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

January 17, 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:

Dr. Robert Holmes, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional  
Services  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ronald Drathman	Mr. Timothy Navarre
Mr. Bill Brown	Mrs. Christine Monfor
Mrs. Joyce Bosnick	Mr. Mark Moldenhauer
Mrs. Kelly Smith	Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mr. and Mrs. Norman MacLeod	Mrs. Janie Lawley
Mr. Doug Cole	Mr. John Stoner
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 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	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed with an addendum to approve the Superintendent's Resignation and Commence Negotiations with KPEA.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of January 3, 1994, were approved as written.

PORT GRAHAM ELEM/HIGH SCHOOL REPORT: Due to inclement weather, Mr. Richard DeLorenzo and students were unable to attend the meeting. Their report will be rescheduled for a later date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Bill Brown urged the Board to consider expanding the superintendent's search beyond the local area. He felt there would be qualified candidates within the state, it could be cost effective using the Association of Alaska School Boards, and there might be community fragmentation using a district administrator.

Mr. John Stoner, representative for the Kenai Peninsula Chapter 975 for the Experimental Aircraft Association, announced a \$500 scholarship is available to any Kenai Peninsula graduating senior desiring to pursue education in an aviation related career. Scholarship information has been sent to the district's high schools.

Mr. Doug Cole, Soldotna resident, called the Board's attention to the broken roadway gate between Soldotna Junior High School and Soldotna High School which allows considerable traffic through the area. He expressed concern that a pedestrian-vehicle accident is likely to occur, and requested that the Board make a recommendation to review this hazard. The Board requested the administration review the situation and present a recommendation to the School Board or Borough.

Mrs. Katherine MacLeod, Soldotna resident, requested the Board conduct an in-state superintendent search. She felt this would be a cost-effective way to select a superintendent and funds could be better used for student needs such as textbooks, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mrs. Obendorf welcomed Borough Assembly Members Ronald Drathman and Timothy Navarre to the School Board Meeting.

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from KPEA President Michael Chitty requesting the Board enter into negotiations pursuant to Article 620 of the Negotiated Agreement. Members of the KPEA Negotiating Team will consist of Kathy Heus, Roger Liebner, Cheryl Schweigert, Jim Bennett, a KPESA member and Jeff Cloutier as spokesperson.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf noted a communication had been received from Michael Chitty, KPEA President, who announced the organization was disappointed with the Board's denial of a grievance hearing heard on December 6, 1993. KPEA will submit the grievance to Step 4 of the grievance procedure for a binding decision to the American Arbitration Association.

Mrs. Obendorf noted a letter and check had been received from Rhea Johnson, Secretary for the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Ridgeway, Inc. The funds received from recycling will be used for extracurricular activities as stipulated by the organization.

A Borough Proclamation from Mayor Don Gilman was read recognizing January 26, 1994 as National School Nurse's Day. Mayor Gilman cited the many duties and responsibilities of school nurses and urged all residents to recognize the nurse in their children's individual school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Holmes reported a Skills for Excellence Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18 at Solid Rock Bible Camp, and an administrator meeting will follow on Wednesday, January 19.

He noted the last budget hearing will be held at Seward High School, Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. This will be followed by the final Budget Review Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m.

He announced strategic planning public hearings will be held on January 27 at Kenai Central High School auditorium, February 2 at Seward High School auditorium and February 3 at Homer High School library. All hearings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Holmes noted schematic drawings were on display in the Borough Assembly Room for the Tustumena Elementary School addition.

Mrs. Obendorf announced a Special School Board Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, January 24, at the Kenai Central High School auditorium for the purposes of approving a superintendent search plan, conducting a grievance hearing and holding the strategic planning worksession.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ended December 31, 1993.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Sick Leave Bank Requests/Support, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, Field Trip Requests, Early Graduation Request and Appeal Judicial Findings.

SICK LEAVE BANK REQUESTS/  
SUPPORT: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 3 days from the KPESA Sick Leave Bank for LaVern Barnica, Custodian, Nikiski Jr/Sr High, retroactive to 1992-93; and 7 days for LaVern Barnica, Custodian, Nikiski Jr/Sr High, for the 1993-94 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/  
CERTIFIED: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1994-95 school year for Kim Blommel, Grade 4, Seward Elementary; and Charlie Crangle, Grade 5, Seward Elementary.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUESTS: Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for 27 Homer Jr. High School students to travel to Washington, D.C. and New York City to visit the nation's capital and other historical sites, March 12-18, 1994; for two Susan B. English Elem/High School seniors to travel to Mazatlan, Mexico, March 9-22, 1994, to study the Mexican culture; and for five Seward High School students to participate in Close-Up activities in Washington, D.C., April 23-May 1, 1994.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST: Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve an early graduation request effective January 14, 1994 for a Seward High School senior.

