
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Debra Mullins
Mrs. Sammy Crawford
Mr. Marty Anderson
Mrs. Liz Downing
Dr. Nels Anderson
Mrs. Debbie Brown
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. Bill Hatch
Mrs. Sunni Hilts
Miss Brittany Meyer, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Glen Szymoniak, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Dale Dolifka	Mr. Phil Hermenak
Mr. Jim white	Mrs. Marnie Bartolini
Mrs. Norma Holmgaard	Mrs. Jenni Hammond
Ms. Jenny Neyman	Mrs. Linda Raemaker
Mrs. Doris Cannon	Mrs. Kay Gardner
Mrs. Joyce Woodcock	Ms. Ruby Dennison
Mrs. Sharon Moock	Mr. Paul Fischer
Mr. Pete Sprague	Mrs. Joyce Fischer
Mr. Rudy Peterson	Mr. Joe Nicks
Mr. Tim Peterson	Mr. James Price

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Mullins called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
(7:05:15 PM)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Mullins invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.
(7:05:25 PM)

OATH OF OFFICE: The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected School Board members Mrs. Lynn Hohl, Mrs. Sammy Crawford, and Mrs. Sunni Hilts by notary public, Mrs. Sally Tachick.
(7:06:35 PM)

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mr. Marty Anderson	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Debbie Brown	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mr. Bill Hatch	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Miss Brittany Meyer	Present

RECESS:
(7:14:33 PM)

At 7:14 p.m., Mrs. Mullins called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:**
(7:16:03 PM)

At 7:16 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

MOTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board determine that the newly-elected members are qualified and that the Board seats them as sitting members. Mrs. Downing seconded.

Dr. Anderson left the meeting at 7:27 p.m. and returned at 7:31 p.m.

VOTE:

YES – N. Anderson, Hatch, Downing, M. Anderson, Hohl, Mullins

NO – Brown

ABSTAIN: Crawford, Hilts

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
(7:34:11 PM)

The agenda was approved as written.

**REORGANIZATION OF
BOARD:**
(7:34:29 PM)

Mrs. Mullins announced that a reorganization of the Board was in order.

MOTION

Mr. Anderson nominated Mrs. Crawford as president of the Board. Mr. Hatch requested that nominations for president be closed. Mrs. Downing seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTE BY BALLOT:

8 Votes for Mrs. Crawford

1 Objection

Mrs. Sammy Crawford was selected as president.

MOTION

Mr. Hatch nominated Mr. Marty Anderson as vice president of the Board. Mrs. Mullins nominated Mrs. Liz Downing as vice president of the Board. Dr. Anderson requested that nominations for vice president be closed. Mr. Hatch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTE BY BALLOT:

4 Votes for Mr. Marty Anderson

5 Votes for Mrs. Liz Downing

Mrs. Liz Downing was selected as vice president.

MOTION

Dr. Anderson nominated Mr. Marty Anderson as clerk of the Board. Mrs. Brown nominated Ms. Lynn Hohl as clerk of the Board. Mrs. Mullins requested that nominations for clerk be closed. Mrs. Hilts seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:
(continued)

VOTE BY BALLOT:
8 Votes for Mr. Marty Anderson
1 Vote for Ms. Lynn Hohl

Mr. Marty Anderson was selected as clerk.

MOTION

Mrs. Downing nominated Ms. Lynn Hohl as treasurer of the Board. Mr. Anderson nominated Mrs. Sunni Hilts as treasurer of the Board. Mrs. Mullins requested that nominations for treasurer be closed. Dr. Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTE BY BALLOT:
4 Votes for Ms. Lynn Hohl
5 Votes for Mrs. Sunni Hilts

Mrs. Sunni Hilts was selected as treasurer.

ESTABLISH MEETING TIME, DATE AND PLACE:
(7:47:18 PM)

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board set its meeting time, date and place for 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at the Borough Administration Building, Soldotna (unless otherwise noted) and that one meeting be scheduled in Homer and one meeting in Seward in the fall and spring. Dr. Anderson seconded.

MOTION

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
(7:48:22 PM)

The School Board Minutes of October 1, 2007, were approved as printed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:
(7:48:40 PM)

The Board presented the Golden Apple Award to Mrs. Kay Gardner, Soldotna High School attendance secretary, for her exceptional service to the District.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:
(7:51:11 PM)

Mrs. Jenni Hammond, Nikiski North Star Elementary parent, thanked the Board and administration for the additional teachers at the school.

Mr. James Price, Soldotna resident, stated that the newly-elected Board members should have been denied from taking their seat. He asked the Board to provide time for the public to speak to the Board about items that are being discussed before decisions are made. He stated that the School Board has made a mistake and warned them of the ramifications of the decision and the complications that it may create in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:
(7:54:55 PM)

Dr. Peterson reported that four individuals provided comments regarding the seating of Board members and the term limits proposition as well as Alliance of Concerned Taxpayers memorandum of notice to the District. She reported that the Board received an organizational chart including each person's list of duties and focus of responsibilities for the District Office Leadership Team. She reported that the Board received a waiver request from the Homer High School Site Council and noted that the waiver will be discussed with action to be taken in November.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
SITE COUNCIL AND/OR
P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A.,
K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY:**

(7:56:01 PM)

Mr. Carl Kircher, KPEA Representative, thanked the Board for their work and explained that a different KPEA member will attend each meeting in order to get more people involved. He stated that a ballot is currently being distributed to elect an Association president.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

(7:57:15 PM)

Dr. Peterson reported that Mrs. Melody Douglas and Mr. Dave Jones are attending the Association of School Business Officials International Conference. She noted that several committee meetings are listed on the District's online calendar. She reported that the Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals and the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals 41st Annual Fall Conference is October 14 through 16 and she added that Mrs. Lori Manion will be honored as Elementary Principal of the Year. She announced that the Site Council/Parent Group Training will be held on Wednesday, October 17 in the Denali Room at the Central Peninsula Hospital. She reported that Miss Hanna Watkins (a District graduate) earned a \$1,000 scholarship and donated the money back to the District to help fund disaster preparedness materials.

