
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

January 14, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the FY09 Preliminary Budget, the Long Range Plan, Hope Elementary/High School Update, and Board Bylaw and Protocol Review.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Crawford presented Miss Meyer with a Certificate of Achievement for her participation in the AASB Youth Leadership Institute. The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Ms. Lynn Kocinski, Kenai Middle School Special Education Aide, in recognition for her service to the District. Mrs. Mullins presented a plaque to Mrs. Crawford in recognition for outstanding leadership and service to the students of Alaska while serving on the AASB Board of Directors.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. John Cook, Mt. View Elementary School principal, provided demographics of the school including enrollment and staff information. Five 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students gave a computer-generated report highlighting classroom activities, use of computers and technology, the DARE Program, field trips, student tutoring, the Halloween Carnival, staff, music activities, parent involvement, and community volunteers. Mr. Lee and four band students performed several songs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Donna Peterson presented the 2007-2008 Mid-Year Progress on Goals. The report included current progress on goals, current progress on work plans, a list of other unanticipated priorities, and an outlook of the District Office workload for the second semester. She reminded the Board of the January 22 budget worksession with the Borough Assembly and reminded those present of the public budget forums (January 22 at KCHS, January 24 at Seward High, January 30 at Homer High) at 7:00 p.m. in the school libraries. She reported that this week she will attend Professional Teaching Practices Commission hearings, give the keynote speech at the Department of Education and Early Development Winter Conference, and attend a meeting with representatives of the University of Alaska to work on the Superintendent Program. She announced that District secretaries and related support personnel completed a successful week of software training to prepare for the upcoming conversion.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending November 30, 2007 and December 31, 2007.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on quarterly budget transfers Numbers 51 through 175 for various schools and departments within the District.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Megan Reinseth, Nanwalek Elementary/High Principal/Teacher (effective December 17, 2007 through June 6, 2008).

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Theresa Morse, kindergarten, Kaleidoscope Charter School; Jennifer Carr, special education, Seward High School; and Heather Wendt, English, Skyview High.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Stan Steffensen, science/digital storytelling, Kenai Middle School (effective May 22, 2008) and Mary Dougherty, counselor/librarian, Skyview High (effective October 17, 2008).

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 140 for \$11,484 to pay for additional benefits for currently hired Kaleidoscope Charter School employees; and Number 174 for \$29,713 to pay for summer school aide salaries.

BUDGET TRANSFERS FROM CONTINGENCY FUND: The Board unanimously approved Contingency Fund budget transfers Number 175 and Number 176 for \$5,650 and \$5,394, respectively, to purchase components for replacement sound systems for Seward High School and Homer High School Auditoriums to facilitate Board of Education meetings held in Seward and Homer.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Betsy Vanek, (temporary) Title I interventionist teacher, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Kimberly DeGard, (temporary) kindergarten teacher, Paul Banks Elementary; and Rebecca K. Paul, (temporary) Title I interventionist teacher, West Homer Elementary.

KPSAA OUTSOURCE AGREEMENTS: The Board unanimously approved agreements for outsourced baseball and softball at Homer High.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board failed to approve a recommendation to deny an unpaid leave of absence for Emily Garrity, bookkeeper/library aide, Homer High School.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Robert F. Ernst, special education aide, Nikiski Middle/High (effective January 7, 2008 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year).

FY08 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a revised FY08 Expenditure Budget of \$117,272,948. This revision reflects an adjustment of the annual salary and benefits; a Connections Program increase due to additional enrollment; an amount for mandated Medicaid payments; an increase in the transfer of funds for two additional special services bus routes; and the creation of a contingency fund.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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