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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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December 3, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Donna Peterson, 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 which included a Board review of Protocols and Bylaws, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, FY09 Enrollment Projections, Six-Year Plan Review/School Portables Update, Community Action Coalition Update, and Quality Schools Quality Students Update.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Ms. Natalie Kant, Connections Program teacher, for her service to the District.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. John Pothast, Redoubt Elementary principal, introduced Mrs. Sue Biggs and several third grade students who demonstrated and performed an African song that included drums and audience participation. Mr. Pothast gave a computer-generated presentation highlighting new curriculum materials, co-teaching, special activities (library, physical education, music), extra opportunities (school newspaper, artists-in-the-schools, Battle of the Books, robotics, forensics, evening family activities), after school activities, and assessment information. He concluded the report with a poem called *Harvest Home*.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:** Mr. Mike Larson, representative from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, explained the missions of the program and noted that Dr. Peterson has signed a statement of support on behalf of the District administration.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. Szymoniak is attending a professional development conference. She reported that the FY09 budget survey is online. She noted that software experts are visiting the District as part of the upcoming software conversion. She noted that deferred compensation experts are visiting school staff to provide information regarding retirement. She reported that she spoke to the Kenai Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, November 28 and that she will attend the upcoming Governor's Summit on Early Learning, and the State Board of Education and Early Development meeting. She noted that December 21 is minimum day for students and that Nanwalek Elementary/High School and Port Graham Elementary/High School will be in session during Winter Break.

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

**COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mrs. Douglas presented the FY07 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**SIX-YEAR PUPIL ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS:** Mrs. Douglas presented the Six-Year Enrollment Projections (2008-09 through 2013-14) that reflects 8,963 students for FY09.

**SIX-YEAR PLAN AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS:** The Board approved the proposed Six-Year Plan and list of major maintenance and capital improvement projects for FY10. The Board approved an amendment to move the Kenai Middle School office remodel from item Number 15 to Number 12.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations from Amy Alexander, special education intensive needs at Paul Banks Elementary (effective November 30, 2007); Abby Tennant, kindergarten teacher at Paul Banks Elementary (effective November 30, 2007); and Jeanna Carver, FACS instructor, Soldotna High (effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year).

**RESOLUTION 07-08-3:** The Board unanimously approved Resolution 07-08-3, Support for Kenai Peninsula College student housing.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:** The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Number 102 for \$40,000 to pay for lessons for Connections Program students and Number 117 for \$27,350 and \$11,105 to pay for salary and retirement benefits, respectively, for a Kaleidoscope Charter School Special Education half time teacher.

**NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved a nontenured teacher contract for Kenneth DiMarzio, vocational education at Nikiski Middle/High.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved a new teacher contract for Barbara Baysinger, (temporary) Grades 3 through 6 teacher.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT:** The Board unanimously approved leave of absence request from Shane Cotman, custodian I, Mt. View Elementary (effective January 1, 2008 through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year).

**BUDGET TRANSFERS/CURRICULUM MATERIALS PURCHASES:** The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 113 for various amounts totaling \$531,333 to various schools to purchase language arts and math curriculum materials.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED:** The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence request from Mary Glynn, occupational therapist at Mt. View Elementary (effective November 26 to December 21, 2007).

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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