

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

July 11, 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

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Walter E. Bromenschenkel, Superintendent  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations and Technology  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Janie Lawley Sen. Suzanne Little  
Mrs. Debbie Tupper Mr. Rick Matiya  
Mrs. Sharon Mook Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the  
Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME TO SUPERINTENDENT: Mrs. Obendorf welcomed Dr. Walter E. Bromenschenkel,  
Superintendent of Schools, to the Kenai Peninsula Borough  
School District.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of June 13, 1994, were approved  
with a correction.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND  
 PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf noted receipt of a notice from the Department of Education related to proposed changes in state regulations on school construction. She read the seven items under consideration and noted comments needed to be submitted by July 18. The Board requested Mr. Dahlgren to review the proposed changes and forward suggestions to the Board for their response.

Dr. Bromenschenkel read a letter from Duane Guiley, DOE Director of School Finance, informing the Board that the department had approved an increase from \$10,764,000 to \$11,737,156 for debt service authorization for the West Homer Elementary School project. The Department of Education would be responsible for 70% reimbursement on the project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the 1993-94 Superintendent's Annual Report of the district and credited Interim Superintendent John Dahlgren and the staff for an excellent publication. The report contained narratives on student accomplishments, staff and student achievements, co-curricular awards and reports from various school district departments.

SIX YEAR ENROLLMENT  
 PROJECTIONS AND SCHOOL  
 CONSTRUCTION NEEDS:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the Six Year Enrollment Projections and School Construction Needs, 1994-1995 through 1999-2000. He commented he was pleased with the document prepared by Mr. Dahlgren. He felt the historical enrollment information was of particular interest to him. A worksession had been held earlier in the day, and Mr. Wiley requested a worksession be held prior to the next meeting on the construction needs of the district as described in the last section of the document.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of P.L. 874 Representative, 1994-95 Annual Agenda, Grant Applications, Early Graduation Request, In-Service Release Day, 1994-95 Teacher Assignments, and Resignations.

P.L. 874 REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Swarner recommended that the Board appoint him as their authorized representative for Public Law 874 for the 1995 fiscal year.

1994-95 ANNUAL AGENDA:

The 1994-95 Annual Agenda was presented for adoption. The Annual Agenda consists of routine items being presented for the board approval at various meetings throughout the year.

- GRANT APPLICATIONS: By memorandum, Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve applications be submitted to the National Staff Development Council's Standards for Staff Development Middle Level Education in the amount of \$2,498, and to the Association of Native Americans in the amount of \$100,000.
- EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST: Mrs. Rubadeau recommended, by memorandum, the Board approve an early graduation request for a Homer High School senior to graduate at the end of the first semester of the 1994-95 school year.
- IN-SERVICE DAY REQUEST: By memorandum, Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve September 20, 1994, as an in-service day for Soldotna Elementary staff to continue their staff training in the area of anger management and conflict resolution.
- 1994-95 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1994-95 school year for Chell Atchely, Middle School Mathematics, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; James Barkman, Science, Seward Jr/Sr High; Julie Boll, Kindergarten/Library, Ninilchik Elem/High; John Clare, Special Education/Resource, Soldotna Junior High; Sharon Conley, Grades 5-6, Kachemak Selo; James Davis, English/Mathematics, Kenai Central High; Carole Demers, Kindergarten, Chapman Elementary; Laurie Dykoschak, Special Education/Resource, Sears Elementary; Pamela Furlong, Physical Education/Reading, Soldotna Junior High; Steven Gillaspie, Physical Education/English, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Anita Hakkinen, Grade 5, Mountain View Elementary (Temporary); Angela Hamm-Brinkerhoff, Special Education/Educationally Handicapped, Mountain View Elementary; Monica Heath, Grade 5, Mountain View Elementary; Lorri Heneveld, Grades K-3, Moose Pass Elementary; Shellie Kritzmann, Grades 4-5, Seward Elementary (Temporary); Margaret Lau, Grades 4-5, Seward Elementary (Temporary); Lee Moore, Athletic Director, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Charlotte Pendleton, Library, Sears Elementary, 3/4 time; Todd Phillips, Health/Science/Physical Education, Homer High; Anne Pfitzner, Grades 3-4, Soldotna Elementary; Frances Roberts, Mathematics/Quest, Homer High; Kent Sanders, Science, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; David C. Schrier, Vocational Education, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; and Kenneth Streater, Social Studies/Computers, Susan B. English Elem/High.
- RESIGNATIONS: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations for Lisa Schmitter, Counselor, Soldotna Junior High; Brad Twait, Music, Chapman Elementary and Ninilchik Elem/High; Ellen-Sue Diamant, Speech Pathologist, Districtwide; and Sherry Roach, Special Education/Severe Education, Soldotna High.

