

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

August 1, 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 Bromenschenkel, Superintendent
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Richard Harvey Mr. John Artz
 Mrs. Penny Tinker Ms. Pam Lazenby
 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.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Betty Obendorf Present
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen Present/Late 7:55 p.m.
 Mr. Michael Wiley Present
 Mr. Joe Arness Present/Late 7:50 p.m.
 Dr. John Nels Anderson Present
 Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present
 Mr. Emery Thibodeau Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of July 11, 1994, were approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mrs. Obendorf summarized a letter received from Mrs. Lyn Hohl concerning the hiring process of the new principals of Moose Pass and Seward Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Bromenschenkel responded to an inquiry concerning the Hasidic Jewish Community case in New York. He did not feel this case would have any impact on the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's present practices. He felt it was difficult to compare this case with the district since it did not deal with the length of school term or deviation of the regular school calendar.

Dr. Bromenschenkel felt that the District might receive some criticism if services and funds are provided to students who are enrolled in private schools.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
(continued):

Dr. Bromenschenkel announced the district is accepting bids for administration of a Flexible Benefit Program for all employees of the district. This program is provided for in Section 125 of the IRS code and is part of the negotiated agreements. This program will allow employees to have certain expenses withdrawn from their salary before taxes deducted. A recommendation for award of contract will appear on the August 15, 1994 school board agenda.

Dr. Bromenschenkel reported the Borough Assembly tentatively approved placement of the West Homer Elementary School on the ballot for the upcoming election. Formal action will be taken in resolution form during the August 2, 1994 Assembly Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Inservice Day Request, Approval of Temporary and Substitute Pay Schedule, Approval of 1994-95 Teacher Assignments 1993-94, and Approval of Resignations/Certified.

INSERVICE DAY REQUEST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended, by memorandum, that the Board approve an Inservice Release Request for Soldotna Jr. High to begin staff training on interdisciplinary units on September 30, 1994.

TEMPORARY AND SUBSTITUTE PAY
SCHEDULE:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the 1994-95 Temporary and Substitute Pay Schedule as presented. The schedule remains the same as last year.

1994-95 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended that 1994-95 teacher assignments be awarded to Lisa Atchley, Second/Third Grade, Nikiski Elementary; Patricia Cruz, Second/Fourth, Hope Elementary; Holly Kiel, Dance (one-half time), Soldotna High; Miriam McKay, Music (temporary), Skyview High; Joseph Mooney, Special Education/Resource, Kenai Central High; David Morris, Third/Fifth, Nanwalek Elem/High; Carolyn Tinsley, Special Education/Resource (temporary), Homer Jr. High; Bruce White, Special Education/Severe, Soldotna High; Robert Johnston, QUEST, Soldotna Elementary; Dorothy Sanders, Language Arts/Drama, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; and Darren Jones, Computers/Business Education/Yearbook, Skyview High.

RESIGNATIONS/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve certified resignations from Debbie Michael, Primary, Port Graham Elem/High and Robert Ramponi, Music, Kenai Central/Kenai Middle.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley recommended the board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #4 as presented. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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SIX YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
 PLAN PROJECT LIST:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the Six Year Enrollment Projects and Plan draft as presented. Upon approval, it will be forwarded to the State Department of Education for final approval.

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the Six Year Projects and Plan as presented. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board amend the motion to move item #10 Seward Middle School roof replacement on the projects list to #4 above the Nikolaevsk addition. Dr. Anderson seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

VOTE:

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF HOMER FLEX
 SCHOOL LEASE AGREEMENT
 EXTENSION:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended, by memorandum, that the Board extend the existing lease agreement for the Homer Flex School to June 30, 1995. This extension would coordinate the lease renewal with the school district fiscal year. No changes were made in the lease and the amount remains \$1500/month.

Mr. Arness moved the Board extend the existing lease agreement for the Homer Flex School to June 30, 1995. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTE
 RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended, by memorandum, that the Board approve hazardous bus route resolutions for North Star, Nikiski, Seward, Redoubt, Soldotna, Sears, Mr. View, Homer Intermediate, Paul Banks and K-Beach elementary schools for the 1994-95 school year.

Dr. Bromenschenkel stated that Mr. Tom Boedeker had provided a legal opinion concerning the possibility of deleting hazardous bus routes. Mr. Boedeker advised that the district should continue the present hazardous bus routes through the current year. A study should be conducted to identify the original criteria used to determine bus routes as hazardous. Those parents affected by the deletions or changes should be notified that the hazardous conditions have changed and busing will not be provided the following year.

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HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTE
 RESOLUTIONS (continued):

Mr. Jon Artz, Safety and Training Coordinator, Mayflower Contract Services, spoke against shortening the dates for hazardous bus routes. He stated that rescheduling bus routes after the school year has started would cause great confusion on the part of the bus company.

Mr. Artz also spoke as a parent expressing his concern for the safety of those children who will be crossing the Spur Highway and for the increased traffic at school caused by additional parents picking up students.

