

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

September 11, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Ms. Sylvia Reynolds, Soldotna High principal, gave a Powerpoint presentation highlighting student achievements and awards, and student academics. She reported on the Discovery Class for students who were not successful at the middle school and Reconnecting Youth II for students who are involved with Central Peninsula Counseling Services. She reported on ACT, High School Qualifying Exam, and CAT scores. She noted that computation scores are down at Soldotna High and throughout the District; and she noted that as a result, calculators will be used less. She noted that 33 percent of the students at Soldotna High School passed all three areas of the High School Qualifying Exam. Mrs. Reynolds explained that study skills are being taught by all teachers beginning with a pretest to determine each student's level. She announced that the new Dell computers have arrived and are set up. She explained that the homework hotline, Alaska Standards, e-mail, grade reports, teacher academic plans, the school calendar and web casts of specific student activities are available on the school web site. Mrs. Reynolds announced that the school offers a student activity card and a senior citizen activity card for \$10, which allows yearlong access to school athletic activities. She reported that students at the high school operate the concession stand at the Central Peninsula Sports Center and that it has been a success.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that school is off to a great start. She stated that she has received word that the Department of Education and Early Development has approved the District bond projects. She announced that the District received a certificate of excellence in financial reporting from the International Association of School Business Officials. She reported that *Sports Illustrated* will be coming to the District to produce a photo essay on football in Alaska.

AR 6153, School-Sponsored Trips: The Board unanimously approved a revision to AR 6153, School-Sponsored Trips. Mr. Hickey explained that the change would raise the insurance requirement for owners of commercial boats and planes who provide transportation to students from \$300,000 to 1,000,000.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2000-2001 school year for Barbara Njaa, (temporary) reading specialist, Nikiski Middle/High; Mary Ellen Purcell, QUEST, Homer Area; Cynthia Romberg, QUEST, Redoubt Elementary; and Jean Slankard, special education/resource, Spring Creek School.

Leave of Absence Requests—Support: The Board unanimously approved leave of absence requests from Juliana Martishev, bilingual instructor, Kachemak Selo; and Effimia Litvin, bilingual instructor, Kachemak Selo.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Dr. Donald Boehmer, director, Special Services; and Dr. Ed McLain, assistant superintendent, Instruction.

Early Graduation Request: The Board unanimously approved an early graduation request from a Seward Middle/High School student.

Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved a tentative nontenured teacher assignment for Mark Fraad, districtwide Career Pathways specialist, Alternative Education; Kristy Schmelzenbach, Gear Up (temporary) reading specialist, Kenai Middle; and Virginia Bucher, (temporary) reading specialist, Homer High/Homer Middle.

AR 1330, Community Use of Auditorium: The Board unanimously failed to approve revisions to AR 1330 which would increase the fees to Category II and Category III users of District auditoriums. This item was tabled at the February 7, 2000 meeting. A task force will be established to study the matter more closely and develop a solution to the existing problem.

AASB Resolution 2.7, Funding for the High School Qualifying Examination: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AASB Resolution 2.7, Funding for the High School Qualifying Exam. In the first sentence after the word, "support", the Board added, "directly incorporating into the foundation formula."

Proposed AASB Resolution, Support of Accountability for Home-Schooled Students: The Board unanimously approved a resolution that addresses accountability for home-schooled students.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BB 9400, Board Self-Evaluation, that was modeled after the AASB example.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 2, 2000, 7:30 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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