## **Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting News In Brief**

February 3, 2003 – 7:30 p.m. Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley Soldotna, Alaska

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented Golden Apple awards to Mr. Dan Gensel, KSRM Radio for his school sports reporting and Mr. Guy Hayes, community member, for his volunteer service to the students and communities of the District.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Lee Young, Soldotna Middle School principal, Mr. Harro, and students Miss Jamie Edwards, Mr. Jared Struthers and Mr. Robert Engebretsen presented the school report.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson announced that testimony will be taken Tuesday, February 4, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kenai and Homer Legislative Information Offices regarding HB19 (forward funding for education) and HB26 (increased funding of education and the foundation formula). She stated that the information will be posted on the District website. She clarified that the School District cannot take a position on a specific bill. She reported that the Board and administration spoke to Kenai Peninsula Borough legislators at a worksession prior to the meeting. She announced that a joint worksession with the Borough Assembly will be held on Tuesday, February 18 regarding the district budget. Dr. Peterson clarified that Learning Opportunity Grant money was used to fund the Soldotna Middle School-Within-A-School Program and Title V grant money was used to fund the Read 180 program. She noted that the visit from the Arctic Winter Games Committee was a valuable experience. Dr. Peterson thanked those who were involved in the Peninsula Reading Carnival (cosponsored by Phi Delta Kappa, Kenai Peninsula Reading Council, Community Schools and the Peninsula Clarion) which attracted over 1,000 children and parents. Dr. Peterson presented a report of the progress to date on Board goals and information of interest regarding superintendent activities.

**Financial Report:** Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending December 31, 2002.

**BOARD REPORTS:** Mrs. Douglas reported on quarterly budget transfers Numbers 57 through 146 for various schools and departments within the District.

**New Teacher Assignments:** The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2002-2003 school year for Thomas M. Flinders, math teacher (temporary), Homer Middle; and Colby D. Neagley, Title I reading teacher (temporary), Nanwalek Elementary/High.

**Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract:** The Board unanimously approved a substitute teaching contract for Kristine Barnes, kindergarten, K-Beach Elementary.

**Charter School Appropriation:** The Board unanimously approved the allocation of \$107,533 of the fund balance reserved for charter schools to the respective special revenue fund accounts.

Administrative Recommendation Regarding Resignation: The Board unanimously approved

an administrative recommendation to deny the resignation of Jodie Rommel, special education/resource, West Homer Elementary.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 17, 2003, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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