
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

July 11, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

SPECIAL MEETING: An executive session was convened on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, to conduct the superintendent evaluation.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Mr. Daniel Parrent, U.S. Forest Service, spoke to the Board regarding the possibility of heating the Seward area schools with wood pellets and to apply for grant funding through the USDA Forest Service and the Alaska Energy Authority to pay for the necessary mechanical systems. He reviewed the possible cost savings to the District. Mr. Thomas Deerfield, Dalson Energy, urged the Board to apply for grant funding and outlined the timelines for the phases of the project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater presented the 2010-2011 Site Council Evaluation Reports from each school. He noted that input on the Student and Parent Handbook were extremely active on input regarding the handbook update. He noted that parent training participation has declined over the past several years and asked the Board for suggestions on how best to train parents and suggested that regional training might be best. He reported that Governor Parnell has signed HB115 which is known as the "student concussion bill" and that the District will now require that parents and students receive written information on the nature and risks of concussions. He noted that beginning August 1, students and parents will be required to sign a verification of receipt of the concussion information before students can participate in cocurricular activities. He reported that roofing projects are underway and that interested persons can contact him for individual school status reports. He announced that the preliminary financial audit has been completed in June and that there were no findings. He announced that the retirement of Anchorage School District's superintendent Carol Comeau at the end of the 2011-2012 school year and the sudden death of the Mat-Su School District superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Burnley.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2011.

2011-2012 BOARD GOALS: The Board unanimously approved four goals for Board accomplishment during the 2011-2012 school year in the areas of Board policy, curriculum management audit, long-term funding process, and participation in the District Communication Strategic Plan.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Lindsey B. May, Special Education, behavioral/ED teacher, Districtwide, Pupil Services; Emily G. Putney, .50 FTE interventionist teacher, Homer High School; Mark R. Putney, language arts/social studies teacher, Homer High School; Kathrine E. Abraham, (temporary) K-3 teacher, Moose Pass School; Carmen Oelkers, Grade 3, Mountain View Elementary; Mariah Thomas-Wolf, .50 FTE facilitator gifted teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Valerie A. VerDries, Grade 1 teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Margaret M. Lourigan, Special Education, resource teacher, Ninilchik School; Karen E. Hamlow, .50 FTE librarian, Skyview High School; and Deborah C. Jacobson, science teacher, Skyview High School.

NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for Theresa Salzetti, primary, K-Beach Elementary; Vivian Norenberg, (temporary) 3rd-4th Grade teacher/Title I teacher, Nikolaevsk; Eric Simonsen, music, Ninilchik School; Mandi Young, Title I (temporary), Soldotna Elementary; and Soldotna High, Sarah N. Swaney, (permanent .75 FTE/temporary .25 FTE) Special Education intensive needs.

PROPOSED EXCHANGE REQUEST: The Board unanimously approved a teacher exchange request for the 2011-2012 school year for Jason Daniels, Grade 4, K-Beach Elementary.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers for \$57,473 for internet service; \$90,382 for Aurora Borealis Charter School Instructional staff salaries/benefits; \$68,975 for special education bus aides in the Kenai/Soldotna area; \$283,116 (supplies), \$147,281 (equipment), and \$106,402 (contingency funds) for P.E. curriculum orders; \$73,510 for contracted Occupational Therapy Services; \$146,343 for actual heating fuel charges at various school locations; \$107,939 for the purchase of a warehouse delivery truck; \$75,000 to move portables; \$50,000 and \$75,000 to purchase a generator and shed to house generator; \$100,035 for the districtwide wellness program; and \$215,400 to purchase emergency radios for use at all District locations.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: This item was removed from the agenda.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved proposed revisions to AR 0410, Non Discrimination in District Programs and Activities; BP 0411, Service Animals; BP 1260, Visits to Schools; BP 3315, Relations with Vendors; BP 4030, Non Discrimination in Employment; BP and AR 5125, Student Records; BP 6145, Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities; BP/AR 6159 Individualized Education Program; BP/AR/E 6161.4, Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy; BP 6164.4, Child Find; BP 6174, Bilingual-Bicultural Education/Limited English Proficiency; and BP 6175 Migrant Children Program.

BUDGET REVISION FOR FY12: The Board unanimously approved an increase in FY12 revenue and expenditures of \$831,389 and an increase in the Pupil Transportation Budget of \$751,627.

RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND GRANT: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to authorize the administration to take actions necessary to move forward with the application for funding through the Renewable Energy Fund Grant offered by the Alaska Energy Authority.

ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION: The Board unanimously approved the proposed school administrator evaluation system for implementation in the 2011-12 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a three-year superintendent contract (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014) for Dr. Stephen Atwater.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 8, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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