

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

April 18, 1994

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Vice President
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk
 Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer
 Dr. John Nels Anderson, Member
 Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member
 Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Member
 Mr. Rick Bell, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Interim Superintendent
 Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Betty Leonard	Mr. John Kistler
Dr. Richard Krieger	Mr. Richard Harvey
Mr. David McCard	Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mrs. Grace Merkes	Mr. Mike Chitty
Mr. Steve Gibson	Mr. Pat Shields
Mrs. Lenoria Johnson	Mr. Don Heckert
Mr. Mark Moldenhauer	Mrs. Mary Sanders
Mrs. Mary Trimble	Mrs. Catherine DeLacee
Mr. Mark Berezin	Mrs. Debbie Tupper
Mrs. Pam Lettington	Mr. Duane Anderson
Mr. James Simeroth	Mr. Buck Jones
Mrs. Linda Jones	Mrs. Loraine Murphy
Miss Vickie Jones	Mr. Al Olson
Mrs. Ina Jones	Mr. Harry Rasmussen
Mrs. Diane Borgman	Mrs. Laurie Linden
Mr. Wayne Lee	Mrs. Brenda Cutsforth
Miss Sarah Jones	Miss Clara Jones
Mr. Paul Sweeney	Mr. Corey Jones
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Dr. John Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Emery Thibodeau	Present
Mr. Rick Bell	Absent - Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed with the deletion of Item 2a, Sterling Elementary School Report, and rearrangement of Items 10f and 10g.

Mrs. Obendorf commented the Sterling Elementary School program was scheduled for this date and, therefore, they would be unable to present their school report at the meeting. An invitation was extended to school board members to attend a tea honoring Sterling Elementary volunteers on Tuesday, April 26, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition, the Science Fair projects would be on exhibit at the school.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of the March 28-31, 1994, were approved as written. The School Board Minutes of April 4, 1994, were approved with a correction.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. John Kistler commented he had prepared a pamphlet entitled, "Goals for Educating Children" which was available for the Board and audience as a handout at the meeting. He stated it was adapted from business use to fit education. He likened the goal setting method outlined in his pamphlet to that of the School Board in achieving its goals for the year ahead.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf noted a communication had been received from Borough Assembly President Betty Glick requesting that a school board member be appointed to attend Borough Assembly meetings beginning in May, 1994. Mrs. Obendorf commented she would attend the meetings unless other school board members notified her of their interest in attending the meetings.

She noted Borough Clerk Gaye Vaughan had written requesting school board comments prior to April 19 on Ordinance 94-08 related to possible elimination of run-off elections.

Mrs. Obendorf noted a letter had been received from the Kenai Community Care Center requesting a letter of support from the school board in applying for an assistance grant. She requested general concurrence from the school board. Dr. Anderson objected to writing a letter of support which should be discussed in executive session.

Mr. Dahlgren reported a letter had been received from Senator Ted Stevens congratulating the district on Mrs. Diane Borgman receiving a \$5,000 grant to be used towards environmental curriculum studies.

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HOMER HIGH SCHOOL STEERING
COMMITTEE:

Mr. Steve Gibson, Homer High School Steering Committee spokesperson, told the Board the committee supported the Homer High School Senior Project. He noted the Steering Committee is composed of four teachers, four parents, three students, support staff and the administration. He stated the 30-hour graduation requirement has been in effect for the past five years, and the program has been revised which has the support of the committee, PTSA, and the community. He requested the Board approve the Senior Project, thus giving recognition to the program.

HOMER PARENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE:

Mr. Don Heckert, Homer Parent Advisory Committee chairperson, reported the Homer PAC unanimously supported the Homer High Senior Project in its modified form as presented to the school board. He noted concerns of parents had been addressed, and for these reasons the PAC endorsed support of the project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported student accomplishments included Soldotna Junior High School's Pentathlon Team winning the state competition in Anchorage; Future Problem Solving championships for Kenai Middle School and Skyview High with individual winners Jenny Garnett, Soldotna Elementary, and Tim Garnett, Soldotna Junior High, and Milica McDowell, Soldotna High; and wrestling team regional accomplishments and volleyball championships.

