
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Melody Douglas, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Glen Szymoniak, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Doris Cannon	Mr. Randy Neill
Mrs. Norma Holmgaard	Mrs. Gloria Sweeney
Mrs. Jamie Harper	Mr. Todd Syverson
Mrs. Melissa Stavola	Mr. Jim Fisher
Mr. Phil Hermenak	Mrs. Gina Kiel
Mr. Rudy Peterson	Mrs. Tina Krieger
Mrs. LaDawn Druce	Mrs. Colette Thompson
Mrs. Marnie Bartolini	Mrs. Lori Manion
Mrs. Sharon Moock	Mrs. Cathy Carrow
Mrs. Patty Rich	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
(7:00:39 PM)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Crawford invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.
(7:00:56 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

(7:01:51 PM)

The agenda was approved with a revision to 10a.(6), 2008-2009 Nontenure Teacher Contracts and the deletion of Item 2a. Awards and Presentations for Miss Noelle Schmitter-Schrier, Connections student.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(7:02:29 PM)

The School Board Minutes of March 3, 2008, were approved as printed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

(7:02:40 PM)

On behalf of the Spirit of Youth Foundation, the Board presented a nomination certificate for the Spirit of Youth Award to representatives of the Skyview High School Student Council for their involvement in organizing a food drive. The student council members who were recognized were Benjamin Baldwin, Kristina Barnes, Jessie Bilderback, Melissa Blake, Eldon Brown, Jacob Brown, Tasha Brown, Tiffany Clyde, Paris Cooper, Jacob Fowler, Anndrea Frank, Breanna Giles, Jaxon Hill, Elisha Hollers, Jon Jackinsky, Jessica Jones, Jaci Lamborn, Marquee Lucas, Melissa Massey, Brittany Meyer, Ivy O'Guinn, Megan Parham, Casee Penrod, Kadie Perletti, Gabrielle Peterson, and Hannah West.

The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to representatives from Frontier Community Services for providing early intervention services to District children.

SCHOOL REPORT:

(7:10:43 PM)

Ms. Melissa Stavola, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary principal, presented a "human PowerPoint" that featured staff (Steve Evans and Dan Kaasa) and students (Matthew Bullerdick, Megan Bear, Serena Prior, Cora Flake, Casey Murphy, and Casey Neill). The presentation highlighted headlines from the school newspaper, *The Caribou News*, including student summer reading goals, a poster contest, math skills improvement, spelling bee information, winners of the Elks Club Essay contest, and the school play. The students concluded the report with a song from *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*.

RECESS:

(7:19:32 PM)

At 7:19 p.m. Mrs. Crawford called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER**RECESS:**

(7:20:33 PM)

At 7:20 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

(7:20:40 PM)

Mrs. Lori Manion, Nikiski North Star Elementary principal, explained that Title I money is being used on professional learning communities and pre-kindergarten. She invited the Board to visit the school and thanked them for the proposed 2008-2009 staffing formula.

Mr. Todd Syverson, Soldotna High School principal, thanked the Board for the proposed 2008-2009 staffing formula and for their hard work in Juneau on behalf of the District.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:*(7:26:31 PM)*

Mr. Kevin Turnbough, a representative from the University of Alaska Fairbanks provided information about the Upward Bound Program that is offered at Seward High School, Nikiski Middle/High School, and Nanwalek Elem/High. He highlighted the new Pathway-2-College Program, which is a college bridging program to be initiated during the summer of 2008.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:*(7:33:54 PM)*

Dr. Peterson reported that information has been forwarded to the Board regarding a change in assignment for Rayna Dueñas from assistant principal to principal at Homer High. She invited the Board to attend the April 23 Administrator Meeting. She noted that the Alaska Staff Development Network will offer a class workshop titled Failure is Not an Option on June 9-10.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:*(7:35:40 PM)*

