
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

July 16, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson presented the 2006-2007 Site Council Evaluation Reports from each school and noted that the administration pays close attention to training needs or requests. Dr. Peterson presented the 2006-2007 Superintendent's Annual Report and noted that the Board Information packet contained a larger report by individual schools that is shared throughout the District. She extended an invitation for the Board to attend the Small Schools Institute in Homer, July 30 through August 3. She noted that the administration is in the process of searching for a replacement for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Stewart. She reported that she attended the July 11 and 12 Legislative Education Funding Task Force meetings and noted that the next meetings will be August 1 and 2.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2007.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 292 through 716 for various schools and departments within the District.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved various budget transfers in excess of \$10,000.

2007-2008 BOARD GOALS: The Board postponed action on the proposed 2007-2008 Board goals to the August 6 meeting.

2007-2008 ANNUAL AGENDA GUIDELINE: The Board unanimously approved the 2007-2008 Annual Agenda Guideline.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for Douglas Waclawski, principal/teacher at Razdolna Elementary and Priscilla R. Shaw, assistant principal at Skyview High School.

NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenured teacher contracts for Mindy Hunter, Grades 3/4 teacher, Chapman; Michael Hanson (.75 FTE permanent/.25 FTE temporary) generalist-teacher/advisor, Connections; Maygen Jannetta (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary) art teacher, Homer High; Marcia Lee, .50 FTE librarian, Homer High; Jan Spurkland, (temporary) .50 FTE teacher-credit recovery math, Homer High; Vicki Abraham, (temporary) Migrant teacher, Homer Middle; Sara Boersma, kindergarten teacher, Kaleidoscope Charter; Christine Casiano, Grades 1/2 Multiage teacher, Kaleidoscope Charter; Kelly Balise, teacher-intermediate grades, K-Beach Elementary; Shannon West, math/reading teacher, Kenai Middle; Catherine Bethune, (temporary) .50 FTE Title I teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Kellie Davidson, grades K-1 multi-grade teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Teresa Elmore, (temporary) reading teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Shana Kolipano, art teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Michelle Burnett, kindergarten teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Kersten Osborn, kindergarten teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Lisa Nissly, K-12 music/elementary reading, Niniichik; Dina Marion, (temporary) Title I teacher, Paul Banks Elementary; Tanya Erwin, .50 FTE K-6 reading teacher, Redoubt Elementary; David Scott Tomaso, Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary; Scott Ruch, Grades 5/6 teacher, Seward Elementary; Angela Brown, math teacher, Skyview High School; Maryvonne Guillemain, teacher-Spanish/English or math .90 FTE, Skyview High School; Stephanie Cox, High School art teacher, Soldotna High School; Jeana Hayes, math/language arts teacher, Soldotna Middle; Carly Reimer, Middle School physical education/science, Soldotna Middle; Staci Wells, reading teacher, Soldotna Montessori; Darci Drury,

Grades 3/4 teacher, Sterling Elementary; Sarah Lazare, (temporary) Title I teacher, Sterling Elementary; Sandra Lyons, (temporary) teacher-Grades 2/3, Sterling Elementary; Damara Burnett, (.50 FTE permanent secondary language arts/.25 FTE temporary) generalist, Susan B. English; James Perzechino, (.50 FTE temporary) middle school generalist/.50 FTE permanent secondary generalist, Tebughna School; Lisa Gossett, Grade 3 teacher, Tustumena Elementary; Kim Hays, (temporary) Title I teacher, Tustumena Elementary; Shonia Werner, Grade 6, Tustumena Elementary; Ben Stephens, (temporary) teacher-Grade 3, West Homer Elementary; and Robyn Walls, (temporary) teacher-Grades 4/5, West Homer Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Johanna Tennant, teacher-middle school self contained at Chapman School; Jamie L. Meyers, (temporary) Professional Development Coordinator, Central Peninsula, Elementary Education; Donald Schindler, .50 FTE social studies teacher/.50 FTE special education resource teacher at Homer Flex Alternative School; Katherine R. Kysar, (temporary) language arts teacher at Homer High School; Diane Warner, social studies teacher at Homer High School; Emily Sims, home economics teacher at Kenai Central High; Iris Korzon, math teacher at Kenai Middle School; Adam K. Anders, .50 FTE physical education teacher/.50 FTE athletic director at Nikiski Middle/High School; Abby Tennant, (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary) Grades K-2 teacher at Paul Banks Elementary; Laura M. Jacobsen, (temporary .50FTE Title I/Migrant teacher/permanent .50 FTE) K-8 generalist at Razdolna School; Jennifer Reinhart, Grades K-2 teacher at Paul Banks Elementary; Elizabeth Sowers, Grade 4 teacher at Redoubt Elementary; Naomi Karlin, art teacher at Seward High School; Cary M. Calvert, math teacher at Skyview High School; Maria Calvert, teacher-generalist at Skyview High School; Elizabeth Chicken, language arts teacher at Skyview High School; Patrick Dwyer, science teacher at Soldotna Middle School; Deanne Pokryfki, .50 FTE math teacher at Soldotna Middle School; and Susan Connor, Grades K-2 teacher at Voznesenka School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Sam Stewart, assistant superintendent, District Office (effective June 29, 2007); Tim Jacobson, yearbook/construction/welding (effective May 24, 2007); and Kathryn Baum Fjelstad, language arts, Ninilchik Elementary/High (effective May 24, 2007).

CONTRACT AND TENURE FOR NONTENURED TEACHERS: The Board unanimously approved contracts and tenure for the 2007-2008 school year for Luanne Bressler, intermediate grades, K-Beach Elementary; Kim Knecht, Grade 3 teacher, K-Beach Elementary; Sheri Legg, .50 FTE librarian/media specialist, Mountain View Elementary; Alissa Mattson, language arts teacher, Soldotna High School; Linda Etwiler, (temporary) Title I/Migrant teacher, Voznesenka School; and Elizabeth VonZiegesar-Whip, .50 FTE librarian/media specialist, West Homer Elementary.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2007-2008 school year from support employee Cheryl Barber, special education aide, K-Beach Elementary.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP and AR 1230, Organizations Supporting Student Activities. The revisions address an effort to develop a 'super booster' club, to be used on a volunteer basis by schools to address all student activities offered at a school on an equitable basis. This concept will also address fund raising concerns brought to the District's attention by local businesses.

KPSAA HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK REVISIONS: The Board approved revisions to the KPSAA High School Handbook which would increase admission fees for cocurricular activities and approved an amendment that deleted proposed language regarding student activity passes.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 6, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.