Mr. Dahlgren reported he traveled to Juneau last week to talk with state legislators. He noted education funding was approved at a \$61,000 unit value, however, supplemental funding has not been approved. He noted HB 521, DeNova Trial Bill, and HB 451, Weapons on School Grounds, are being watched closely.

He informed the Board that the district's transportation contract is being rebid. RFP's have been sent, and a pre-proposal bid conference is scheduled for April 22 with bid opening on May 16, at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Dahlgren invited the Board to attend the last administrator meeting of the 1993-94 school year on Thursday beginning at 9:00 a.m. He reported Dr. Bromenschenkel planned to be in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Dahlgren announced Skills for Excellence sessions would follow on April 22 and 23 at Solid Rock Bible Camp.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
(continued):

Mr. Dahlgren announced the annual KPSAA meeting will be held at Skyview High School at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20. He noted he would be meeting in Homer on Tuesday, April 19 concerning the West Homer Elementary School, and with the Construction Advisory Committee, Wednesday, April 20, on the Tustumena project.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending March 31, 1994.

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Mr. Swarner reported on Budget Transfers #228 through #419 for schools within the district. He noted Budget Transfers #381 and #382 had been approved at the last school board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resignations, Extended Field Trip Request and Grant Application.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1993-94 school year for Nancy Hartigan, Special Education/Speech, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Suzanne Maxwell, Chemistry/Mathematics/Anatomy, Soldotna High; Sandra Holmes, Bilingual Specialist, Alternative Schooling/Bilingual Programs; Kathy Rickman, Hearing Specialist, Districtwide; and John Jonas, Photography, Soldotna High.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP
REQUEST:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve an extended field trip request for eight Skyview High School students to participate in national VICA competition, June 26-July 1, 1994, Kansas City, Missouri.

GRANT APPLICATION:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve submitting a Community Schools Grant application for \$42,454 to the Department of Education.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the consent agenda items as presented. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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POLICY REVISIONS/005.13,
CERTIFIED PERSONNEL;
005.13R, INSTRUCTIONAL
PERSONNEL:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented the third reading to revisions on Policy 005.13, Certified Personnel, and 005.13R, Instructional Personnel. She noted the policy review committee presented three wording changes to Policy 005.13R. Mr. Tauriainen questioned the change of wording to "professional" in standards of conduct, wellness and appearance. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that standards are outlined in the Professional Teaching Practices Commission's regulations and enforced at the state level.

Mr. Mike Chitty, KPEA Chairperson, suggested the wording to 005.13R, "Maintain a standard for professional conduct, wellness and appearance" be removed since it was unclear and could lead to litigation. He felt standards would be in place when hiring professionals. Mr. Tauriainen requested the administration to review this section for future consideration.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve revised policies 005.13 and 005.13R. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISIONS/005.131R,
EXCHANGE/SUBSTITUTE
TEACHERS; 005.53, FAMILY
MEDICAL LEAVE:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended approval of revisions to Policy 005.131R, Exchange/Substitute Teachers, and 005.53, Family Medical Leave. She noted Policy 005.53 had been revised from Maternity Leave to Family Medical Leave to comply with state and federal regulations. The policy had received a legal review.

Dr. Anderson stated he was unsure where the district's medical leave and family leave take over in childbirth. He noted physicians would like a policy from each organization rather than "wing" it as each case comes up. Mrs. Rubadeau commented the policy spoke to the Family Medical Leave Act, but the Board would need to hold a worksession to address Dr. Anderson's concern.

