

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

October 16, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

**Oath of Office/New School Board Members:** The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected school board members Mr. Joe Arness and Mr. Al Poindexter by Notary Public, Sally Tachick.

**Reorganization of Board:** The School Board Officers for 2000-2001 are Ms. Germano, President; Mrs. Crawford, Vice President; Mrs. Debra Mullins, Clerk; and Mr. Arness, Treasurer.

**Establish Meeting Date, Time and Place:** The Board set its meeting time, date and place at 7:30 p. m., the first and third Monday of each month at the Borough Administration Building, Soldotna. Two meetings are scheduled to be held in Homer and Seward in the fall and spring.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented golden apple awards to John Christensen, Soldotna Middle School teacher; and Holly Klier, Soldotna Middle School head secretary for their service and dedication to the District.

The Board presented gifts of appreciation to Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross and Mrs. Susan Larned for their many years of Board Service.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Wayne Young, Port Graham Elementary/High School principal, reported that Port Graham is an Aleut community of approximately 185 people with 29 students enrolled in a K-10 school. He stated that the challenge this year is teaching in multi-grade classrooms with three teachers (one less staff person than last year). He reported that the Site Council goal for the 2000-2001 school year is to focus on the areas of math, reading and language arts. He noted that Port Graham Elementary/High has two classroom aides funded by Title I, Special Education, Bilingual Education and Title IX. He stated that the aides rotate around the classroom providing services and individualized help to students. He commented on the overwhelming support by the community for the school. He reported that the community health person provides the Here's Looking At You Program provided by state grant money. He stated that the local BPSO and the state troopers have supported the DARE Program for elementary students, which has been successful. He reported that five different outside agencies provide counseling and intervention services to students and parents. Mr. Young reported that one of the real strengths this year is the continuity in staff and that the atmosphere at the school is more relaxed and that there is a noticeable change in the students.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that she attended the Annual Superintendents' Conference in Petersburg last week. She reported that the Superintendent's Association, Administrator Association, National Education Association and school boards throughout the state would work together to decide on a singular message to deliver to the legislature. She provided a summary of legislation that the Department of Education and Early

Development will introduce during the next session. She noted that many District principals are attending the Annual Principals' Conference in Anchorage where Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds will be recognized as Principal of the Year. She announced that the Technology Work Group will meet on Friday, October 20, at 1:00 p.m.

Annual Audit Report: Mr. Hickey presented the District 2000 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Letter to Management and the Federal and State Single Audit Reports from Mikunda, Cottrell and Company.

Financial Report: Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 2000.

Budget Transfer Report: Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 1 through 42 for various schools and departments within the District.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2000-2001 school year for Tammy Flanders, K/1, Tustumena Elementary; Carol Boehmler, reading, (temporary), K-Beach Elementary; Robert Thompson, Districtwide school psychologist; and Celia Anderson, Districtwide art specialist.

Revisions to AR 6146.11, Early Graduation: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 6146.11, Early Graduation. The revisions no longer require the Board to approve requests for early graduation, instead requests will be forwarded to the assistant superintendent, and if appropriate, approval will be granted by that office.

Budget Preparation Calendar: The Board unanimously approved the budget calendar to be used as a guideline for preparation of the 2001-2002 School District budget.

Budget Transfer for Videoconferencing Equipment: The Board unanimously a budget transfer from the Equipment Reserve Fund for \$32,000 to cover District network hardware and web cameras.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 6, 2000, 7:30 p.m., **Homer High School**, Homer, Alaska.

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