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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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August 6, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting regarding capital equipment/supply funds, KPBSD Evaluation Systems, Career and Technical Education Curriculum, Performance Based Standards, State and Federal Legislative Priorities, and the Kachemak-Selo, Voznesenka, and Razdolna Facility.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater reported that the Biomass application will cost \$6,000 but that the district will move forward with this process. He explained that "sequestration" (an automatic deduction of federal spending) will begin on Jan. 2, 2013 and may cause significant cuts to FY14 school funding. He presented the Superintendent's Annual Report and noted that it will be an insert in the Clarion on Sunday, and other peninsula papers very soon. He thanked Ms. Erkeneff for her good work on the report. He thanked Dave Jones for his work settling the transportation contract with First Student.

**QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT:** Mr. Jones reported on budget transfer Numbers 1045 through 1686 for various schools and departments within the District.

**PAY SCHEDULE:** The Board unanimously approved the proposed pay schedule for substitutes and other temporary employees for the 2012-2013 school year. The Board failed to approve an amendment to increase Aide/Instructional Assistant Tutor/Bilingual Instructor substitute pay to \$11.50 per hour. The Board approved an amended amendment to request a study of substitute pay schedules from comparable districts for the FY14 budget cycle.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Alexis Kaferstein, Temporary Pre-Kindergarten Teacher/Title I Teacher, Seward Elementary School; Andrea Hackbarth, 5th – 6th Grade Teacher, Fireweed Academy; Anna White, Temporary Title I/Migrant Teacher, Kachemak-Selo School; Breighley Sexton, Music Teacher, Seward Area; Clyde Swaby, Temporary Vocational Education Teacher – Welding, Nikiski Middle/High School; Cynthia Fudzinski, Special Education Resource Teacher (Cross Categorical), Tustumena Elementary School; Jacob Ciesielczyk, Facilitator Gifted Teacher (.50 FTE), Mt. View Elementary School; James Creel, Librarian, Kenai Central High School and Kenai Middle School; Jill DuFloth, Read 180 Teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Joseph Cudd, Math Teacher, Skyview High School; Lindsay Fargrelius, Math Teacher, Skyview High School; Lucas Oliver, Interventionist Teacher, Aurora Borealis Charter School; Margaret Leahy, Speech Language Pathologist, Seward Area; Matthew Widaman, Welding/Metals/Drafting Teacher, Workforce Development Center; Merci Jusmable, Permanent (.50 FTE)/Temporary (.50 FTE) Librarian, Mt. View Elementary School; Rebecca Binkley, Science/Math Teacher, Nanwalek School; Tia Rose, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; and Marilee Johansen, Temporary Foods Instructor (.50 FTE), Nikiski Middle/High School.

**NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved a new administrator contract for Mr. Douglas Hayman, Principal, Tustumena Elementary School.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:** The Board unanimously approved budget transfers in the amounts of \$267,093 for capital projects; \$122,420 to reflect actual FY12 electric utility charges; and \$107,055 to purchase Occupational/Physical Therapy Services.

**CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM:** The Board unanimously approved the adoption of the new Career and Technical Education courses.

**PERFORMANCE BASED K-6 SCIENCE STANDARDS AND 7-12 SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS STANDARDS:** The Board unanimously approved the adoption of the Performance Based K-6 Science Standards and 7-12 Social Environments Standards.

**EVALUATION SYSTEMS:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to the KPBSD Effective Instruction and Effective Leadership Evaluation Systems.

**CORRECTION TO FY13 BUDGET REVISION:** The Board unanimously approved a correction to the FY13 budget revision of July 9, 2012.

**POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP and AR 5022 Parent/Student Handbook, BP and AR 5125 Student Records, BP 5125.1 Release of Directory Information, BP 5125.2 Challenging Student Records, BP and AR 5128 Alaska Performance Scholarship Program, BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs, BP 6000 Concepts and Roles, BP and AR 6145.22 Concussion in Student Athletics and Student Activities, and BP 6146.3 High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

**POLICY MANUAL REVISION:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 2121 Superintendent's Contract.

**RUSSIAN VILLAGES FACILITY:** The Board unanimously approved support for a single school facility for the three Russian Village communities (Voznesenka, Razdolna and Kachemak-Selo).

**STATE CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS:** The Board postponed action on the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the state capital budget grant to the district's equipment fund until the September 10, 2012 regular school board meeting.

**KACHEMAK-SELO ROAD STUDY:** The Board unanimously approved an amended motion authorizing the district to spend up to \$50,000 on a feasibility study for a road to Kachemak-Selo.

**ADMINISTRATION LETTER:** The Board unanimously approved a motion directing the superintendent to write a letter to Governor Parnell requesting that he provide forward funding for education with an annual increase to the base student allocation.

**CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST:** The Board unanimously approved an amended motion authorizing the district administration to request capital appropriations as they deem appropriate.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, September 10, 7:00 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer**, Alaska.

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