KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Borough Administration Building Soldotna, Alaska 99669

June 12, 1995

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Vice President

Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk
Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer
Mrs. Susan Larned, Member
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member
Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Member

Miss Mandy Baldwin, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Superintendent

Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,

Operations, and Technology

Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Interim Assistant Superintendent,

Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Michael Lengenfelder Mr. James Simeroth Ms. Colette Thompson Ms. Catherine Hall Mrs. Diane Borgman Mrs. Mary Armstrong Mrs. Karen Mahurin Mrs. Janie Lawley Mrs. Melody Douglas Mrs. Pam Lettington Mr. Tim Navarre Ms. Renee Henderson Ms. Jeanie Robinson Mrs. Pam Lazenby Mrs. Ann Bayes Mr. Tom Atkinson

Mr. Paul Epperson Mrs. Judy Queen

Ms. Trena Richardson

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Absent - Excused

Dr. Nels Anderson Present
Mr. Joe Arness Present
Mrs. Susan Larned Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen Present
Mr. Emery Thibodeau Present
Miss Mandy Baldwin Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of May 15, 1995, were approved as

printed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Renee Henderson expressed appreciation on the Board's reconsideration of the 1995-96 budget.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Ms. Kristine Schmidt, parent of a Kenai Central High School student, expressed concern about the change from a seven-period day to a six-period day at Kenai Central High School for the 1995-96 school year. She stated that parents and students were not allowed input into the decision, and expressed the hope that school based decision making would allow parents to be part of the decision making process in the future. She noted the request was for a seven-period schedule for the 1995-96 year, thus allowing students more class choices.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf read communications from Margaret Simon and Etta Mae Near, who expressed appreciation to the Board on the retirees' reception and gold pan retirement plaques; a letter from Mr. Dennis Swarner written on behalf of his son, Matthew, requesting the reinstitution of the seven-period day at Kenai Central High School; from Mrs. Claudine Flowers complimenting teacher Debbie Smith for her caring attitude and dedication to their son's education; from PTA Chairpersons, Judy Queen (Nikiski Middle/High School), Sonja Clark (Nikiski Elementary), and Pam Lettington (North Star Elementary), requesting the Board postpone action on Regulation 007.5, Student Fees, until the PTA's membership has opportunity to review the regulation when school begins in the fall; communications from Catherine Hall and other school nurses requesting the Board to reinstate the nursing positions in the 1995-96 budget; from James Simeroth, KPEA President, requesting the student fee proposal not be implemented because inequities could occur where students would not pay the textbook fees and the additional staff time involved in collecting the fees; from Sharon Moock written on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula College Council expressing appreciation to Dr. Richard Kreiger for use of classrooms at Homer High School for college purposes; and a thank you note from Student Representative Mandy Baldwin for the Board members' help and support during her term on the Board of Education.

KPESA:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, President, Kenai Peninsula Education Support Association, told the Board she was appreciative of the Board giving gold pans as retirement recognitions to staff members.

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KPESA (continued):

Mrs. Mahurin requested the Board consider reinstating the school nurse position in the budget. She noted elimination of this position affected not only the nurse positions, but also the secretaries who must absorb this in their workload. She commented that such a reduction would piecemeal the nursing program at several schools and add to the school secretaries responsibilities at a time when those positions have been reduced from 12-month to 10-month positions. She suggested \$37,000 be transferred from the Language Arts curriculum program for this purpose.

Mrs. Mahurin told the Board that their decision to reduce secretary and custodial positions from 12-month to 10-month has resulted in a situation where some of those employees will be losing accrued annual leave, has affected the morale of the staff, has left work uncompleted where employees must use leave, and, overall, will result in staff beginning the year on a negative tone. She commented that 1994-95 was a stressful year for employees and she hoped things would be more favorable next year.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Mrs. Janie Lawley, Peninsula Clarion reporter, in recognition of her thorough, fair and balanced analysis in reporting educational issues. She noted Mrs. Lawley's efforts have raised the knowledge level of all people about education on the Kenai Peninsula.

