
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

October 20, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included an orientation for new Board members, the Alaska Performance Excellence (APEX) application and proposed Board Policy revisions.

OATH OF OFFICE: The Oath of Office was administered to Mrs. Penny Vadla, Mr. Bill Holt, and Mr. Joe Arness, by notary public, Mrs. Sally Tachick.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD: The School Board Officers for the 2008-2009 school year are Mrs. Sammy Crawford, President; Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Vice President; Mr. Marty Anderson, Clerk; and Ms. Lynne Hohl, Treasurer.

ESTABLISH MEETING TIME, DATE AND PLACE: The Board set its meeting time, date and place for 7:00 p.m. on the first 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.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Parents Advocating Recreational Kids Stuff (PARKS), a Seward organization established to raise money, purchase, and construct a community playground.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Lori Manion, Nikiski North Star Elementary School principal, provided assessment information and gave a computer-generated video created by students that highlighted school staff, the Character Counts Program, NASA Explorer School information, Artists-in-the-Schools artwork, classroom activities, outdoor activities, the facility and playground areas, Boys and Girls club activities, and PTA activities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reminded those present that October 23 and 24 are parent/teacher conferences and inservices. She announced that the budget survey is available online from the District's home page. She reported that the application process for the vacant Kenai School Board seat closes on October 27 and that interviews will be held on November 3. She congratulated the Soldotna High School football team for winning the State Championship.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 3 through 208 for various schools and departments within the District.

FINANCE REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 2008.

RESOLUTION 08-09-2: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 08-09-2, No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Award for Seward Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teaching assignments for Lisa Fellows, temporary .50 FTE ATOSS facilitator, Homer Middle School; Theresa Salzetti, temporary interventionist teacher .50 FTE, Kenai Middle School; Kathryn McDevitt, elementary interventionist teacher .50 FTE, Seward Elementary; Rhonda Neill, .50 FTE librarian, Skyview High School; and JoEllen Fowler, temporary Title I teacher, Soldotna Elementary.

RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Ms. Wanda L. Griechen, migrant teacher, Homer Middle School, effective September 4, 2008.

HSGQE RETRACTION: The Board unanimously approved the retraction of High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2009-03.

REVISIONS TO VARIOUS POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND EXHIBITS: The Board unanimously approved various revisions to AR 3311, Bids; E 3342(b), Tax Shelter Annuities; AR 5141.21, Administering Medication, E 5141.21(a), Short-Term Medication Request, E 5141.21(c), Over-the-Counter Medication Request, and E 5141.21(e), Long-term Medication Request; AR 5144.1, Suspension; BP 6146.3, Reciprocity on Graduation Requirements; BP 6146.4, Differential Graduation and Competency Standard Requirements for Individuals with Exceptional Needs; AR 6146.4 (a), Special Services Grading and Graduation Guidelines; BP 6146.7, Diplomas; AR 6146.7, High School Graduation Qualifying Examination; AR 6146.82, High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 1325, Advertising and Promotions; BP 2300 and BP 3316, Conflict of Interest; BP 4141/4142, Negotiated Agreement; BP 4156.2/4256.2/4356.2, Awards and Recognition; BP and E 5125.1, Release of Directory Information; and BP 6146.3, High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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