

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

January 6, 2003

NEWS IN BRIEF

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented a Golden Apple award to Mrs. Bekkie Jackson, Sears Elementary School nurse for her service to the District.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mrs. Lori Manion, North Star Elementary principal, was assisted in a PowerPoint presentation by Megan Hansen and Kassi Johnson who provided examples of Alaska standards that are being taught at each grade level for language arts, mathematics, science, geography, government and citizenship, history, health, art, world languages, and technology.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson announced that the legislative session begins January 21, 2003. She noted that budget hearings will be conducted on January 15 at Soldotna High; January 16 at Seward High; January 21 at Kenai Central High; January 22 at Homer High; and January 23 at Nikiski Middle/High. She stated that information will be forthcoming regarding the Blue Ribbon Vocational Education Task Force. She reported that the Arctic Winter Games site visit was recently conducted at local area schools.

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

**Consolidating Schools:** Dr. Peterson presented the Preliminary Long Range Plan for Consolidating Schools. The report provides information regarding decisions to change the delivery of education at some locations, revise school boundaries and to consolidate schools throughout the District.

**Revised Pay Schedule for Substitutes and Other Temporary Employees:** The Board approved a revision to the pay schedules for substitutes and other temporary employees for the 2002-2003 school year, in accordance with the overtime changes that go into effect January 1, 2003.

**New Teacher Assignments:** The Board approved teacher assignments for the 2002-2003 school year for Jacob J. Doth, middle school science teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School; Diane R. Bernard, (temporary) Title I .50 FTE/.50 FTE librarian, Soldotna Elementary; Jodie Garten, special education, resource, Kenai Central High; James P. Keal, .50 FTE school

counselor/.50 FTE social studies, Homer High School; Christy L. Mulyca, business/technology education, Seward High School; and Carol J. Thomassen, (temporary) generalist 7-8, .50 FTE, Seward Middle School.

**Request for Leave of Absence—Support:** The Board approved unpaid leave of absence requests for Janie Finley, K-Beach Elementary School nurse (effective December 9, 2002 through December 9, 2003) and Levi Doss, Nikiski Elementary, special education aide (effective December 3, 2002 through January 20, 2003).

**Redirection of Remaining Bond Funds:** The Board unanimously approved a request by the school district's administration to seek DEED approval for the redirection of unexpended bond proceeds to pay for the completion of the Soldotna Middle School remodel and sprinkler installation; construction of 4 portables to replace existing substandard units; repairs to the Ninilchik School swimming pool; and repairs to the roof and drainage at Nanwalek School.

**FY03 Budget Transfer:** The Board unanimously approved an appropriation of fund balance for \$1,031,761 and an amended FY03 Operating Fund Budget of \$77,648,001. The Board also approved recommended budget increases of \$4,615 for the community schools fund, \$27,238 for the food service fund and \$16,808 for the pupil transportation fund as outlined.

**Kenai Peninsula Administrator's Association Negotiated Agreement:** The Board approved the Kenai Peninsula Administrator's Association Negotiated Agreement for the 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005 school years.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 3, 2003, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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