
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Sammy Crawford, President
Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Vice President
Mr. Marty Anderson, Clerk
Ms. Lynne Hohl, Treasurer
Mr. Joe Arness
Mrs. Liz Downing
Mr. Bill Holt
Mrs. Penny Vadla
Seat 2 – Kenai (Vacant)
Miss Theresa Ramponi, Student Representative

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Wayne Young Mrs. Doris Cannon
Mrs. Lori Manion Mr. Doug Cannon
Mrs. Margie Warner Mrs. LaDawn Druce
Mrs. Martha Fleming

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT: Mrs. Downing read the District's mission statement.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mr. Marty Anderson	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present
Miss Theresa Ramponi	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

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

MOTION

Mr. Anderson nominated Mrs. Crawford as president of the Board. Mrs. Downing requested that nominations for president be closed. Mrs. Hilts seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sammy Crawford was selected as president.

MOTION

Mr. Anderson nominated Mrs. Hilts as vice president of the Board. Mr. Arness requested that nominations for vice president be closed. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sunni Hilts was selected as vice president.

MOTION

Mrs. Hilts nominated Mr. Anderson as clerk of the Board. Mr. Arness requested that nominations for clerk be closed. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Marty Anderson was selected as clerk.

MOTION

Mr. Anderson nominated Ms. Hohl as treasurer of the Board. Mr. Arness requested that nominations for treasurer be closed. Mrs. Downing seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lynn Hohl was selected as treasurer.

ESTABLISH MEETING TIME, DATE AND PLACE:

MOTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board set its meeting time, date, and place for 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month (according to the calendar adopted by the Board) at the place established by the schedule. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of October 6, 2008, were approved as printed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to the 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, spoke about Professional Learning Communities and staff collaboration. She gave a computer-generated video created by Miss Laura Hufford, Mr. Brady Malston, Miss Marilynn Davis, and Miss Kiana Edgmon, 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Dr. Peterson reported that the federal and state priorities have been submitted to the Borough Clerk to be included in the priority booklet for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. She reported that Mrs. Crawford sent a letter to District site councils regarding the Board goals. She noted that the internet use agreement and the code of ethics for Board signature is in the general information packet.

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

Mrs. Amy Haddow, Seward Site Council Chairperson, thanked Dr. Peterson for providing site council training in Seward. She noted that site council elections are being held for two seats and that voting will be held at parent-teacher conferences, over Edline or at Safeway. She reported that the Site Council heard a presentation from Andre Layral regarding the Quality Schools/Quality Students Climate and Safety Survey data. She recognized the boys and girls Seward Cross-Country teams for placing second at the state championships and noted that the boy's team earned the highest grade point average for 1, 2, and 3A schools.

Mrs. Margie Warner, KPESA president, expressed concern for the nursing shortage and asked the Board and administration not to delegate nursing duties to the school secretaries since they do not have the time or training. She related a personal experience regarding three students in need of nursing care at her school. Mrs. Warner stated that she would provide a copy of her testimony to the Board.

Mrs. LaDawn Druce, KPESA president, welcomed the new School Board members. She noted that she continues to conduct building visits and recently stopped at Cooper Landing Elementary and Moose Pass Elementary and noted that Moose Pass is scheduled to get another staff member. She congratulated Seward Elementary for being selected to receive the Blue Ribbon Award. She reported that KPEA was invited to be involved with Tribal Career Day on November 1 at Kenai Central High. She reported that three days of Interest Based Bargaining training will be held next week. She thanked Ms. Martha Fleming for her counseling services to Seward High students. Mrs. Druce asked the Board to assign the graduation date on the diploma to that of the student's graduating class and not the date that the student passed the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson reminded those present that October 23 and 24 are parent/teacher conferences and inservices so students will not be in school. 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 Small Schools 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.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Anderson reported that he attended the Career and Technical Advisory Committee meeting, held at the Economic Development District and conducted by Mr. Walt Ward. He reported that others in attendance were Mr. John Torgerson, Economic Development District Manager, Ms. Lynn Hohl, School Board member, Mr. Randy Ashford Kenaitze Indian Tribe Program Coordinator, and several members of the Department of Labor. He stated that the committee heard reports on District programs and that the meeting minutes were forwarded to the Board president.

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the 2010-2011 Calendar Committee meeting and Site Council and Parent Group Training. She reported that she attended the Soldotna High School site council meeting and noted that the school received \$31,000 as a rebate as a result of their participation in the energy savings plan. She reported that she also attended the Recognition Committee meeting and the Social Studies Committee meeting.

BOARD WORKSESSION REPORT:

Mrs. Crawford reported that the Board conducted an orientation for new Board members, held worksessions on the Alaska Performance Excellence (APEX) application and the proposed Board Policy revisions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resolution 08-09-2, No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Award; New Teacher Contracts; Resignation; High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2009-03 Retraction; and revisions to various Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits.

RESOLUTION 08-09-2:

A commending resolution, Resolution 08-09-2, No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Award was presented for approval.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve 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:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a resignation from Ms. Wanda L. Griechen, migrant teacher, Homer Middle School, effective September 4, 2008.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM RETRACTION:

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve the retraction of High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2009-03.

REVISIONS TO VARIOUS POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND EXHIBITS:

Mr. Jones recommended 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 6146.82, High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

MOTION

Mrs. Downing moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 5. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Hohl thanked the PARKS group for coordinating the playground fund raising and construction. She congratulated Seward Elementary for receiving the Blue Ribbon Award.

Mr. Anderson thanked Mrs. Manion, Nikiski North Star principal, for the school report. He welcomed Mrs. Vadla, Mr. Arness and Mr. Holt to the Board.

Mrs. Hilts welcomed Mrs. Vadla, Mr. Arness and Mr. Holt to the Board and thanked them for their commitment. She thanked Mrs. Manion for the Nikiski North Star Elementary School report. She congratulated Seward Elementary for being selected to receive the Blue Ribbon Award. She thanked the Seward Travel Club for providing dinner for the Board.

Mrs. Downing welcomed the new Board members and congratulated the new and returning officers. She commended Mrs. Manion for an enjoyable report on Nikiski North Star Elementary and noted that she visited the school's preschool program.

BOARD COMMENTS:
(continued)

Mr. Holt thanked the Board members for the welcome and commended Mrs. Manion for the Nikiski North Star Elementary School report.

Miss Ramponi thanked those in the audience for their attendance and welcomed the new Board members.

Mr. Arness thanked the Board members for welcoming him back to the Board.

Mrs. Vadla thanked Mrs. Manion for the Nikiski North Star Elementary School report. She congratulated the Seward cross-country running team and coach for their hard work. She thanked the PARKS group for the playground project. She commended Seward Elementary on receiving the Blue Ribbon Award. She noted that the dinner catered by the students of the Seward Travel Group was delicious.

Mrs. Crawford thanked Mrs. Manion for the Nikiski North Star Elementary report. She announced that committee assignments need to be made fairly soon and asked the Board to email her with their choices. The committees are Charter School Oversight Committee, Policy Review Committee, Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association, Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee, Career and Technical Advisory Committee, Title VII Liaison, Budget Review Committee, and the Recognition Committee.

ADJOURN:

At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Downing seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, President

Mr. Marty Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of October 20, 2008,
were approved on November 3, 2008.
as written