTE (temporary), Tustumena Elementary; Judith Michaels, resource, Tustumena Elementary; Amanda Painter, Grade 2, Tustumena Elementary; and Amy Sundheim, school psychologist, West Homer Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, from Joy Hagen, Grade 5, Aurora Borealis; R. Lee Moore, Latin, Aurora Borealis; Ed Sotelo, Mentor, instruction; Linda I. Young, Grade 2, K-Beach Elementary; Greta Cox, counselor, Kenai Central High; Charles Seater, math, Kenai Central High; Sarah Kantrud, Grades 2/3, Mt. View Elementary; Jeremy McKibben, Title I , Mt. View Elementary; Mim McKay, music, Nikiski Middle/High; Jessica Sobey, language arts, Nikiski Middle/High; Kathy Eller, interventionist, Paul Banks Elementary; Michael Redell, credit recovery, Soldotna High; Sarah Swaney, intensive needs, Soldotna High; Linda Vroman, Title I, Sterling Elementary; and Christie A. Cook, intermediate, Tebughna School.

HSGQE: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2011-19.

NAME CHANGE FOR KENAI YOUTH FACILITY SCHOOL: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to change the name of the Kenai Youth Facility School to "Marathon School".

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Adam Meyers, Nikiski North Star Elementary; and Carmen Oelkers, Nikiski North Star Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a teacher contract for Hannah N. Toporek, English Language Learner (ELL) specialist, districtwide/itinerant.

POLICY MANUAL REVISION: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3470, Fund Balance.

STUDENT EXPULSION: The Board approved expulsion recommendation Number 2010-11-001.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 6, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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