

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

May 6, 2002

NEWS IN BRIEF

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: A special School Board meeting was held on April 24, 2002. The Board convened an executive session to discuss negotiations.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. David Kingsland, Seward Elementary principal, introduced six student performers wearing traditional Native dress who danced and sang several Alutiiq songs. Mr. Crangle and two students presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the year's activities at the school which included classroom activities, field trips, parent volunteers, classroom speakers, art specialists, the local rally for education, cocurricular events, Native Youth Olympics, student accomplishments, science fair, bingo for books parent-student night, preschool swimming, sixth grade wax museum, and technology training.

Mr. Erling Hofseth, Hope Elementary/High principal, and Mr. Bill Rolph presented a PowerPoint presentation which included photos of the school, certified, and support staff and a virtual tour of the school given by a senior high student. Mr. Hofseth reported that the school has 16 full time students and two part time students. He stated that writing is a school goal. He reported that the school is unique because students are involved in many coeducational activities, participate in swimming lessons in Girdwood, are involved in critical incident planning, participate in the Jason Project at the Seward Sea Life Center, and many other activities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reminded those present that May 5-11 is Teacher Appreciation Week.

Status on Technology Plan Implementation: Mr. Jim White presented the Technology Plan Implementation Report which included a summary of how the six-year project will be completed in three years.

Future Budget Considerations: Dr. Donna Peterson presented the Future Budget Considerations Report which examines and provides a position statement regarding the elimination of cocurricular activities, an increase to the pupil-teacher ratio and the closing of several schools.

Budget Transfers: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Numbers 458 and 525 which respectively transfers \$37,654 and \$130,790 to cover the purchase of staff and associated fringe benefits for summer school remediation programs; Number 526 for \$98,227 to purchase two special education buses for Seward bus routes; and Number 543 for \$139,350 to purchase software for the schools included in the Year 3 Tech Plan.

Long Term Substitute Teacher Contract: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Rita Geller, physical education, Soldotna Elementary and Deborah Brophy,

special education/resource, Soldotna High.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective the end of the 2001-2002 school year for Kristin Green, Grades 1 and 2, Sears Elementary; Fiona McKeon, special education/severe, Seward High School; Berry Swenson, principal, Kenai Central High School; and Tom Weller, Title I Teacher, Kachemak Selo.

New Teacher Assignment, 2001-2002: The Board unanimously approved teaching appointments for the 2001-2002 school year for Amy Little, school psychologist, Pupil Services.

New Teacher Assignments, 2002-2003: The Board unanimously approved teaching appointments for the 2002-2003 school year for Ned Clouten, math and athletic director, Nikiski Middle High School; Kay Downs, preschool special needs teacher, Sears Elementary; Kevin Downs, special education/resource, Soldotna Middle School; Theresa Owens, special education, intensive needs at K-Beach Elementary; and Timothy Wight, special education, resource, Skyview High School.

Nontenure Teachers for Tenure, 2002-2003: The Board unanimously approved a list of nontenure teachers for tenure for the 2002-2003 school year.

Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignments, 2002-2003: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative nontenure teacher assignments beginning the 2002-2003 school year.

Cocurricular Activities and Handbooks: The Board unanimously approved changes to the middle school Cocurricular Activities Handbook proposed by the member schools of the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association. The Board did not approve changes to the high school Cocurricular Activities Handbook.

Administrator Appointments: The Board unanimously approved the transfer of Sylvia Reynolds to the principal position at K-Beach Elementary, and the appointment of John Alan Owens as the assistant principal of Nikiski Middle/High School.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 3, 2002, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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