FACILITIES REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported the Facilities Committee studied school boundaries, optimum school size and building utilization. The committee recommended a process to deal with boundary and building configurations when they arise. The committee also recommended school sizes be set at 500 students for elementary schools, 500 students for middle schools and 1,000 students for high schools. Recommended construction needs included a new middle school for the Soldotna area, two additional portables to accommodate 650 students at Soldotna Middle school, and when the student population exceeds 650 double shifting should be considered, as well as exploring options utilizing possible space at Soldotna High School. Other construction needs included expanding the Nikolaevsk gymnasium and adding vocational/technical classrooms. The committee also recommended adding classroom space to high schools to bring their capacities to 1,000, as needs arise.

Mr. Tauriainen commented he thought middle schools should be at 750 students. Mr. Dahlgren responded the committee considered this option, but no action was taken on this.

FOOD SERVICES REPORT:

Mr. Lengenfelder, Food Services Assistant Director, and Mr. Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management, reported on the Food Services Program for the district. Mr. Lengenfelder told the Board the food services program encompasses serving lunches to approximately 10,000 students on a daily basis, 168 days a year, provides nutrition information to students and staff, has a student committee involved in taste-testing and meal planning, teaches students food preparation, sanitation techniques and cashiering skills. In addition, eighty dedicated food service employees serve more than just food, and act as advisors to students and school organizations, work as program and classroom volunteers and participate in other school-related activities. He noted the program has made numerous improvements to enhance its efficiencies in the past two years. Mr. Swarner reported a study was conducted on the ramifications of contracting out the food services operation of the district. Pre-bid information was supplied to ARAMARK and Marriott, with ARAMARK being the only firm to visit the district's operation and submit a written financial estimate to contract the food services program. Although the company anticipated a 17% increase in revenue. there appeared to be an overall plus/minus earnings of 1.5%. He noted if the program is contracted, some portions of the program would still be conducted by the district, i.e., free and reduced application process, price setting of meals, accountability of USDA donated foods, etc. Mr. Swarner requested Board direction on whether to seek bids for the food service program.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT:

Mr. Swarner reported on Budget Transfers #348 through #907 for schools and departments within the district.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending May 31, 1995. In response to questions from Mr. Tauriainen, Mr. Swarner stated there have been numerous long-term illnesses this year with the account balance being approximately -\$120,000.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the Consent Agenda included Approval of Furniture and Equipment List, Grant Applications, Lease/Purchase Telephone System, Substitute Teacher Contracts, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, Leave of Absence Requests/Support, Resignations, and 1995-96 Teacher Assignment.

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Tustumena Elementary School addition in the amount of \$16,125.99.

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GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve submitting applications to the Department of Education for a Title VI Grant in the amount of \$83,392; Title II Grant in the amount of \$64,130; ESEA Title I Grant in the amount of \$1,049,452; and Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Grant in the amount of \$92,487.

LEASE/PURCHASE TELEPHONE SYSTEM:

Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve authorizing John Dahlgren and Richard Swarner to enter into a lease/purchase agreement to replace telephone systems at Homer High, Skyview High and Nikiski Jr/Sr High with financing through LaSalle Capital Markets.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for 19day substitute teachers Michael Williamson, Mathematics, Skyview High; and Robin Whitney, Grade 3, Mt. View Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/ CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1995-96 school year for Mary Louise Combs, Special Education/Educationally Handicapped, Soldotna Middle; Gary Lindman, Music/Activities, Soldotna High; and Robert Bell, Grades 3-4, Nikolaevsk Elem/High.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/ SUPPORT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1995-96 school year for Elaine Kellum, Head Secretary III, Skyview High; and Maria Martushev, Bilingual Instructor, Voznesenka School.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1994-95 school year for Donna Campbell, Special Education/Educationally Handicapped/Resource, Soldotna Middle; Leslie Bell, Grade 8, Language Arts, Homer Junior High; Colleen Johnston, Counselor, Kenai Middle; Robert Johnston, Special Education/QUEST, Soldotna Middle; Paula Williams, Grades K-3, Bartlett School; and JoJo Powell, Psychologist, Special Services/Districtwide.

