

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

June 2, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley

Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Representative Mike Chenault presented Dr. Peterson with a Legislative Citation honoring her for being selected as the 2002 AASA Superintendent of the Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that on May 23 she participated in a teleconference that was held among the eight school districts that educate 85% of the students in Alaska public schools to discuss what will happen if Governor Murkowski chooses line item veto of the state budget. She reported that on May 30 the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District central office staff participated with central office colleagues at the five largest districts in Alaska to share ideas and learn from each other. She reported that school administrators are using an electronic method of checking out of schools for the summer and are each required to schedule a half-hour exit meeting with her. She reported that summer school has begun and that the 100 employees are being paid through state Learning Opportunity Grant funds. She thanked Ms. Jamie Harper, Mrs. Norma Holmgaard, and Mrs. Paula Christensen for their efforts in coordinating the summer program. She noted that the June 2 meeting would be Mr. Syverson's last Board meeting.

Financial Report: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2003.

LEASE REPORT: Mr. Syverson presented a report of leases or agreements for the 2002-2003 school year.

Budget Transfer: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 453 for \$77,492 to pay for salaries (\$14,500) and benefits (\$29,900) for staff of the School within a School program and \$26,500 for professional and technical support of the Ed Prep program; and Number 468 for \$28,000 to pay for summer school bus costs.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contracts: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Dan Hill, principal, Nikiski Middle/High School; Jany Warnica, vocational education, Nikiski Middle/High; Tamara Passe, special education/ resource, North Star Elementary; Mary Bailey, speech therapist, Sears Elementary; and Marc Berezin, QUEST, Soldotna Middle School.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2002-2003 for Eileen Clark, Language Arts, Homer High School; Cheryl Schweigert, Reading, Kenai Middle School; Dottie Sanders, Language Arts, Nikiski Middle/High School; Robin Williams, Principal, Nikiski Middle/High School; Linda Thacker, Grades K-3, Port Graham School; Penny Tinker, Special Ed, Pupil Services, District-wide; Teresa Brown, Resource, Soldotna Elementary; Robert Amundson, Math, Soldotna High School; Jerry Dixon, Quest, Seward High School; Brad Drake, Principal/Teacher, Tebughna School; and Belinda Drake, Grades K-2, Tebughna School.

Leave of Absence requests - Certified: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for the 2002-2003 school year for Jane Teller, Grade 2/3, K-Beach Elementary; and Virginia Morgan, reading teacher, Soldotna Middle School.

Administrative Recommendation Regarding Requests for Leave of Absence - Support: The Board unanimously approved an administrative recommendation to grant a leave of absence for Robert

Harwood, vocational aide, Nikiski Middle/High School; and not to grant a leave of absence for Laura Conant, kitchen manager, Seward Elementary.

New Teacher Assignment: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2002-2003 school year for Mary Jo Sanders.

TENTATIVE Nontenure Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments for the 2003-2004 school year for Janet Szajkowski, Suzanne Bishop, Saundra Hudson, Julianna DeBoard, Daniel Krier, Lori Krier, Donald Torres, and Suzanne Haines.

tentative tenure teaching assignment 2003-2004: The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenure teaching assignment for the 2003-2004 school year for George Richard Kelso.

Nikiski Elementary Schools Consolidation Plan: The Board unanimously approved a plan to consolidate Nikiski Elementary School and North Star Elementary School by closing Nikiski Elementary School and transferring all K-6 Nikiski area students to North Star Elementary, beginning the fall of 2004; and a request that the Nikiski Elementary building be turned over to the Borough, with a 12-month option to reopen the school should the Nikiski area student enrollment increase enough to cause the need.

Approval of Adoption of BP 3513.4 Integrated Pest Management: The Board unanimously approved the adoption of BP 3513.4, Integrated Pest Management.

Cocurricular Activities and Handbooks: The Board failed to approve revisions to the cocurricular activities and handbooks. Mr. Arness served notification to reconsider the item at the July 7 Board meeting.

Hot Lunch Price Increase: The Board approved an increase in the price of student lunches for the 2003-2004 school year. The new prices will be \$2.40 for elementary student lunches and \$2.75 for secondary student lunches.

Approval of School Calendars: The Board unanimously approved calendars for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school year and a tentative calendar for the 2006-2007 school year. The Board unanimously approved an amendment to change the reference of Good Friday to Vacation Day.

Approval of Project Grad: The Board unanimously approved the implementation of Project Grad at Tebughna Elementary/High, Nanwalek Elementary/High, Port Graham Elementary/High, Razdolna School, Voznesenka School, Ninilchik Elementary/High, and Nikolaevsk Elementary/High.

Administrator Appointment: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Todd Syverson as Redoubt Elementary principal.

Policy Manual Revisions/Adoptions: The Board unanimously approved revisions and adoptions to BP 1100 (Communication with the Public); BP 1112 (Media Relations); BP 1140 Responsibilities of the Board); BP 1150 (Commendations and Awards); AR 1150 (Commendations and Awards); BP 1220 (Advisory Committees); BP 1230 (Organizations Supporting Student Activities); AR 1230 (Organizations Supporting Student Activities); BP 1240 (Volunteer Assistance); E 1240 (Volunteer Questionnaire); BP 1250 (Visits to the Schools); BP 1312 (Public Complaints Concerning the Schools); BP 1312.1 (Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel); AR 1312.1 (Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel); AR 1312.2 Challenges To Instructional Materials); BP 1312.3 (Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination); BP 1321 (Solicitation of Funds From and By Students); E 1321 (Approved Student Fund Raising); BP 1325 (Advertising and Promotion); AR 1325 (Advertising and Promotion); BP 1330 Use of School Facilities and Properties); E 1330 (Room/Building Use Application); BP 1340 (Access to District Records); AR 1340 (Access to District Records). The Board did not approve AR 1330

(Use of School Facilities and Properties) and will consider the item at a future meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 7, 2003, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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