Mrs. LaDawn Druce, KPEA President, stated that the National Education Association does not believe that standardized test scores should be the only factor in determining student progress. She stated that multiple measures should be used to determine student learning. She urged educators to demand that congress change the No Child Left Behind Act and urged the Board to have a voice in repealing the high stakes nature of standardized tests.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:*(7:43:18 PM)*

Dr. Donna Peterson reported that interviews will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 3:45 p.m. at Homer High for the assistant principal position; the Masonic Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.; the Caring for the Kenai competition judging will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.; and that there is no school on Friday, April 18. She reported that interviews will be held on Monday, April 21 at Homer Middle School for the principal position, and a public briefing will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at Skyview High for the assistant principal position. She noted that she attended the Drop Out Symposium in Anchorage and noted that actions plans were developed for boys in crisis. She reported that during the upcoming weekend District staff will attend the Anchorage Job Fair and she will attend the Performance Based Teacher Education Program for Alaskan Native Students. She reported that the state audit of all federal programs was successful and that auditors complimented District program staff.

FINANCIAL REPORT:*(7:45:50 PM)*

Mrs. Douglas presented District financial reports for the periods ending February 29 and March 31, 2008. She noted that the report reflects the new software format.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT:*(7:47:15 PM)*

Mrs. Douglas reported on third quarter budget transfers Numbers 140 through 596 for various schools and departments within the District. Mrs. Douglas explained that supplemental information was provided in order for the report to be understood in the new format.

BOARD REPORTS:*(7:52:44 PM)*

Mr. Anderson reported that he attended the National School Board Association Annual Conference and highlighted several workshops regarding decreased enrollment, school safety and security, and communicating with the public. He reported that he attended each of the general sessions and a meeting with the president and vice president of NSBA regarding becoming members.

Mrs. Downing reported that she attended the NSBA Annual Conference and noted that a highlight was to honor the outgoing president Norm Wooten from Kodiak, Alaska during a reception. She reported that she attended sessions regarding marketing and how it can relate to enrollment, school performance information, and staff recruitment and retention. She stated that she left the conference wanting more information and would like Board members to consider approving a trial affiliate membership.

Mrs. Hilts reported that she attended the Association of Alaska School Boards Legislative April Fly-In in Juneau. She stated that District Board members had the privilege of thanking legislators. She reported that AASB conducted training sessions regarding the Work Keys Program, the Alaska Institute for Community Engagement, and billing Medicaid.

Ms. Hohl reported that she attended the AASB April Fly-In and enjoyed the two days of training, including the Work Keys Program. She expressed appreciation for the meetings with legislators and the 21st Century Learning discussion about lap top computers for each student. She stated that it was interesting to go to Juneau during the last week of the session. She also appreciated the PERS, TRS, and municipal sharing information and the Education Task Force recommendations.

Mrs. Mullins reported that she attended the AASB April Legislative Fly-in. She noted that she joined Mrs. Hilts, Mrs. Crawford and others on the AASB Scholarship Committee to review essays and award \$1,000 to ten Alaskan youth. She reported that she attended the Board of Directors meeting, heard a legislation update, and met with legislators. She reported that Skyview High School students were in Juneau at the same time as part of a government field trip. She spoke to legislators regarding Fuel Incentive Grants and the Consortium for Digital Learning.

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the AASB April Legislative Fly-in and NSBA Annual Conference. She thanked legislators for the increase to student base allocation, special education funding and the District Area Cost Differential. She stated that District Board members were in Juneau when the announcement was made by BP and Conoco-Phillips regarding the Gasline Pipeline Initiative. She reported that while at the NSBA Annual Conference she attended a reception for Norm Wooten and met Sandra Day O'Connor. She reported that the general session speakers included Justice O'Connor, Jim Lehrer, Sidney Poitier, and Garrison Keiller. She reported that she attended a session by Daniel Pink, author of *A Whole New Mind*, who advocated for developing student creativity.