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA Chairperson, questioned Dr. Anderson whether his comment meant the district was to tell physicians how long patients should stay out of work on the birth of a child. Dr. Anderson responded that most times after-childbirth deals with child care, and patients vary in returning to work depending on who pays the bills. He noted there was a previous eight weeks leave stipulation

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POLICY REVISIONS/005.131R,
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MEDICAL LEAVE (CONT.)

for the birth of a child, and he wanted to know whether the leave would come from the family medical leave or medical plan. In response to Mrs. Mahurin's questions related to when a worksession would be held, Mrs. Rubadeau responded it would be appropriate to include the personnel coordinator and seek a legal opinion on this.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve Policy 005.53, Family Medical Leave. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Policy 005.131R, Exchange/Substitute Teachers. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

HOMER HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR
SERVICE PROJECT:

Mrs. Rubadeau reported she had worked with Dr. Krieger, Homer High School Principal, on the Homer High School Senior Service Project this year. She noted modifications have been made, she had reviewed it closely, and supported the project. The Homer community requested approval of the Board of Education. Dr. Richard Krieger presented a brief synopsis of the project. He commented the majority of the community supported making the project mandatory for graduation. He noted those graduating seniors who did not complete the project would receive a borough diploma rather than a Homer High School diploma.

Mrs. Debbie Tupper questioned how colleges which request community service for entrance would determine which students possessed true community service interest when such a requirement is mandatory for graduation. She noted that although she supported voluntary community service, she did not feel community involvement should be legislated.

Mr. Buck Jones, Homer Senior Class President, stated he was opposed to the Senior Service Project because it was a forced graduation requirement. He stated a petition signed by 200 students opposed the requirement.

Mrs. Linda Jones, parent, told the Board she and her son worked on the Modification Committee as part of the Steering Committee. The committee felt there should be two options. Those were that the project be either a community service project or a vocational/career project, available no later

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SERVICE PROJECT (cont.):

than the fourth quarter of the sophomore year, with or without credit and should be a voluntary option for Homer High School students. Those completing the projects should receive special recognition and receive a Homer High School diploma, and those not completing the project should receive a Homer High School diploma with no special recognition. She disagreed that the projects should be mandatory.

Mrs. Lorraine Murphy, Homer High English teacher, stated she felt the Senior Project was a worthwhile community experience, and students felt they received educational benefits at the completion of their projects. She noted the Mayor and City Council of Homer recognized this valued project last year with a letter of commendation to graduating seniors.

Mr. Pat Sheilds, Kasilof parent, questioned how such a program could be implemented at one school, and not made mandatory at all other schools. He also questioned how this would be implemented at remote schools.

Miss Vickie Jones, student, commented there was no argument that community service was good, but there were two sides to the issue of being voluntary or mandatory. On a question from Mr. Tauriainen, Miss Jones stated she was not doing community service, would do this service when she wanted to do it, and would opt for a GED or attend Flex School to complete her education.

Mr. Al Olson, Homer High School faculty forum representative, stated those teachers in attendance unanimously approved the Homer High School Service project as it is currently written. They felt there has been a good deal of improvement in the project with input from the various groups involved.

Mrs. Ina Jones, parent, stated she represented several parents unable to attend the meeting who objected to the program as a mandatory requirement. She felt the mandatory 30 hours of community service was slave labor and unconstitutional under the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. She felt the class should be completed during school hours under the supervision of a teacher or adult supervisor and be a credited program.

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SERVICE PROJECT (cont.):

Mr. Harry Rasmusson, Steering Committee Chairman, urged the Board to support the Homer High School Service Project. He commented all changes in the project had been revised by consensus of the committee with all levels of community opinions. The junior and senior classes, faculty senate, and PTSA voted in favor of the project. He noted a volunteer committee will continue to oversee the program which indicated a clear commitment for the project.

In response to a question of legality from Mr. Arness, Mrs. Rubadeau stated the program was within the guidelines of school board policy which speaks to minimum graduation requirements, and a legal opinion stated there are no Alaska Statutes which prohibit school districts from requiring community service as a condition of graduation.

Mrs. Diane Borgman spoke in support of the project, and commented on the valuable experience learned by her child from her community service time. She noted Homer is a supportive, nurturing community towards its students, and it was her family value that community service should be returned to the community. She stated she had no problem with the mandatory requirement, and the proposal indicated a great deal of support for site based decision making.

Mrs. Laurie Linden stated she supported the senior project as a valuable experience to integrate high risk students into the community in a positive way.

