
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

January 5, 2004 - 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley

Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Mike Wetherbee, Ninilchik Elementary/High School principal, narrated a student-created PowerPoint computer slide show highlighting the school staff, programs, and activities. Students Lindsay Schnabl, Adam Byrne, Heidi Skjold, Brendan Cuffe, Tony Nakjua, and Katie Moerlein gave their reasons why they liked Ninilchik Elementary/High School and listed their future educational and career plans. Mrs. Vadla highlighted student academic and sports accomplishments and displayed posters featuring student work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reminded the Board that the Budget Review Committee meetings will be held January 8 at 1:00 p.m. and January 12 at 9:00 a.m., and that the public budget hearings will be held at Kenai Central High on January 14, in Seward on January 15, and in Homer on January 20 (all hearings will be at 7:00 p.m.). She noted that she will be conducting a training session for all parents and site council members at the Kenai Merit Inn on January 13, at 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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

Quarterly Lease Financial Report: Mr. Stewart presented a quarterly report of leases or agreements for the 2003-2004 school year.

AR 5125 (Student Records): The Board postponed action on revisions to AR 5125 to the February 2 meeting.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2003-2004 school year for Damara Burnett, secondary teacher (temporary), Susan B. English School; Debra R. Blossom, generalist (temporary), .50 FTE Connections Program; and Catherine M. Bethune, Title I teacher (temporary), .25 FTE Kenai Alternative High School.

Leave of Absence Request - Support: The Board unanimously approved the extension of an unpaid leave of absence for remainder of the 2003-2004 school year for Jane Ann Finley, school nurse, (currently on approved leave from K-Beach Elementary).

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract: The Board unanimously approved a substitute teacher contract for Mary Ellen Summer, special education/resource, Soldotna Middle School.

FY04 Budget Revision: The Board approved a revised general fund budget of \$75,667,914 and an appropriation of fund balance for \$476,539 for FY04.

Student Suspension Hearing: The Board upheld the 15-day suspension of a student.

BP 6146.1 (Graduation Requirements): The Board approved revisions and an amendment to

policy BP 6146.1, High School Graduation.

Tyonek Teacher Housing: The Board unanimously approved a motion to request the mayor and/or Borough Assembly to negotiate a sole source contract with the Village of Tyonek for the express purpose of providing two 'turn-key' teacher housing units for the 2004-2005 school year.

Resolution 03-04-2: The Board approved Resolution 03-04-2 supporting mandated fiscal impact notes for all legislation or administrative actions that affect school districts and local governments.

Resolution 03-04-3: The Board approved amendments to Resolution 03-04-3 supporting early funding in the amount of \$4,500.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 2, 2004, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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