1995-96 TEACHER ASSIGNMENT: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a 1995-96 teacher assignment for Vince Wagner, Speech Pathologist, Districtwide.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Mr. Swarner moved the Board approve Budget Transfer #842 for Skyview High in the amount of \$11,880; #899 for Districtwide/Kenai Middle in the amount of \$24,086; and #904 for Districtwide in the amount of \$17.836.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the budget transfers as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1995-96 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board restore to the 1995-96 budget \$200,000 to postpone the implementation of the textbook/materials fees, \$40,000 added to the technology program, and \$10,000 added to the districtwide music program. He stated this would leave a contingency for future needs in the district of \$156,952. He noted budget revisions needed to be made to reflect additional revenues from the borough assembly and state legislature in addition to the expenditures recommended and in-kind services incurred from the borough.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the recommended budget restorations and adjustments. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that approximately twenty five minutes was allotted in the afternoon to discuss this issue, and he felt more time was needed to make a decision.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to postpone the motion until the July 10 meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved to postpone the motion until July 10. Mr. Tauriainen seconded. The motion was ruled out of order.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to place \$200.000 of the \$250,000 into a contingency fund. Motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved to amend the motion to include Homer Hazardous Bus Routes for \$40,000. Motion died for lack of a second.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

YES - Arness, Larned, Thibodeau, Obendorf

NO - Anderson, Tauriainen Advisory Vote - Abstain

Motion carried.

RECESS:

At 9:03 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 9:19 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

POLICY 006.75/006.75R, STUDENT ACCESS:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve Policy 006.75, Student Access and the accompanying regulation, 006.75.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve Policy 006.75, Student Access, and associated regulation. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY 007.5, STUDENT FEES: Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve Policy 007.5. Student Fees, which included suggested changes made by the Board at the time of the first reading. He noted the policy can remain in place, but not enforced except during periods of time when the Board of Education acts to impose such fees. He clarified various areas of the policy for Board members, noting that changes could be made during the year.

> Mrs. Pam Lettington, North Star parent, addressed the letter written by the three parent groups from the Nikiski area related to charging student fees. She stated the secretarial workload needed to be considered, the policy places the school in the position of being a collection agency where parents might become intimidated and ultimately effect parent involvement in the schools if fees are not paid. She also noted some schools might be more profitable than others based on the free and reduced lunch count used to assess fees. She felt the collection of fees should be further evaluated before it is implemented.

> Mrs. Judy Queen, Nikiski Jr/Sr High PTSA President, asked the Board to postpone implementation of the policy as outlined in the letter from the Nikiski parent groups. She felt the timing was inappropriate because many parents are away on vacation or involved in summer activities, and unavailable for input into the policy. She noted that most parents are not opposed to the fees, but should have information on how the policy will be implemented and how fees will be collected.

> Mrs. Ann Bayes, Anchor Point parent, noted that although the policy had been discussed in Homer, Seward, and Soldotna there still were unanswered questions. She requested the Board postpone the policy for further discussion.

POLICY 007.5, STUDENT FEES (continued):

Mr. James Simeroth, KPEA President, requested the Board withdraw the regulation, and he felt it was in an unacceptable form at this time. He noted the district was virtually taking on taxing powers at the individual schools, which could create hard feelings at the school. He noted he was not opposed to fees, but felt the process to impose the fees was too complicated to administer as presented.

Dr. Bromenschenkel commented that it might be of help to examine this practice as it is being implemented in other locations within the state and other states. He noted he could initiate correspondence with other state departments of education for referral to school districts for information on their experiences with fee structures. He felt this research could be completed and reported to the Board within the next few months. The Board directed the administration to research this information.

LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve the K-12 Language Arts Curriculum as reviewed at the previous meeting. He noted the format and design was part of the strategic plan and the curriculum matches with state standards, blends with technology and other subject areas i.e., social studies. He added the curriculum has strong assessment components, contains elements for students to meet standards, will contain a resource manual with samples and examples, and includes a staff development plan which will support the staff development effort of the district. He extended appreciation to Diane Borgman, Paul Epperson and their committee for their efforts in compiling the document.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the language arts curriculum. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXPULSION HEARING RESULTS: ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following: "This matter was heard before the Board on June 12, 1995. Karen Hoyt, Guardian Ad Litem for JK, the School Principal, the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and the Director of Special Services were present. The School Principal recommended expulsion of JK for the 1995-96 school year for exhibiting behavior that is inimical to the welfare and safety of other students and that constitutes a continued willful disobedience or open defiance of reasonable school authority.

EXPULSION HEARING RESULTS (continued):

The Principal related a series of events involving the student. First, on April 11, 1995 JK was receiving instruction from Ms. Holly Zwink when he became violent in class. He left the classroom with his Special Education Aide, Mr. Tom Atkinson. He told Mr. Atkinson "That woman is going to drive me to the top of a water tower with an AK47. If I get out of here, I will come back and I will kill her, and I don't care if you tell her, 'cause it's the truth." Mr. Atkinson informed the school office of this threat and said that he thought JK was serious. JK was suspended pending this hearing pursuant to KPBSD Policy 007.22. Second, the Principal provided evidence describing a history of disruptive and sometimes violent behavior, beginning while JK was at Mountain View Elementary, continuing through his attendance at Kenai Central and at Nikiski Middle/High. His history includes repeated fighting with other students, truancy, theft and other incidents.

The Guardian Ad Litem stated that, after reviewing the documents and attending a meeting with D.F.Y.S., school personnel and JK's psychologist, she saw no avenue other than expulsion for JK. She was concerned for the ongoing safety of both JK and the community, and that JK receive appropriate treatment.

The past action and attitude of this student make it clear his presence is contrary to the welfare and safety of other people, that he openly defies reasonable school authority, and creates a constant drain on the resources of the school in attempting to deal with him. They also demonstrate a clear risk of future actions affecting students and the school.

These risks make it necessary to remove this student from the school by expulsion for the 1995-96 school year. Less time does not give the district the opportunity to assess behavior change or adequately protect other students. Even that amount of time may be insufficient and careful review must be undertaken upon application for readmission at the end of the expulsion period. The student shall not go on school grounds during the period of expulsion for any reason, nor shall he attend any school event or function whatsoever. Prior to readmission to a classroom setting at the end of the expulsion period, the student shall supply a psychological evaluation from a duly licensed psychologist to the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction rendering the opinion that there is cause to believe that public education is an appropriate setting for JK. If it is determined that public school is an appropriate setting,

EXPULSION HEARING RESULTS (continued):

then a behavioral contract will first be entered between JK, his foster parents and the school outlining the conditions for his continued attendance." Dr. Anderson seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf noted the student representative was not in attendance at the hearing and would abstain from voting.

Motion carried unanimously.

KPSAA CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HANDBOOKS: Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the changes presented to the 1995-96 KPSAA Co-Curricular Handbooks as recommended by the KPSAA Board. He reviewed the changes with the Board. He noted a worksession had taken place on the changes which addressed student eligibility where access could be gained by students who are not full time students. He noted that at the junior high level there is an exclusion to the regulations for band and drama as extensions of classroom competition where the student is not required to be enrolled in three district classes; and students enrolled in less than three classes/nonenrolled may participate in intramurals on a space available basis. He noted changes include a fee increase to \$35 per activity, a change in basketball to eight minute quarters, and changes in coaches' responsibilities. Changes at the high school level included revisions in student eligibility, scholastic eligibility for participation, clarification of student rules, increase in participation fees (maximum \$350 per family annually) and changes in coaches' responsibilities. Mr. Dahlgren responded to questions from the Board and acknowledged grammatical corrections.