RECESS:

At 9:23 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 9:37 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Dr. Krieger clarified there were several students who have elected not to complete the senior project, and a poll of seniors indicated the majority of them supported the project with modifications. The majority of juniors did not support the project.

Mrs. Mary Sanders encouraged the Board to approve the Senior Service project. She felt students learn through community involvement. She commented such an opportunity for all students, including high risk students, was a valuable learning experience with a two-way benefit for the community and students.

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SERVICE PROJECT (cont.):

Mr. Wayne Lee, Homer High School teacher, commented that some senior class project statistics needed to be corrected. He stated to date approximately 20 students have completed the project, with approximately 43% of the students completing their paper work and obtaining sponsors, but not completing the project. He noted May 13 will be the deadline to have all items of the program completed for graduation. When questioned about options, Mr. Lee commented he was a supporter of community service, but did not feel it should be a mandatory requirement for graduation. Since he had worked with the program for many years he had hoped the program would have evolved into a voluntary program. He also felt that the project should be an elective course or built into the curriculum, and questioned whether a liability existed as a mandatory project.

Mr. Dahlgren told the Board that other high schools require specific courses which are school requirements, not board requirements. He noted that some social studies classes require a volunteer component which is a school requirement. He commented this is a request from Homer High School and its organizations, and one that should be placed in the school and community. Homer High School requested approval from the Board because of the dialog created in the Homer area.

Mrs. Brenda Cutsforth stated she felt community service was important, but should not necessarily be rewarded. She expressed concern on a diploma attached to the community service, and commented on the successful community service program at Skyview High School which contained opt out procedures.

Miss Sarah Jones, eighth grade student, told the Board she would not attend Homer High School next year if the Senior Project is approved. She felt it was not right for the school to take over her parents' authority in telling her what to do.

Mr. Duane Anderson commented that students are sometimes caught in scheduling conflicts where optional courses are the only courses available to complete a schedule, but often lead to successful experiences for the student. He urged that the senior project be an elective, opt-in course.

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SERVICE PROJECT (cont.):

Mr. Richard Harvey commented he disagreed that this was a site based decision matter and that the Board's decision would not be eliminating or degrading to site based decision making. He stated that consensus does not create a legality of something. He noted that a liability could exist to non-profit organizations with students being involved.

Mr. Paul Sweeney told the Board that if they felt site based decision making was important, then the people in Homer need to take responsibility for the program. He did not feel it was appropriate for the school board to make the decision for them.

Mrs. Mary Trimble, parent, stated she favored the senior service project with the modifications as presented. She noted there was considerable deliberation by the Steering Committee to make the program a mandatory requirement. They also carefully considered the project as an elective course, but were aware resources were not available for this.

Mr. Don Heckert, Homer parent, stated it was apparent the program had received community support, and the discussions on the project have helped the high school. He stated he was supportive of the program because teachers were volunteering their time to carry the project through with the understanding the program would be continuously reviewed.

Mr. Steve Gibson, Homer parent, commented he was pleased that all sides of the issue had been reviewed and modifications had been made based on consensus decisions. He commented that community service should be a part of a student's education, and he did not see a middle ground on the issue of voluntary versus mandatory. He urged support of the project.

Mr. Mark Moldenhauer stated he did not feel it was right to base graduation diplomas on community service. He felt encouragement and promotion should come from the family for voluntary service.

Mr. Cory Jones, parent, stated he opposed the senior project being mandatory, and instead it should be a credited school class.

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SERVICE PROJECT (cont.):

Mrs. Pam Lettington, parent, commented that the issue of liability should be further addressed for student involvement. She noted that non-profit board members are personally liable for injuries which occur for events sponsored for that organization. She commented there was a discrepancy between students being mandated participation in the project, while teachers volunteer their services to the program.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the Homer High School Senior Service Project as presented. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Arness questioned the reason for school board approval of the project. Mrs. Rubadeau commented she approved the project administratively, but it had been presented to the Board at the request of the Homer Steering Committee and PTSA. Mr. Swarner stated he would need to check with legal counsel on the liability issue, but if the service was on the student's time he did not feel it would be a school district liability.