**BOARD WORKSESSION
REPORT:**
(8:10:24 PM)

Mrs. Crawford reported that prior to the business meeting three Board members attended the Policy Review Committee meeting. She noted that the Board participated in a student discipline briefing; a Level III grievance hearing; an update on Standards Based Report Card; a report on proposed Policy Manual revisions; an update regarding Student Nutrition Services; a review of the District's Student Nutrition and Wellness Policy; and a review of proposed changes to Board Bylaws and Protocols.

CONSENT AGENDA:
(8:12:20 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Budget Transfers; High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-06; High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-07; High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-08; Long-Term Substitute Contracts; 2008-2009 Nontenure Teachers for Tenure; 2008-2009 Nontenure Teacher Contracts; Requests for Leave of Absence-Support; New Teacher Contracts, 2007-2008; Requests for Leave of Absence-Certified; Resignations; and New Administrators.

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve budget transfer Numbers 362 for \$114,627 and Number 514, for \$119,282 to adjust the Summer School Program budget to reflect costs of employee salaries and benefits and other services; Number 407 and 411 for \$15,506 and \$17,096, respectively, to purchase Smart Boards and projectors for classroom use; Number 515 for \$218,708 to pay for salaries and benefits of 3.50 FTE occupational and physical therapists; Number 629 which includes \$11,397 for Homer High, \$10,395 for Kenai Alternative High, \$15,647 for Kenai Central High, \$19,555 for Skyview High and \$34,226 for Soldotna High to pay for health and science curriculum materials; (Number 628 was also processed for curriculum materials at Chapman, Cooper Landing, Homer Flex, Homer Middle, Hope, Kachemak Selo, K-Beach, Kenai Middle, McNeil Canyon, Moose Pass, Mountain View, Nikiski Middle/High, Nikiski North Star, Nikolaevsk, Ninilchik, Paul Banks, Peninsula Optional, Port Graham, Razdolna, Redoubt, Seward Elementary, Seward High, Seward Middle, Soldotna Middle, Spring Creek, Sterling, Susan B. English, Tebughna, Tustumena, Voznesenka and West Homer Elementary, but it did not include any individual amounts of \$10,000 or more); and Number 635 for \$15,000 to purchase K - 3 math curriculum materials, including textbooks, teacher edition books and consumables.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
QUALIFYING EXAMINATION
WAIVER NUMBER 2008-06:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-06 for a Nikiski Middle/High School student.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
QUALIFYING EXAMINATION
WAIVER NUMBER 2008-07:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-07 for a Soldotna High School student.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
QUALIFYING EXAMINATION
WAIVER NUMBER 2008-08:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-08 for a Connections Program student.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve long-term substitute contracts for Jennifer Riddall, Grade 5, Aurora Borealis Charter; Susan Whipp, resource, Nikiski Middle/High; and Cindy Bedingfield, resource, Voznesenka.

2008-2009 NONTENURE TEACHERS FOR TENURE:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve nontenure teachers Suzanne Phillips, Kim Johnson, Michael Hanson, Andrea Joachim, Karen Fine, Sean Campbell, Mark Casseri, Marcia Lee, Matthew Stineff, Vicki Abraham, Alison Larson, Michelle Bayes, Shannon West, Jennifer Haugh, Lisa Morris, Catherine Bethune, Derek Bynagle, Katharine Bynagle, Jennifer Dowd, Teresa Elmore, Michelle Burnett, Kersten Osborn, Tina Moore, Marylynn Barnwell, Robert Barnwell, Elizabeth Jones, Theresa Zabala, Stephanie Cox, Jeana Hayes, Staci Wells, Lisa Gosset, Lori Young, Tammy Flanders, Hope Kmetz-Casseri, Paul Gutzler, Anne Ridgely, Lisa Ferguson, Jason Steadman, Ben Alexander, Katherine Van Saun, Nicole Lyon, Stephanie Burns, and Kriste Simonson, for tenure for the 2008-2009 school year.

