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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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August 4, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.  
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT:** Dr. Peterson presented the 2002-2003 Superintendent's Annual Report. The report highlights staff achievements, student accomplishments, cocurricular achievements, reports on various programs throughout the District and progress made on the Board goals. She noted that the new less expensive, streamlined document will be used for a variety of audiences and provides valuable information about the District. She noted that the Board also received the individual school summaries that were submitted by the building administrators and used to compose the Annual Report. She noted that administrators will be responsible for their own professional development this year and noted that there will be an increased emphasis on data at the individual student level.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Peterson reported that she and representatives from the Association of School Boards, Principal's Association, and the Superintendent's Association met with Commissioner Sampson to set the direction of the state. She noted that training for new-to-position administrators were held on Friday, August 1, optional training classes for administrators are being held on August 4-6, and the Administrator Meetings will be held on August 7-8.

**Revisions to AR 4021, Drug and Alcohol Testing of School District Commercial Driver Licensed Employees:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 4021, Drug and Alcohol Testing of School District Commercial Driver Licensed Employees in order to be in compliance with a regulation change; the change reduces the minimum percentage of employees required for random alcohol testing from 25% to 10%.

**Nontenure Teacher Assignments:** The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher assignments for Mary Ellen Purcell, Grade 1/primary, McNeil Canyon; Breta Brown, generalist, Nikiski Middle/Senior High; Jacob Doth, science, Nikiski Middle/Senior High; Christopher Towne, music, Paul Banks Elementary and West Homer Elementary; Lisa Rolph, Grade 4, Redoubt Elementary; Jill Herbert, social studies/generalist, Seward Middle/High; Christy Mulyca, business/technology education, Seward High; Katrina Cannava, Title I reading teacher, Soldotna Elementary; Galen Brantley, social studies, Soldotna High.

**New Teacher Assignments:** The Board unanimously approved teaching assignments for Elizabeth Ladd, special education/resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Naomi B. Fischer, math, Seward Middle/High; Karl P. Kircher, Grade 6 (temporary), Soldotna Elementary; Ann M. McCabe, kindergarten through Grade 1, Soldotna Montessori; Ronald Records, (.50 temporary, .50 permanent) Grades 5/6, Tustumena Elementary.

**Recommendations Regarding Requests for Leave of Absence-Certified:** The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence for the 2003-2004 school year for Kurt Racicot, vocational education, Homer High School. The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to deny a request for leave of absence for Heather Lindquist, kindergarten through Grade 3, Cooper Landing Elementary.

**Revisions to BP 6146.7, Diplomas:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 6146.7 to align with current state and federal law and regulations relating to special education.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 18, 2003, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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