APPEAL JUDICIAL FINDINGS: Dr. Holmes recommended the Board approve an administrative recommendation to appeal the judicial findings in the George Clouston case.

Mr. Wiley requested a separate vote on Item 10a (3), Approval of Field Trip Requests.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #2, #4, and #5. Mr. Arness seconded.

VOTE:  
YES - Arness, Gross, Tauriainen, Thibodeau, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Anderson  
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

ACTION Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the Extended Field Trip Requests. Mrs. Gross seconded.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont.):

Board members expressed concern about student travel in Mexico at this time, purpose of the trip, costs to parents for the travel, lateness in submitting the request and length of time away from school for students. Mrs. Rubadeau responded seniors in small schools traditionally take seniors trips with funds they have earned. She noted the trip would be educational in nature, but if the Board wanted to change this small school tradition, she would talk to the principals about this.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Gross, Tauriainen, Thibodeau, Wiley, Obendorf  
 NO - Anderson  
 Advisory Vote: - YES

Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR RURAL  
 CAP HEAD START PROGRAM:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a lease agreement for the Rural CAP Head Start Program to lease the 952 square foot portable classroom located at Paul Banks Elementary School at \$476/month. The lease agreement would be effective January 3 through May 26, 1994. Mr. Dahlgren anticipated the portable classroom would be relocated during the summer.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the Lease Agreement for Rural CAP Head Start Program. Dr. Anderson seconded.

VOTE:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION  
 CONTRACTS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board award five-year pupil transportation contracts for Service Areas I and II to Mayflower Contract Services in the amount of \$192.50/day for regular education routes and \$231.50/day for special education routes; for Service Area III to D. Lux Sales and Service at \$293/day; and Service Area IV to Seldovia School Bus Company at \$263/day. Mr. Dahlgren noted the Board had conducted a worksession in the afternoon with Laidlaw Transportation and Mayflower Contract Services representatives related to their contract bids and services for Service Areas I and II.

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ACTION Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the pupil transportation contracts. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIGNATION: Dr. Holmes presented his letter of resignation as superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District effective April 2, 1994.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the resignation of Dr. Holmes. Mr. Arness seconded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:30 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

VOTE ON SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIGNATION:

Motion carried unanimously.

KPEA NEGOTIATIONS: Dr. Holmes recommended the Board commence negotiations with KPEA for a successor agreement to the one ending June 30, 1994. He further recommended that Sharon Radtke, spokesperson, and Richard Swarner be appointed as the administration's negotiating team.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board accept the administrative recommendation to commence negotiations with KPEA. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Radtke requested the Board hold an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss negotiations.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Tauriainen reported he attended the Alaska Symposium on Education Reform in Anchorage with other school board members and staff recently. He felt the process was driven from the state and federal level rather than the local level which was a concern to him. He felt the district should be aware and cautious of the process.

## BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

Mrs. Gross commented there were excellent presenters, but little new information was presented at the statewide symposium on educational reform.

Mrs. Gross requested a worksession be held on senior projects and how they apply to graduation requirements. She also requested reconsideration of the capital construction list as it applies to Homer.

With concurrence of the Board, Mrs. Obendorf appointed Mr. Wiley, Mr. Thibodeau and herself to a board committee to make recommendations to the Board on January 24 concerning the superintendent search.

Mrs. Obendorf announced the AASB Fly-In is tentatively scheduled for February 19-22.

Mrs. Obendorf commented that business people in attendance at the education reform symposium stated that people must stand up and say education is the top priority. She noted the state constitution allows for public education and this does not need to be apologized for.

She noted she attended two budget hearings which were sparsely attended. She felt people would contact the Board as they came closer to finalizing the budget.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded the Board and audience of the Special School Board Meeting on January 24, 3:30 p.m., at Kenai Central High School. The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting will be on February 7.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Tauriainen 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 10:30 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

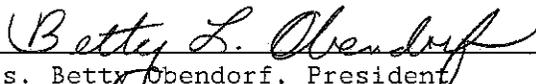
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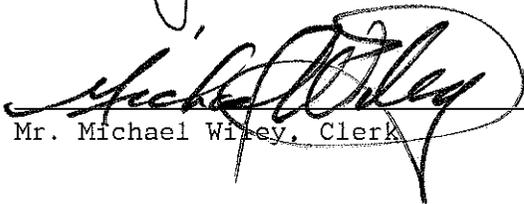
ADJOURN:

At 10:30 p.m., Mr. Wiley moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of January 24, 1994,  
were approved on February 7, 1994,  
as written.