
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

July 7, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley

Soldotna, Alaska

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson compared the Board agenda items to each related Board standard and solicited feedback from the Board about how to present the information in the future. Dr. Peterson noted that Dr. Whiteley is teaching out of state as part of a professional development opportunity and that Mr. Syverson is no longer a member of the senior management team and not required to attend. She noted that there will be upcoming meetings with Project GRAD representatives and that on July 24, she and others statewide will meet with Commissioner Sampson regarding the efficiency of operations of the State Department of Education and Early Development.

Financial Report: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2003.

Budget Transfer Report: Mrs. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 321 through 717 for various schools and departments within the District.

AR 1330, Use of School Facilities and Properties: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 1330, Use of School Facilities and Properties.

2003-2004 Annual Agenda Guideline: The Board unanimously approved the 2003-2004 Annual Agenda. The Annual Agenda consists of dates on which routine items as well as worksessions and reports relating to Board goals are presented to the School Board.

Substitute and Temporary Pay Schedule: The Board unanimously approved the pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 2003-2004 school year.

Administrator Appointments: The Board unanimously approved the appointments of Matthew Fischer as principal/teacher of Tebughna Elementary/ High; Sandra Miller as assistant principal of Nikiski Middle/Senior High and Jamilyn Harper as assistant director of districtwide Special Services and the reassignment of Sam Stewart as Assistant Superintendent at Central Office; John Owens as interim principal, Nikiski Middle/Senior High; Glenn Haupt, director of Secondary Education/ Curriculum and Assessment; Norma Holmgard as director of Small Schools and Alternative Programs; Rick Matiya, coordinator of NCLB Grants; and Robert Ermold, assistant principal, Skyview High.

Nontenure Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments for Timothy McFarland, music/art (temporary), Aurora Borealis; Karen Ruebsamen, homeless liaison (temporary), Districtwide Grants; Linda Frink, Grades 6-7, Kachemak-Selo; Jill DuFloth, Grade 6 (temporary), K-Beach Elementary; Matthew J. Faris, Grade 3 (temporary), K-Beach Elementary; RaeEllen Kurzendoerfer, generalist, Nikiski Middle/Senior High; Jennifer Haddix, Grade 6 (temporary), Redoubt Elementary; Cindy Hurst, Grade 3 (temporary), Redoubt Elementary; Krista Etwiler, Title 1 (temporary), Voznesenka School; and Michael A. Houghton, social studies/technology (temporary), Voznesenka School.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2003-2004 school year for Elaine Velsko, Grade 4-5, Kachemak Selo School; Aileen F. Hediger, K-1 teacher (temporary), Kachemak Selo School; Audra K. McCubbins, reading teacher (.25 FTE temporary), Nikiski Elementary; Amy T. Stalmaster, special education/intensive needs, Homer Middle School; Mary Roed, special education/resource, Redoubt Elementary; Elizabeth Lennon, speech language pathologist,

Districtwide/Tustumena/Ninilchik/ Pupil Services; Leah Dubber, social studies, Susan B. English Elementary/High; and Chris Standley, school psychologist, Districtwide Pupil Services.

Tenure Teacher Assignment: The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenure teacher assignment for the 2003-2004 school year for Tari Hoeft and Allan Miller.

Leave of Absence Requests – Certified: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for the 2003-2004 school year for Karen Brewer-Fair, physical education, Mountain View Elementary and Kim Shostak, special education/resource, Kenai Central High.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2002-2003 school year from Atz Kilcher, music, McNeil Canyon; Debbie Moore, special education/resource, Nikiski Middle/Senior High; Brittina M. Praker, school psychologist, Soldotna Elementary; Laura Lawrence, Grade 3, Sterling Elementary; Brent Keene, physical education teacher, West Homer Elementary/Paul Banks Elementary; Larry Wheat, Grade 5, Sterling Elementary; Janet Boyce, Grade 4, Soldotna Elementary; and David McCard, Grade 6, Sterling Elementary.

Budget Transfers: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 575 for \$20,717, \$19,995 and \$13,098 to pay for substitute and temporary wages for employees who were on extended leave; Number 638 for \$10,482 to pay for additional Education Prep courses at Kenai Peninsula College; Number 655 for \$11,000 to pay for health care benefits for additional Aurora Borealis Charter School employees; Number 677 for \$11,000 to pay for temporary bus drivers; Number 678 for \$51,396 and Number 679 for \$12,029 to pay off the Seward bus purchases; Number 687 for \$14,000 to pay for unanticipated legal costs incurred as a result of grievances and extended negotiations; and Number 711 for \$250,000 to pay for components of the student software system, including equipment and training.

2003-2004 Board Goals: The Board unanimously approved four goals and 17 related tasks for accomplishment during the 2003-2004 school year as a result of the Board's June 3 planning session. The recommended goals are 1) plan for effective nine member school board; 2) improve communication regarding accountability; 3) improve employee relations; and 4) begin discussion on co-curricular issues

AR 6146.4, Special Services Grading and Graduation Guidelines: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 6146.4 (Special Services Grading and Graduation Guidelines). The revisions would align the district with current state and federal law and regulations relating to special education.

AR 6164.4, Identification of Individuals with Exceptional Needs: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 6164.4 (Identification of Individuals with Exceptional Needs). The revisions would align the district with current state and federal law and regulations relating to special education.

FY04 Revised Budget: The Board of Education approved the FY04 operating fund budget for \$75,045,636 and the pupil transportation budget for \$4,617,448, for a total for all funds of \$91,179,092.

Cocurricular Activities and Handbooks: The Board unanimously approved a motion to reconsider the changes to the Cocurricular Activities and Handbooks as amended from the May 5 and June 2 Board meetings. The Board unanimously approved an amendment to address basic training rules and the suspension of a student. The Board approved the amended Cocurricular Activities and Handbooks.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 6146.7 (Diplomas).

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 4, 2003, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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