Ms. Renee Henderson corrected the listing of Massed Band and Massed Choir events at the junior high level. She further commented that at the high school level it is not always possible to find same sex chaperones for large groups, and questioned whether there could be legal problems with Item E. 2.

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the KPSAA handbooks with associated grammatical and spelling suggestions. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Dr. Anderson moved to amend the motion to delete Item D.4, page 15 of the high school handbook, "The maximum participation fee assessed any family will not exceed \$350." Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Dr. Anderson commented he felt this was adequately covered in Item D.3., with waiver requests.

ACTION

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KPSAA CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HANDBOOKS (continued):

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Larned, Obendorf NO - Arness, Tauriainen, Thibodeau

Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment failed.

Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO RESCIND 1995-96

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve rescinding an LEAVE OF ABSENCE/CERTIFIED: unpaid leave of absence request for the 1995-96 school year for Linda Rourke, Art, Homer High.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the rescinding request. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1995-96 TENTATIVE NON-

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1995-96 tentative TENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: non-tenure teacher assignments for the following:

> Nikiski Elementary Emmerich, Douglas

Tustumena Elementary Massingill, Tammy (.5) Temporary

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the 1995-96 non-tenure tentative teacher assignments as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Ms. Henderson questioned what the temporary assignment was because the person hired was a replacement for a person on leave of absence. Mrs. Radkte explained that replacement positions for teachers on leave are listed as temporary positions.

Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1995-96 central office administrator assignments for MaryJo Sanders, Coordinator, Grants/Parent Involvement; and Fred Esposito, Coordinator, Vocational Education.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve the central office administrator assignments of MaryJo Sanders, Coordinator, Grants/Parent Involvement; and Fred Esposito, Coordinator, Vocational Education. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FOR TENURE:

1995-96 NON-TENURE TEACHER Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a 1995-96 nontenure teacher for tenure assignment as follows:

Voznesenka

Cindy Rassmussen

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the non-tenure teacher for tenure assignment as recommended. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL BASED DECISION MAKING PROCESS:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the School Based Decision Making Process document which would be implemented at each school site during the 1995-96 school vear.

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA Chairperson, questioned why the School Based Decision Making process was again before the Board when the committee making process had been completed last year. She also questioned the reason, in Section VIII, for waivers with employee group when KPESA does not have waiver language in their negotiated agreement. considered the recourse for this would be unfair labor practice. She noted the previous committee had a very clear process with the employee groups to work with the district in dealing with issues. She noted it is not uncommon that teacher variances could effect support employees, and she considered this as a breakdown on how this positive process was to work. Without appropriate language in the negotiated agreement and the school based decision making document, she feared there would be labor problems in the future. Dr. Bromenschenkel responded that the language in the document was reached by consensus with representatives from all labor groups of the district. He reminded the Board worksessions were held where all sections of the document were reviewed with representatives of the committee present, and the document was unanimously approved by the committee. He noted if there are to be changes in the language, this should be made through the negotiation process.

Mrs. Ann Bayes, Anchor Point parent, commented there should be clarification on the statement about school goals being included within each school's council bylaws. She felt the process for setting goals should be included in the bylaws. not the actual goals themselves.

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve the School Based Decision Making Process. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON CHAPMAN TO HOMER MOVE:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve a one-year moratorium on the movement of Chapman 7th and 8th grade students to Homer Middle School, thus providing the Anchor Point residents an opportunity to plan for the transition. He noted an agreement with the Anchor Point School Based Decision Making Council was reached with the council agreeing to maintain staffing levels for the 1995-96 school year at the same level as the 1994-95 school year. He noted there would be no additional cost to the district for implementation of this recommendation.