Mr. Tauriainen requested Items 10a (2), Approval of Annual Agenda, and 10a (3), Approval of Grant Applications be considered separately.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #4, #5, #6, #7 as presented. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the Annual Agenda. Mr. Wiley seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to extend the approval of administrator contracts and tentative tenure teacher assignments to April. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Radtke told the Board that Alaska Statutes stipulate the date tenure teachers must be notified of rehire or they are automatically rehired for the next year. Dr. Bromenschenkel suggested this item be postponed until the next meeting in order for the administration to research the state law and negotiated agreements on the issue. Dr. Anderson requested that presentation of the Six Year Plan to the Board follow a meeting of the Facilities Committee.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to postpone the Annual Agenda until the August 1 meeting. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion to postpone carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the grant applications as presented. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen raised questions on the \$100,000 grant application to the Association of Native Americans for a village with few children and teaching of a language native to that village only.

Mr. Rick Matiya, Bilingual Director, responded that the Village Council of Nanwalek requested the school district write the grant for the Village since the language of Sugcestun is being taught through the bilingual program. He noted the federal grant is available to eligible Native communities and tribes, and the Village Council desired the program, if approved, to be implemented through the school to supplement the local program. Materials from the program could be shared with Port Graham which speaks the same language.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont.):

VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

CHANGE OF REGISTERED AGENT/  
 KENAI PENINSULA BUILDING  
 AUTHORITY, INC.:

Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve a change of registered agent for the Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc. to Walter E. Bromenschenkel, Ed.D., from the district's former Superintendent of Schools. He noted the Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc. is the non-profit corporation established to handle the Kenai Central High Vocational House projects.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the change of registered agent for the Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

LEASE AGREEMENTS/PEOPLE  
 COUNT AND BOYS AND GIRLS  
 CLUB:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve lease agreements for People Count and Boys and Girls Club for lease of space at Kenai Elementary for the 1994-95 school year. The People Count lease would amount to \$2,000 per month and the Boys and Girls Club lease would be for \$700 per month. Both lease agreements would be effective July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995.

Mr. Tauriainen expressed objection to the indemnity clause which he felt was one-sided favoring the school district and borough.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the lease agreements for People Count and the Boys and Girls Club. Mrs. Gross seconded.

VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

TENATIVE NON-TENURE  
 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the following non-tenure teacher Assignment:

Chapman Elementary  
 Crum, Christine  
 Nelson, LuAnne

Sterling Elementary  
 Szabo, Catherine

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ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the tentative non-tenure teacher assignments as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATION: Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the resignation of Mary Rubadeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, effective July 30, 1994.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve, with great sadness, the resignation of Mary Rubadeau. Mr. Arness seconded.

The Board expressed regrets on Mrs. Rubadeau's resignation and expressed appreciation on her work during her tenure in the district.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR ASSIGNMENT: Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the assignment of Mark Leal as principal of Homer Middle School for the 1994-95 school year.

ACTION Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the administrator assignment for Homer Middle School. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged the presence of Senator Suzanne Little and Borough Assembly Member Sharon Moeck in attendance at the meeting.

Board members extended welcoming remarks to Dr. Bromenschenkel.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned when topics for the August 2-3 school board planning meeting could be presented. Mrs. Obendorf responded she would be happy to receive the topic areas at any time.

Mr. Wiley expressed his appreciation for the fine work of Mrs. Rubadeau and added he hoped an equally fine person would be found to replace her.

Mr. Wiley requested an analysis of the Kiryas Joel School District Hasidic Supreme Court ruling, especially as it could be applied to the district's Russian schools.

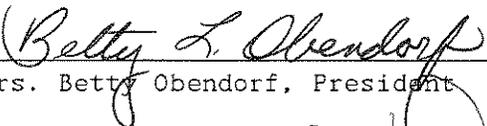
Mrs. Obendorf announced the Board's annual goal setting sessions would be held on August 2-3 at Skyview High School. The sessions would begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. each day. She announced the next School Board Meeting would be held on August 1.

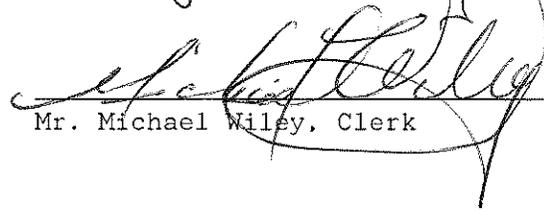
ADJOURN:

At 8:23 p.m., Mr. Wiley moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
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Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of July 11, 1994,  
were approved on August 1, 1994,  
as written.