2008-2009 NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve nontenure teacher contracts for the 2008-2009 school year for Mindy Hunter, Grades 3-4 at Chapman Elementary; Johanna Tennant, middle school at Chapman Elementary; Pavla Tyson, K-6 .50 FTE and .50 FTE Title I (temporary) at Chapman Elementary; Gabe Evins, Grades 9-12, Connections Program; Paul Story, .50 FTE ATOSS facilitator and .50 FTE counselor (temporary), Connections Program; Jamie Meyers, professional development coordinator (temporary), Curriculum and Assessment Departments; Steve Schoessler, Work Force Development teacher, Curriculum and Assessment Departments; Peter Brazil, vocational education, Curriculum and Assessment Departments; Joshua Brege, construction/welding at Homer High; Maygen Jannetta, art at Homer High; Katherine Kysar, language arts at Homer High; Jason Nissly, band at Homer High; Jan Spurkland, math at Homer High; Andrew Rothenberger, generalist at Kachemak-Selo School; Sara Boersma, kindergarten at Kaleidoscope Charter School; Joy Harper, Grade 4/5 at Kaleidoscope Charter School; Pepper Pond, science, Kenai Alternative; Justin Carr, language arts at Kenai Central; Kristin Davis, science/math at Kenai Central; Rosemary Owens, earth science/physical science at Kenai Central; Scott Peek, algebra/computers at Kenai Central; Emily Sims, home economics at Kenai Central; Mark Lee, music at Mountain View; James Reinseth, K-2 at Nanwalek School; Dan Adair, physics/physical science/geology at Nikiski Middle/High; Adam Anders, physical education/athletic director at Nikiski Middle/High; Shana Butler, art .50 FTE at Nikiski Middle/High; Tony D. Jackson, special education, resource at Nikiski Middle/High; Peter Papura, music .50 FTE (permanent), .50 FTE (temporary) at Nikiski Middle/High; Jan Darch, Grade 1 at Nikiski North Star Elementary; Kim Hays, Grade 5/6 at Ninilchik Elem/High; Lisa Nissly, music/reading at Ninilchik Elem/High; Jennifer Reinhart, kindergarten at Paul Banks Elementary; Dina Marion, Title I (temporary), Paul Banks Elementary; Laura Jacobsen, Grades K-6 .50 FTE (permanent), .28

**2008-2009 NONTENURE
TEACHER CONTRACTS:***(continued)*

Title I (temporary), .22 FTE Title II (temporary) at Razdolna School; Tanya Erwin, Title I (temporary) at Redoubt Elementary; Katharine Glaser, kindergarten at Seward Elementary; April MacDonald, Grade 4 at Seward Elementary; Angela Brown, math at Skyview High School; Rene Hobbs, art at Skyview High; Steve Cunningham, social studies at Soldotna Middle; Patrick Dwyer, science at Soldotna Middle; Jeff Moore, music at Soldotna Middle; Deanne Pokryfki, math .50 FTE at Soldotna Middle; Darci Drury, Grades 3/4 at Sterling Elementary; James Perzechino, .50 FTE generalist, .50 FTE (temporary) business education at Tebughna Elementary/High; Shonia Werner, Grade 6 at Tustumena Elementary; Susan Connor, Grade K-2 at Voznesenka; and Frederick Foster, .50 FTE geography/history/government at Voznesenka.

**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF
ABSENCE-SUPPORT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve support staff leave of absence requests from Esther Eagle Richeson, nurse, Kenai Central High School (effective the 2008-09 school year); and Olga M. Fomin, school secretary, Port Graham School (effective May 5 to May 30, 2008).

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS,
2007-2008:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve teacher contracts for the 2007-2008 school year for Tony D. Jackson, special education/resource, Districtwide, Central Peninsula area; Susan Pfeiffenberger, (temporary) .50 FTE reading interventionist K-6, Seward Elementary; and Jennifer Swander, (temporary) language arts teacher, Spring Creek School.

