
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

July 13, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included proposed policy revisions, 2009-2010 School Board goals, Board goal talking points and federal stimulus funds.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater presented the 2009-2010 Site Council Evaluation Reports from each school. He presented the 2008-2009 Superintendent's Annual Report that included the District goals, highlights of the year, an achievement profile, technology and energy information, and a message from Dr. Peterson (former superintendent).

FINANCIAL REPORT: On behalf of Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2009.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT: On behalf of Mrs. Douglas, Mr. Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 862 through 1335 for various schools and departments within the District.

ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS: The Board unanimously approved the District's application for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

2009-2010 BOARD GOALS: The Board unanimously approved four goals for accomplishment during the 2008-2009 school year in the areas of student success; parent, student and community engagement; constituent communication; and improvement of graduation rates and decrease dropout rates. The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the language in Goals Number 1 and Number 2.

2009-2010 ANNUAL AGENDA GUIDELINE: The Board unanimously approved the 2009-2010 Annual Agenda Guideline.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 1302 in the amount of \$63,000 to pay for FY09 fuel costs for the Home-to-School bus routes in the Central Peninsula area.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for Dennis Allan Gee, Ed.D., principal at Homer High; Timothy Vlasak, director of Secondary Education and Assessment; and Donald R. Frashier, principal/teacher at Tebughna Elementary/High.

NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for Stacy Naden, (temporary .50 FTE) art teacher, Homer High School; Patricia J. Truesdell, K-12th grade teacher, Hope School; Joanna Greene, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) grades 4-5 teacher, Kachemak Selo; Joseph Taylor, primary grades teacher, Redoubt Elementary; and JoEllen Fowler, (permanent .50 FTE interventionist/temporary .50 FTE) Title I teacher, Tustumena Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Dennis Welch, generalist teacher/advisor, Connections; Steve M. Cothran, social studies/history teacher, districtwide distance education; Emanuela Meriggi, foreign language/history teacher, districtwide distance education; Connie L. Akers, .50 FTE librarian, Homer High School; Jennifer Booz, science/math teacher, Homer Middle School; Gwenn Dailey-Gee, special education resource teacher, Homer Middle School; Summer A. Dallman, kindergarten teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Cynthia McKibben, primary grade teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Dylan Hooper, middle school science teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Laura Niemczyk, language arts teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Rose M. Kiernan, primary grade teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Karen Pala, (temporary) pre-kindergarten teacher/Title I teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Vivian Norenberg, (permanent .50 FTE/.50 FTE temporary) Title I teacher/elementary teacher, Nikolaevsk School; Carolyn M. Farmer, intermediate grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Albert Plan, math/science teacher, Seward Middle School; Eric M. Pomerleau, athletic/activities director, Skyview High; Jesse Settlemyer, language arts teacher, Skyview High; Kelli Creglow, (temporary) special education preschool teacher, Soldotna Elementary; Cynthia Ussing, intermediate grades teacher, Sterling Elementary; Paul S. Chissus, (temporary .50 FTE) generalist teacher, Susan B. English Elem/High; and Linda Lemco, special education resource teacher, Voznesenka School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effectives at the end of the 2008-2009 school year from Shannon West, math/reading teacher, Kenai Middle School; and Naomi Karlin, Art, Seward High School.

REVISIONS TO POLICY MANUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 3360, Travel and Per Diem and AR 5144.11, Due Process.

POLICY REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3515, School Safety and Security; BP 3522, School Security; BP 3530, Risk Management; BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety; BP 5125, Student Records; BP 5125.1, Release of Directory Information.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 4156.2, Awards and Recognition and BP 6145.2, Interscholastic Competition.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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