Mrs. Gross spoke in support of the project where the parents and community were sincere in their request for the program for their students. Mr. Thibodeau commented he agreed with community service and Homer's local decision to support the project, but did not feel it was a decision of the school board. Dr. Anderson stated he did not favor mandatory volunteerism, and felt it was the best and worst in site based decision making where the Board had not determined what decisions are to be made locally. Mr. Tauriainen stated he was concerned about the liability issue as well as how the site based decision making process would work.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved to amend the motion to postpone the issue until the first meeting in August, and direct the administration to look into the liability question, and the site based council consider the board's discussion on the issue.

Following further discussion related to site based decision making, the amendment and main motion were withdrawn.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved that the School Board send a letter to the Site Based Decision Making Council thanking them for their request for approval, and informing them it is the Board's intent that the decision remain at the local level. The Board further requested the administration to analyze the program from the liability standpoint and this should be included in the letter. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

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SERVICE PROJECT (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf commented she appreciated the work of the local committees and supported the decision made at the local level. She also noted the decision does not violate school board policy, and she appreciated the support from the Homer PTSA and PAC. She noted this is an opportunity for students to go out in the community in a positive way.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 10:50 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 11:08 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

RESIGNATION:

Mr. Dahlgren presented the resignation of Roger Sampson, Principal, Seward Elementary School, effective the end of the 1993-94 school year.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the resignation of Roger Sampson. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

The Board and administration expressed their regrets on Mr. Sampson's resignation and wished him well in his new assignment.

Motion carried unanimously.

KPBSD SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONTRACT:

Mrs. Obendorf recommended the Board approve a contract for Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel as Superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. She noted she and Mr. Tauriainen had negotiated the final wording of the contract in compliance with the Board's directives.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the superintendent's contract. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously

KPBSD STRATEGIC PLAN:

Mrs. Obendorf commented the Board had conducted a worksession during the afternoon on the strategic plan. She noted a postponed motion from the February 21, 1994 meeting remained to approve the KPBSD Strategic Plan.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to add to the Statement of Beliefs, "The authority and responsibility for educating students is derived from the parents of the students." Mr. Wiley seconded.

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⟨PBSD STRATEGIC PLAN
 (continued):

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Tauriainen, Wiley
 NO - Arness, Gross, Thibodeau, Obendorf

Amendment failed.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved to amend the motion to include a cover letter to the Strategic Plan to read: "In recognition of the changes which are occurring in the world around us, the Board of Education of the Kenai Peninsula Borough commissioned the undertaking of a strategic planning process. The purpose of this process is to provide a direction and a guide for educational efforts within our district.

The resulting Mission Statement, Statement of Beliefs, Parameters and the ten strategies are hereby adopted by the Board of Education. This adoption should be viewed, not as a final product, but rather as a work in progress as action plans are developed and refined to accomplish the strategies outlined.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District has encouraged a strong, positive relationship between schools and families and will continue to do so. This Board acknowledges the importance of parents and family-taught values and accepts its role in being supplemental to the home. Our goal is to do a better job of delivering instructional services to all the children of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Specifically, the Board will provide for a yearly review of this document to assess its applicability and the effect it has had in a practical sense. Further, any curriculum, program or budgetary changes which are made in response to the document will be identified as such, in advance of implementation, and must receive the approval of the Board of Education." Mr. Wiley seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved to amend the amendment to request the Board chair to arrange a meeting of the new superintendent and Board with the Steering Committee in September or as soon as feasible after the beginning of the school year to review proposed changes to this document and to revisit the objectives. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Amendment to amendment carried unanimously.