BOARD REPORTS:

(7:58:41 PM)

Mr. Anderson reported that he attended the Charter School Oversight Committee in which members discussed the progress of each charter school, considered a request by Fireweed Charter for additional space, and discussed a change in the Charter School liaison from Mr. Szymoniak to Mr. Jones.

**BOARD WORKSESSION
REPORT:**

(8:00:00 PM)

Mrs. Mullins reported that the Board had pictures taken for the new District identification badges. She reported that the Board held a discussion with the Borough Attorney regarding the election results and term limits initiative and held a review of Board Bylaws and protocols. She further reported that the Board held a student disciplinary hearing and heard updates regarding the Work Force Development Center and Distance Education.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(8:07:34 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Nontenure Teaching Contract; Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contracts; and Student Representative to the Board.

**NONTENURE TEACHING
CONTRACT:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve a nontenure teaching contract for David Patat, Grade 6-12, physical science, Ninilchik Elementary/High School.

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve long-term substitute teacher contracts for Ed Frink, vocational education, Homer High School; Kelly Johnson, resource, Nikiski North Star Elementary; and Kenneth DiMarzio, special education, Seward High School.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE BOARD:**

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the appointment of Miss Brittany Meyer, a Skyview High School student, as the student representative to the Board of Education.

MOTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

(8:08:15 PM)

Dr. Peterson presented the Board with two options (Option A and Option B) to choose from for the 2008 state legislative priority.

Dr. Anderson left the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and returned at 8:11 p.m.

MOTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Option B as the choice for the District's 2008 state legislative priority. Mrs. Downing seconded.

MOTION

Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve an amendment to Option B to substitute the last bulleted item with the language in the last bulleted item from Option A. Mr. Anderson seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Downing, Mullins, Hilts, Brown, M. Anderson, Hatch, Hohl, Crawford

NO – N. Anderson

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Hilts, M. Anderson, Downing, Hohl, Mullins, N. Anderson, Crawford

NO – Brown, Hatch

Amended motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2008 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

(8:19:07 PM)

MOTION

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the list of 2008 federal legislative priorities.

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the proposed list of 2008 federal legislative priorities. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

VOTE:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Hohl, Downing, Hilts, Hatch, Mullins, N. Anderson, M. Anderson, Crawford

NO – Brown

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENTS:

(8:21:25 PM)

Miss Meyer reported that she was elected as the student representative to the Board by her peers during the recent Boroughwide student council meeting.

Mrs. Mullins expressed appreciation for the worksessions and the information provided. She congratulated the new Board officers. She welcomed Miss Meyer as the student representative to the Board.

Mr. Anderson congratulated Mrs. Gardner for being selected as a Golden Apple Award recipient. He welcomed Miss Meyer as the new student representative to the Board. Mr. Anderson requested that the Board legal council investigate the current state or local laws that exist that deal specifically with conduct or an individual Board members' behavior that would prevent the business of the Board and the continual disrespect for other Board members. He stated that if there are no local or state laws, what established laws exist that would involve a vote of no confidence for the conduct of a certain individual Board member. He asked if there are any written current laws that would prevent a motion and action.

Mrs. Hilts stated that she ran for election to the Board to be a voice from District 9 (which includes small schools and very rural schools) and to encourage community members from District 9 to use their voice. She stated that she is thrilled to be a Board member and to continue to work with the Board to make education for all District students the best it can be.

Mrs. Downing congratulated Miss Meyer for being selected as the student representative to the Board. She thanked Board members for their confidence by selecting her as vice president. She reported that she attended an open forum organized by Ms. Kiki Abrahamson, Fireweed Academy Lead Teacher, focusing on the question, "What should we teach?" and added that continuing local discussions have been planned.

Ms. Lynn Hohl reported that she attended a Save the Jesse Lee Home meeting where the group discussed the proposed Charter Boarding Home School that is to be housed in the Jesse Lee Home. She reported that the proposal for a charter school involves students in their junior year of high school. She reported that she will be unable to attend the November 9 Budget Review Committee meeting because it conflicts with the AASB Annual Conference. She welcomed Miss Meyer as the student representative to the Board.

Dr. Anderson welcomed Miss Meyer to the Board as the student representative. He welcomed Mr. Dave Patat, newly-hired teacher and noted that he is also an Assistant Boy Scout Master.

Mrs. Crawford welcomed Miss Meyer, student representative. She announced that there is a need for a Board member to act as the Social Committee Chair and to collect money from fellow Board members to support the Sunshine Fund. She reported that there is a need for a Board member to serve on the Calendar Committee.

Mrs. Hilts volunteered to chair the Social Committee.

ADJOURN:
(8:30:22 PM)

At 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, President

Mr. Marty Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of October 15, 2007
were approved on November 6, 2007,
as written.