
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

September 11, 2006 – 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Mrs. Colleen Sinnott, Tustumena Elementary Special Education teacher, for her service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Randy Neill, Skyview High School principal, gave a computer-generated presentation with the assistance of several students (Miss Jordan Grant, Miss Molly Lamborn, Miss Chantel Schefers, Miss Lei Lavea) that highlighted clubs, student mentorship, positive student and teacher interactions, the school goal of engaging students, course offerings, student accomplishments and achievements, and the community use of the facility. Mr. Neill concluded the presentation with two videos that featured student activities and sporting events.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that she has completed classroom walkthroughs at 8 schools. She reported that the administration has been meeting with school administrators to discuss their goals for the upcoming year. She reported that she gave presentations at the Seward and Anchor Point Chambers of Commerce; and that she attended two Project GRAD meetings.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented financial reports of the District for periods ending July 30, 2006 and August 31, 2006.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 8 from the Assessment Department for \$12,500 for rental of a secure site to store and process District, state and federally mandated tests and budget transfer Numbers 22 and 27 from the Information Services Department to purchase of software at schools that have received new student computers as part of the Tech Plan replacement cycle (\$17,700 for Soldotna Middle School, \$13,350 for Kenai Middle School and \$12,150 for Seward Elementary School).

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS TO AR 4112.4: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 4112.4, Health Examinations deleting the requirement that employees undergo annual tuberculosis tests.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS TO AR 3343: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 3343, Travel and Per Diem increasing the mileage reimbursement rate from \$.30 per mile to \$.35 per mile, retroactive to July 1, 2006.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS TO AR 6187: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 6187, Charter Schools allowing charter schools in a shared facility to change the estimated number of students, the number of classrooms, or the grades taught for a school year by October 1 of the year preceding.

TENURED TEACHER ASSIGNMENT: The Board unanimously approved a tenured teaching assignment for Richard Redmond, Homer Middle School counselor.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved teaching assignments for Barbara Croxford, Districtwide School Psychologist, Central Peninsula; Maygen Jannetta, art teacher, Homer High School; Sara Boersma, Grade 2/3 at Kaleidoscope Charter; Sandra Davis, intermediate grades, K-Beach Elementary; Justin T. Carr, (temporary) language arts, Kenai Central High; David Patat, science, Kenai Central High; Steven D. Schoessler, (.50 FTE permanent) vocational education teacher/(temporary .50 FTE) work coop coordinator, Kenai Central High; Debra Page-O'Connell, Quest, Gifted/Talented Program, Mt. View/Kenai Middle; Sarah J. Lazare, (temporary) Title I teacher, Mt. View Elementary; Elizabeth Ross, .50 FTE elementary music, Mt. View Elementary; Kenneth DiMarzio, vocational education, Nikiski Middle/High; Pavla Tyson, (temporary) generalist, Nikolaevsk School; Dina Marion, (temporary) Title I, Paul Banks Elementary; Shonia Werner, .50 FTE Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary; Joanne Frey, special education/intensive needs, Seward Elementary; Kathy Sandoval, behavior teacher, Seward Elementary; Carlyn Nichols, science/math, Seward High School; Robin Castleman, special education/intensive needs, Skyview High; Megan Jones, .50 FTE language arts, Skyview High; Catherine Kibling, special education, intensive needs, Soldotna High; Stephanie Jez, (temporary) music K-12, Seward Elementary, Middle and High; Elisabeth Feeley, resource teacher, Soldotna Elementary; Cindy Robertson, elementary/secondary generalist, Voznesenka School; Robyn Walls, (temporary) Title I teacher, West Homer Elementary; and Karen Weston, Facilitator-Quest Gifted/Talented Program, West Homer Elementary.

NONTENURED TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments for the 2006-2007 school year for Karen (Kim) Fine, elementary Grades 3-6, Fireweed Academy Charter; Holly Boyle, 8th grade reading, Kenai Middle; Lori L. Young, (temporary) teacher-kindergarten, Redoubt Elementary; Catherine Bethune, Title I teacher, Sears Elementary; Sheri Legg, .50 FTE librarian/media specialist, Sears Elementary; Patricia Truesdell, .50 FTE special education/resource and (temporary) .50 FTE teacher/intervention, Tebughna School.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved a certified leave of absence request from Shonia Werner, .50 FTE 6th grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary (effective September 5, 2006 through November 1, 2006).

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved a support staff leave of absence request from Dennis Reger, special education aide, Soldotna Middle School (effective October 1, 2006 through the end of the 2006-2007 school year).

KPEA NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT: The Board unanimously approved the 2006-2009 Kenai Peninsula Education Association Negotiated Agreement.

KPESA NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT: The Board unanimously approved the 2006-2009 Kenai Peninsula Education Support Association Negotiated Agreement.

AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS: The Board approved all 2006 AASB Core Resolutions except 1.2 (Opposing Mandated School Consolidation) and requested that they be forwarded to AASB for consideration at the Annual Conference.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 2, 2006, 7:00 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer**, Alaska.

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