
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

March 1, 2004 - 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Homer High School - 600 E. Fairview Ave.
Homer, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple award to Ms. Guyline Rogers, West Homer Elementary custodian, for her service to the District.

The Board presented the Homer Alaska Youth for Environmental Action with the Spirit of Youth Award for their work implementing a school-wide recycling program.

Mrs. Debbie Harris, Alaska Art Alliance Board Chairperson and Mr. Lance Peterson presented an award to Mr. Pete Swanson, McNeil Canyon Elementary principal for outstanding achievements in visual arts education.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Charlie Walsworth, West Homer Elementary principal, gave a power point presentation highlighting school demographics, assistance programs, school goals, NCLB information, assessment scores, student involvement activities, student extracurricular activities, and community partnerships and the community use of the school facility. Mr. Mark Walsworth, sixth grade student council representative, told about the school's plans for a student store, and Miss Ruby Quarton, fifth grade student, reported on the Students for Human Rights Club.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that 6,500 students recently participated in mandated testing and commended the efforts by District staff. She reported that she has just returned from a brief visit to the 2004 Arctic Winter Games in preparation for hosting the 2006 Arctic Winter Games. She cautioned the Board that the assumptions that were in the original bid document including venues and schedules are being revisited and may require a change of the dates for the 2006 spring break. She reminded the public and the Board that ballots for Proposition 1 will be mailed in March and must be received by March 30. She noted that Dr. Gary Whiteley has submitted his resignation and added that his leaving will be an incredible loss for the District and thanked him for his service.

Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget: Mrs. Melody Douglas presented the 2004-2005 preliminary School District budget.

Approval of 2004-2005 Administrator Contracts: The Board unanimously approved a list of administrator appointments for the 2004-2005 school year.

2004-2005 Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 2004-2005 school year.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Gary Whiteley, assistant superintendent, Central Office (effective June 30, 2004) and Paul Kubena, Sterling Elementary principal (effective at the end of the 03-04 school year).

Long Term Substitute Contract: The Board unanimously approved a substitute teacher

contract for Deborah Smith, Grade 1, Paul Banks Elementary.

Requests for Leave of Absence-Support: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for Teresa Goff, Custodian, Nikiski Middle/High School; (effective April 1, 2004) and for Sharon Stevens-Ganser, Special Education Aide, Seward Elementary (effective the 04-05 school year).

Budget Transfer: The Board unanimously approved Budget Transfer Number 200 for \$72,538 to purchase curriculum materials for summer school.

District Organizational Chart: The Board unanimously approved the District organizational chart which identifies the lines of primary responsibility and relationships between administrative positions.

High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waivers: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waivers from student request 2004-01, 2004-02, and 2004-03.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 15, 2004, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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