**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF
ABSENCE-CERTIFIED:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve certified leave of absence requests from Lesley "Lee" Murphy, Grade 6, K-Beach Elementary (August 13, 2008 through January 4, 2009); and Richard Kelso, physical education, Nikiski North Star Elementary (effective August 13, 2008 through December 19, 2008).

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, from Daniel J. Beck, Principal, Homer Middle School; Elizabeth H. Lennon, speech-language/pathologist, Homer Middle School; Kathleen E. Clark, library, K-Beach Elementary; Jon G. Lillevik, counselor, Kenai Central High; Laraine Hanson, Grade 2, Mountain View Elementary; Peggy Arnold-Hoobler, principal/teacher, Port Graham School; Priscilla Shaw, assistant principal, Skyview High School; Jennifer Tabor, home economics, Soldotna Middle School; John Tabor, vocational education, Soldotna Middle School; Leonard Ball, generalist, Sterling Elementary and from Leanne Mahalak, (effective immediately) who is currently on a leave of absence.

NEW ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve administrator contracts for the 2008-2009 school year for Cheryl Schweigert, Principal/Teacher, Nanwalek School; Robert VanDerWege, Principal, Tustumena Elementary; and Alexander A. Trout, Principal, Voznesenka School.

MOTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 12. Mr. Anderson seconded.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(continued)

Mrs. Brown removed Number 1.

Motion carried unanimously for Numbers 2 through 12.

Motion carried unanimously for Number 1.

2008-2009 BUDGET:

(8:19:25 PM)

Mrs. Douglas recommended approval of a FY09 general fund budget of \$120,209,256 and special revenue funds totaling \$16,888,975 for a total FY09 budget of \$137,098,231 for all funds.

MOTION

Mr. Anderson moved the Board approve the FY09 budget of \$137,098,231 for all funds. Mrs. Hilts seconded.

MOTION

Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve an amendment to direct the District administration provide a report to the Board on programmatic staffing to assure a core schedule of offerings with additional courses in key agreed upon areas with the intent of bringing recommendations to reduce disparities, if any, back to the Board for resolution. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

VOTE ON HOHL AMENDMENT:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Hohl, Brown

NO – Hilts, Mullins, M. Anderson, N. Anderson, Hatch, Downing, Crawford

Amendment failed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

Advisory Vote – YES

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

NO – Brown

Motion carried.

POLICY REVISIONS:

(9:00:56 PM)

Mr. Jones recommended approval of revisions to BP 6153 and AR 6153–School Sponsored Trips.

MOTION

Mrs. Hilts moved the Board approve revisions to BP 6153 and AR 6153–School Sponsored Trips. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

MOTION

Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve an amendment adding the words “unless approved by the principal or building administrator” at the end of Number 2 of AR 6153. Mrs. Brown seconded.

POLICY REVISIONS:

(continued)

VOTE ON HOHL AMENDMENT:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Hohl, M. Anderson

NO – Hiltz, Downing, N. Anderson, Hatch, Brown, Mullins,
Crawford

Amendment failed.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – N. Anderson, Hiltz, Hatch, Mullins, M. Anderson, Downing,
Crawford

NO – Hohl, Brown

Motion carried.

RECESS:

(9:14:32 PM)

At 9:14 p.m. Mrs. Crawford called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER

RECESS:

(9:18:55 PM)

At 9:18 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

STUDENT EXPULSION:

(9:19:05 PM)

Mr. Szymoniak recommended expulsion (Number 2007-08-001) for a Nikiski Middle/High School student for violation of BP 3522.6, Violent and Aggressive Conduct, and AR 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion.

MOTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve “the decision of the Kenai Peninsula School Board in the matter of expulsion 2007-08-001:

The informal hearing suspension, and recommendation for expulsion were held in accordance with Board policy, and the administration properly brought this case to the Board to consider expelling this student.

Since 1998 the student had 21 out-of-school suspensions, four in-school suspensions, 67 detentions, 10 reprimands, and a community service assignment for offenses including disruptive behavior, profane language, violence, fighting, truancy, insubordination, theft, tobacco and endangering others.

Student has demonstrated repeated behavioral problems including those that physically harm or threaten to physically harm other people.

Since school safety and security are paramount to a successful learning environment, the decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is the student is permanently expelled from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

He has a right to appeal 30-days after distribution of this.”
Mr. Anderson seconded.

STUDENT EXPULSION:

(continued)

VOTE:

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

ABSTAIN – Hohl, Brown

Motion carried.

**2008-2009 TENTATIVE
BOARD MEETING DATES:**

(9:21:26 PM)

Mrs. Crawford explained that the tentative Board meeting dates for 2008-2009 were postponed from the March 3 Board meeting.

MOTION

Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve an amendment to change the FY09 tentative Board meeting calendar to travel on September 8 to Seward and travel to Homer during the October 20 meeting. Mrs. Brown seconded.

VOTE ON HOHL AMENDMENT:

Advisory Vote – NO

YES – Hatch, Mullins,

NO – N. Anderson, Hilts, Downing, M. Anderson, Brown, Hohl,
Crawford

Amendment failed.

MOTION

Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve an amendment to change the FY09 tentative Board meeting calendar to travel on September 8 to Homer and travel to Seward during the October 20 meeting. Mr. Anderson seconded.

VOTE ON HOHL AMENDMENT:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Brown, M. Anderson, Mullins, Hatch, Hohl

NO – Hilts, Downing, N. Anderson, Crawford

Amendment carried.

VOTE AMENDED MOTION:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Hilts, N. Anderson, Hatch, Brown, M. Anderson, Hohl,
Mullins

NO – Downing, Crawford

Amended motion carried.

LONG RANGE PLAN:

(9:33:10 PM)

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the Long Range Plan for 2007 to 2012. The plan includes a mission statement guiding principals and four goals (organizational excellence, organizational improvement, organizational responsiveness, organizational sustainability) and related steps that will direct the District's work through 2012.

LONG RANGE PLAN:

(continued)

MOTION

Mrs. Downing moved the Board approve the Long Range Plan for 2007-2012 as presented by the administration. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

VOTE:

Advisory Vote – YES

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

NO – Hatch, Brown

Motion carried.

**NSBA AFFILIATE
MEMBERSHIP:**

(9:38:00 PM)

MOTION

Mrs. Crawford presented a recommendation for the Board to consider a one-year trial NSBA Affiliate Membership.

Mr. Anderson moved the Board approve a one-year trial NSBA Affiliate membership as presented. Mrs. Downing seconded.

VOTE:

Advisory Vote – YES

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

NO – Brown

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/
COMMENTS:**

(9:48:00 PM)

Mrs. Moock, Soldotna Middle School principal, thanked the Board for approving the FY09 budget. She clarified that with programmatic staffing the 2008-2009 staffing will increase to 115% above the current level and is extremely appreciated.

BOARD COMMENTS:

(9:50:12 PM)

Mrs. Brown read from the budget regarding programmatic staffing and pointed out that the definition does not make it clear that it is 15% above current. She stated that the programmatic staffing may be suitable for Central Peninsula Area schools and cautioned that a lawsuit could be brought against the District. She stated that the District should provide equitable offerings that lead to meeting the requirements of the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. She asked for more strength in vocational education programs and added that the District is making a step in the right direction but it is not fast enough. She stated that there are a great number of students whose needs are not being met.

Mr. Hatch reported that he attended a presentation by a KCHS English class of Spoon River Anthology and an open house at KMS. He asked for an excused absence for next Board meeting.

