

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

April 5, 2004 – 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the revision of 10a (4), resignation.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Golden Apple Awards were presented to Mrs. Nan Spooner, KPBSD District Transportation Coordinator, and Mrs. Candy Goldstein, Redoubt Elementary teacher, for their many years of service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. John Owens, principal at Nikiski Middle/High School, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the goals and objectives of the school. He showed that 99% of their senior class have passed the writing portion of the HSGQE, 96% have passed in reading, and 95% have passed the math portion, and they had 100% participation on the 8th grade benchmark exam. He also stated that 27% of their seniors will receive honors diplomas and on average, 66% of their graduating seniors go on to attend a four-year college or university. Their school will transition to a traditional six-period day next year and they will be instituting an academic lettering policy. Students Josh Ball and Ramona Baker then performed a skit titled *Duet*. Nikiski Middle/High School's drama/debate/forensics team placed 2nd at the State competition, 1st place in overall debate, and they are State Champions in debate.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reminded everyone that this Friday, April 9th, is a no work/no pay day and all schools, except for Kachemak Selo, Nanwalek, Nikolaevsk, Razdolna and Voznesenka, and the District Office will be closed for the day. She also stated the last Administrators' Meeting for this year will be held on April 15th, and the Masonic Awards, honoring the top students in the District, will be held at Kenai Central High School at 7:00 p.m. on April 15th. The Caring for the Kenai competition will be held on April 23rd, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Little Theater at KCHS.

TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments for the 2004-2005 school year for John Clare, Vision Impaired Specialist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Kari Cook, Special Ed/Occupational Therapist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Cecilia Deatherage, Speech Language Pathologist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Michelle Gormanous, School Psychologist, Districtwide, Pupil Services; Susan Hatch, Special Ed/E.H., Districtwide, Pupil Services, Central Peninsula; Elizabeth Lennon, Speech Language Pathologist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Angela M. Nelson, School Psychologist, Districtwide, Pupil Services; Mary Colleen Pucillo, School Psychologist (.67 FTE Permanent/.33 FTE Temporary), Districtwide, Pupil Services, Central Peninsula; Chris Standley, School Psychologist, Districtwide, Pupil Services; Danielle Thompson, Speech Language Pathologist, Districtwide, Pupil Services; Erik Viste, School Psychologist, Districtwide, Pupil Services; David Brown, Special Ed/Resource, Skyview High School; Chaenette (Jenny) Carroll, Special Ed/E.H., Nikiski Middle/High School; Stephanie Coolman, Special Ed/Resource, Susan B. English, Nanwalek, Port Graham; M. Jayne McFarland, Speech Language Pathologist, Districtwide, Pupil Services/Redoubt Elementary; Elizabeth Ladd, Special Ed/

Resource, Nikiski Middle High School; Mary Roed, Special Ed/Resource, Redoubt Elementary; Juliana DeBoard, Special Ed/Intensive Needs, Seward Elementary; Steve Evans, Special Ed/Intensive Needs, Seward Middle/High School; Tim Wight, Special Ed/E.H., Skyview High School; Tina Skaalerud, Special Ed/Resource, Soldotna Elementary; Janne Lillestol, Special Ed/Resource, Soldotna High School; and Jennifer Harvey-Kindred, Special Ed/Resource, Tustumena Elementary.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR SABBATICAL: The Board unanimously approved a request for an unpaid sabbatical without benefits for the 2004-05 school year from Kim Blommel, 4th grade teacher, Seward Elementary.

APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved the requests for unpaid leave of absence for the 2004-05 school year from Jason Hobart, Math/Science, Kenai Central High School; and Micheal Wetherbee, Principal, Ninilchik School.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2003-04 school year from Cliff Draper, P.E, Seward Elementary; Thomas Osborne, Counselor, Seward High School; Bill Morisette, Grade 4/5, West Homer Elementary; Katherine Morisette, Grade 5, West Homer Elementary; Mary Henry, Special Ed/Resource, Sears Elementary; and Maurice Glenn, Principal, Nanwalek Elementary/High.

TENTATIVE APPROVAL OF NONTENURE TEACHERS FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved tentative employment and tenure for the following nontenure teachers, for the 2004-05 school year: Kim Denesen, Special Ed/E.H., Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Diane Haupt, School Psychologist, Districtwide, Pupil Services; Debra Hayes, Special Ed/Resource, K-Beach Elementary; Theresa Owens, Special Ed/Intensive Needs, K-Beach Elementary; Kay Downs, Special Ed/Preschool, Sears Elementary; Lana Esposito, Special Ed/Resource, Seward Elementary; Eric Willets, Special Ed/Resource, Skyview High School; Amy Hogue, Speech/Language Pathologist, Soldotna Elementary; Kevin Downs, Special Ed/E.H., Soldotna Middle School; Gail Frasher, Special Ed/Resource, Sterling Elementary; and Judy Gonsalves, Speech Language Pathologist, Districtwide, Pupil Services, West Homer Elementary.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved Budget Transfer 271 in the amount of \$11,300, for the Connections Program to pay course fees at Kenai Peninsula College.

APPROVAL OF 2004-2005 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board approved the 2004-2005 School Board meeting dates, with one amendment: the January 3, 2005 meeting will be changed to January 10, 2005.

APPROVAL OF 2005-2006 SCHOOL CALENDAR: The Board unanimously approved the revised 2005-2006 School Calendar as presented.

APPROVAL OF FY05 BUDGET: The Board approved the FY05 Budget as presented, with the understanding that, if the legislature funds education at a higher rate there will be the option of reinstating certain items.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April

19, 2004, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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