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ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved to amend the amendment to include "objectives" in the cover letter. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

YES - Gross, Thibadeau, Obendorf

NO - Anderson, Arness, Tauriainen, Wiley

Amendment to amendment failed.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to include only the first two pages as identified in Mr. Arness' cover letter and leave out the detailed action plans under the strategies. Dr. Anderson seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Tauriainen, Thibodeau, Wiley

NO - Gross, Obendorf

Amendment carried.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved to reconsider the Tauriainen amendment. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mrs. Gross commented that as the action now stands, all the work of the action teams would be eliminated and the Board would be back to the first three-days work of the committee. Mrs. Obendorf commented she felt the previous action violated the process. Mr. Tauriainen commented it was his understanding the Board would only need to adopt the first two pages and the rest was back-up information. Mr. Wiley stated the strategies did address a portion of the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Rubadeau stated the Strategic Plan is not a plan without the objectives for the strategies listed, and if the first two pages are approved only, the first three days of planning would be approved and the work of the action teams is discarded. Dr. Anderson disagreed stating the Board could review the detailed strategies of the plan at a later time. Mrs. Gross expressed concern if the Board did not approve the detailed strategies they were not giving the administration direction on how to proceed.

VOTE TO RECONSIDER:

YES - Gross, Thibodeau, Obendorf

NO - Anderson, Arness, Tauriainen, Wiley

Reconsideration motion failed.

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KBPSD STRATEGIC PLAN
(continued):

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Gross, Thibodeau, Wiley, Obendorf
NO - Tauriainen

Amended motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Debbie Tupper expressed concern related to site based management and a lack of communication between the administration and Board on the liability issue for the Homer project. She felt site based management should come under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Mr. Richard Harvey questioned why individuals could speak under the section of the agenda for PACs and PTAs and also to an agenda item. Mrs. Obendorf responded that these people were official representatives of the recognized groups and could then speak as individuals. She noted the Board does not limit the time for officially recognized school groups. Mr. Harvey questioned how a private individual could receive a school board packet. Mrs. Obendorf responded that he should contact Mrs. Rubadeau related to a new format used in requesting information from the school district for which he would be charged a fee for the material.

Mr. Duane Anderson stated he did not believe the Board could delegate authority and decision making to the local schools because they are under the direction of the school district. He felt the Board could not legally advocate that responsibility and authority to the schools, and school groups are advisory to the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Thibodeau congratulated the Kenai wrestling teams in their recent championships this past weekend. He also congratulated Sarge Truesdell from Skyview High as the Most Outstanding Wrestler and Coach Steffensen from Kenai as the Outstanding Coach.

Mr. Arness stated he felt the Board had made a difficult decision, and would find things moving a lot smoother hereafter.

Dr. Anderson reported he attended a conference in Seattle last week with district staff. He stated he had made the information available to the Board, and urged that junior high and high school principals attend a second conference in Atlanta or Kenewick, WA. He felt the information would be beneficial with uniform understanding on the direction of education.

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BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

Mrs. Gross requested a worksession to start the review of the strategic plan, and go forward with the work of the committees.

Mr. Tauriainen requested more detail to Policy 005.13R, item #5, Instructional Personnel, on standards of wellness and appearance. Mrs. Obendorf referred this to the Policy Review Committee for consideration in the fall.

Mr. Tauriainen reported he attended the NSBA Conference which consisted of a full agenda. He commented he would present information at the next meeting on this.

Mr. Wiley stated the Strategic Plan is a blue print, and like a blue print things needed to be added to it as they arise.

He reported he visited Seldovia, Port Graham and Nanwalek schools last week and was pleased with the programs taking place and the professional job of the staff.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded Board members to sign-up on the graduation schedule available to them.

Mrs. Obendorf commented she enjoyed attending the NSBA conference in New Orleans last week. She noted many school board members talked about time limits to their meetings, and she suggested the Board consider this in the future.

She noted the Borough Assembly will be considering the school district budget on Tuesday, April 19.

She announced the next school board meeting would be held on May 2 at the Borough Assembly Room, Soldotna.

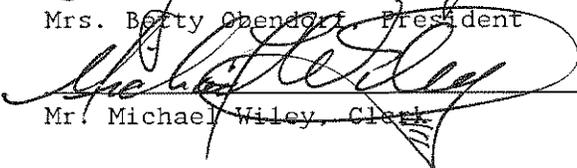
ADJOURN:

At 12:31 a.m., Mr. Wiley moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of April 18, 1994,
were approved on May 2, 1994,
as written.