Mr. James Simeroth, KPEA President, told the Board he had no problem with the moratorium, but did have a problem with staffing levels for the 1995-96 year at Chapman School. He felt this was shallow ground to allow a particular situation as reason to alter the staffing, which could similarly happen in other schools. He did not feel it was fair that staffing allocations could be used to get a school to follow the school board's or administration's course of action, and felt the district's staffing formula should be enforced. Mrs. Obendorf responded this was a proposal brought to the Board from the Chapman School Based Decision Making Council that they agreed to maintain the current staff for the 1995-96 school year.

Dr. Anderson questioned Mr. Simeroth whether his organization would challenge the Board's decision on the staffing formula issue. Mr. Simeroth responded he couldn't answer the question at the moment, however, if there were grounds to challenge he would recommend that.

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve the one-year moratorium on the Chapman to Homer move. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf commented she shared Mr. Simeroth's concerns, and questioned when does the Board get into the position where they allow parents to ask for less than students are entitled.

Mr. Thibodeau questioned whether all schools are staffed according to the formula. Dr. Bromenschenkel noted the staffing formula is used as a guideline and adjustments are made. He suggested the Board conduct a study on this process next year to put clarity into it.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA President, noted that the financial reports of the district have indicated a high use of substitute accounts. She noted that the budget does not allow for the amount of time allocated for support employees days accrued for sick leave and personal leave. She noted there is not excessive use of substitute time, just that there is not enough money allocated in the budget to cover the amount of time.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board extended best wishes to Mandy Baldwin, Student Representative to the Board, on her future endeavors. They commented on the professional manner in which she presented the student's point of view on the Board.

Mr. Tauriainen commented he felt the policy review sessions were productive, but expressed concern on implementing the policy changes. He suggested the Board hold a worksession on the implementation process within the next few months. Mrs. Obendorf responded that Mrs. Young of AASB told her it would be nine months to a year before any changes would be made.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he would like to see the district continue pursuing contracting of the food services program.

Dr. Anderson expressed concern on the seven-period day, and felt this was something the Board needed to review. He noted many students are taking correspondence courses for the health curriculum, not as an opt out, but because they cannot fit it into their schedules. He noted the academically inclined students are hurt because of the number of classes they can take. He felt decisions to change to a six-period day have been made by the teachers with little input from the parents.

Mr. Thibodeau questioned if there was a time frame in which the Board needed to reconsider the hazardous bus routes. Mr. Dahlgren commented the bus routes will be established soon, however, hazardous busing does not alter the routes substantially. He noted additional buses are sometimes needed for the hazardous routes, but there is no specific bid date for these routes.

Mr. Thibodeau requested the administration look at similar scheduling in the central peninsula area.

Mr. Thibodeau complimented Dr. Bromenschenkel and the administration on the work accomplished on the School Based Decision Making Process booklet and the policy. He felt it was thoughtful and well presented.

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BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

Miss Baldwin commented she enjoyed serving on the school board and was most appreciative of the people who are involved in the process.

Miss Baldwin stated that of all the schedules she experienced during her high school career, she felt the seven-period schedule with six periods per day was the most satisfactory to students. She felt the floating hour benefited students by making the day go faster, increased opportunities for students, and allowed more learning time than in years past. She requested the Board seriously review this situation, and allow more school based decision making with more input from students and parents. She stated she would like to see this adjustment in the future.

Mrs. Obendorf told Board members their goal setting session would be for one day on June 19 at Skyview High School.

She commented she attended the District's Retirement Party which was very nice and made for a special evening for the retirees. She thanked the staff for arranging the event.

Mrs. Obendorf expressed concern about the seven-period day situation, but felt this was an issue given to school based decision making. She noted this would be discussed at the board's goal setting session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:50 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:56 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 10:57 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Berty Obendorf, President

Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of June 12, 1995, were approved on July 10, 1995, with corrections.