Mr. Richard Harvey spoke in support of the hazardous bus routes. He felt that dark winters and unpredictable weather creates a risk for children walking to school. He also thought it would be too confusing for parents to begin a new busing schedule after the school year had started.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve the hazardous bus routes as presented. Mrs. Gross seconded.

With Mr. Thibodeau's consent, Mr. Tauriainen asked that the motion be changed to consider each resolution separately.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board amend the effective dates of the Seward Elementary Resolution to be October 15 to March 15, subject to the legalities of the agreement with Mayflower Contract Services. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board amend the effective dates of the North Star and Nikiski Elementary Resolution to be October 15 to March 15, subject to the legalities of the agreement with Mayflower Contract Services. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

Motion carried unanimously.

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HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTE
 RESOLUTIONS (continued):

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board amend the effective dates of the Redoubt and Soldotna Elementary Resolution to be October 15 to March 15, subject to the legalities of the agreement with Mayflower Contract Services. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board amend the effective dates of the Sears and Mt. View Elementary Resolution to be October 15 to March 15, subject to the legalities of the agreement with Mayflower Contract Services. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board amend the effective dates of the Homer Intermediate and Paul Banks Elementary Resolution to be October 15 to March 15, subject to the legalities of the agreement with Mayflower Contract Services. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board amend the effective dates of the K-Beach Elementary Resolution to be October 15 to March 15, subject to the legalities of the agreement with Mayflower Contract Services. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

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HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTE
RESOLUTIONS (continued):

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 1994-95
TENTATIVE NON-TENURE TEACHER
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve non-tenure teacher assignments for Shelli Sparlin, (half-time) Nikiski Elementary and Joyclyn Graham, Ninilchik Elem/High.

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the non-tenure teacher assignments as recommended. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FY 95 ANNUAL
AGENDA:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the 1994-95 Annual Agenda Guideline and a response to an inquiry concerning the appropriate date for approving the administrative and teacher contracts and the appropriate date for presentation of the Six Year Plan and Enrollment Projections.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether approval of the administrator contracts could be delayed until March instead of February.

Dr. Bromenschenkel felt that the management of the district should be in place early enough to allow time for principals to organize for the following school year.

Mr. Wiley asked whether the additional Homer and Seward meeting dates should be noted on the Annual Agenda.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf explained that the Homer and Seward meetings should be noted on the 1994-95 Board Calendar. She asked the administration to bring a recommendation to the next meeting proposing those dates.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve the 1994-95 Annual Agenda Guideline as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the approval of the 1995-96 administrator contracts to the March 6 board meeting. Mr. Wiley seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

Amendment failed.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATION:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board accept the resignation of Sandra Stephens, Grants Coordinator, Central Office.

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ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATION
(continued):

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board accept the resignation of Sandra Stephens, Grants Coordinator, Central Office. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 1994-95
ADMINISTRATOR ASSIGNMENTS:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve administrator appointments for Ralph Steeves, Principal/Teacher, Moose Pass Elementary; Michael Murray, principal, Voznesenka Elementary and Jim Lewis, Assistant Principal, Skyview High.

Dr. Bromenschenkel commented that he participated in the interviews for the assistant principal position at Skyview High School and was very impressed with the process.

Mr. Tauriainen asked whether the recommended candidates were the choices of each of the communities.

Dr. Bromenschenkel and Mrs. Radtke responded that the each community participated in the interviews of the Skyview High and Moose Pass Elementary positions. Both candidates were the choice of each community. Voznesenka community members were kept informed by phone since most of them were involved with fishing.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley recommended the Board approve the administrator appointments for Ralph Steeves, Principal/Teacher, Moose Pass Elementary; Michael Murray, Principal, Voznesenka Elementary and Jim Lewis, Assistant Principal, Skyview High. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Borough Assembly Member, informed the Board that the Assembly will consider the West Homer Elementary bond issue at their next meeting. She was concerned that they will only have a quorum of five members in attendance. Five positive votes are required to pass any agenda items. She suggested that the Board have a representative at the meeting to answer questions and offer support.

Mrs. Obendorf stated that she and Mrs. Gross planned to attend the assembly meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Dr. Anderson thanked Dr. Bromenschenkel for the responses to the questions posed by the Board.

Mr. Wiley expressed concern for the vision that each community has regarding site based decision making. He felt that many people are confused about the amount and type of input PTSAs will have during the hiring process.

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BOARD COMMENTS (continued): Mrs. Gross congratulated Mrs. Obendorf on the arrival of her new granddaughter. She also thanked Mrs. Radtke for all her hard work on hiring for the district. She asked the Board to review the issue of hazardous busing during the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Obendorf announced her new granddaughter, Katie Obendorf, was born Friday, July 29, 1994.

Mrs. Obendorf announced the Board Goal Setting Session will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2-3, 1994 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Skyview High. These sessions are open to the public.

Mrs. Obendorf thanked Mrs. Pam Lazenby for accepting the appointment of parent representative on the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded those present that the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 15, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Room.

ADJOURN:

At 8:54 p.m. Mr. Wiley moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President



Mr. Michael Wiley, Clerk

The Minutes of August 1, 1994,
were approved on August 15, 1994,
as written.