Miss Meyer thanked K-Beach Elementary staff and students for the school report and commented that she has been enjoying the school newspaper.

BOARD COMMENTS:

(continued)

Ms. Hohl reported that she attended the Seward High play titled, *You Can't Take It With You* and attended the Holocaust film series at Moose Pass Elementary. She stated that after each film the community held a discussion and was followed up by Gerda Klein, a Holocaust survivor, who came and showed the documentary that earned her an academy award. She invited those present to attend the National Ocean Science Bowl in Seward on Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27. She reported that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board meeting will be held May 20 and 21 in Seward. She requested the Board direct the District administration to provide a report to the Board on programmatic staffing to assure a core schedule of offerings with additional courses in key agreed upon areas with the intent of bringing recommendations to reduce disparities, if any, back to the Board for resolution.

MOTION

Mrs. Brown moved the Board approve an amendment to direct the District administration provide a report to the Board on programmatic staffing to assure a core schedule of offerings with additional courses in key agreed upon areas with the intent of bringing recommendations to reduce disparities, if any, back to the Board for resolution. Ms. Hohl seconded.

VOTE:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Mullins, Downing, Hatch, Hilts, N. Anderson, Hohl, Brown

NO – M. Anderson, Crawford

Motion carried.

Mr. Anderson reported that he also attended a session regarding Roberts Rules: Better and More Efficient Board Meetings while at the NSBA Annual Conference. He reported that he attended the Sterling Elementary forensics competition. He commended the book Failure is Not an Option and hopes to attend the June workshop on the topic. He reported that he has been eating lunch at various schools in order to gather Student Nutrition Services data, and added that he has been eating the same lunches as the students and they taste good.

Mrs. Hilts praised the Susan B. English High School boys basketball team (with only 7 players) who placed second in the regional tournament, placed fifth in the state tournament, beat an undefeated team, and won the Sportsmanship Trophy. She noted that she is sorry to lose some very good principals such as Mr. Dan Beck. She reminded those present that Boys and Girls Clubs across the District are probably closing for the summer.

BOARD COMMENTS:

(continued)

Mrs. Mullins thanked the legislators who served on the Education Task Force: Senator Steadman, Representative Hawker, Representative Roses, Representative Seaton, Representative Jewel, Senator Hoffman, Senator Stevens, Representative Kelly, Senator Ellis, Senator Wilkins, and Carl Rose, a non legislative member. She thanked Dr. Peterson and Mrs. Douglas for their work with the Education Task Force members and noted that legislators feel that they can trust information provided by District administration. She reported that many legislators were impressed because of what had been accomplished in the past with less money. She specifically thanked Representative Mike Chenault, former school Board member, who pushed hard and urged his colleagues to consider the District's plight as well as other districts. She stated that if not for the advocacy of Representative Chenault, the Education Task Force Committee members and Kenai Peninsula community members, adequate funding would not have been possible and she will now feel good leaving the Board in October.

Mrs. Downing commended Dr. Peterson, site councils, and staff for all of the work developing the Long Range Plan. She reported that she attended the Kachemak Bay Campus College Career and Job Fair. She noted that the Fair was well attended; Project GRAD brought 70 students as well as several students from Homer High. She reported that the Business Session was standing room only, but the Education Session only had two students. She thanked Lori Manion for the pre-kindergarten information and announced that she has been appointed to the national pre-kindergarten committee. She reported that she attended the most recent Project GRAD meeting and was appointed to be the treasurer. She stated that the Homer Middle School community will miss Dan Beck as well as Ron Keffer.

Sammy noted that Jon Lillevik is retiring after well over 30 years as counselor at Kenai Central High. She thanked the administration for the Long Range Plan Update.

ADJOURN:

(10:11:55 PM)

At 10:11 p.m., Mr. Hatch moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, President

Mr. Marty Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of April 14, 2008
have not been approved as of
April 27, 2008.