
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

November 17, 2003 – 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Golden Apple awards to Cindy Fusaro, Kenai Middle School secretary and Carol Morris, Central Office Grants secretary, for their service to the District. On behalf of the Association of Alaska School Boards Ms. Germano distributed awards to several Board members (Nels Anderson, Margaret Gilman, Sammy Crawford, Deb Germano) for their participation in Board training. Dave Spence presented a plaque to Joe Arness in appreciation for his years of service to the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association Board of Directors.

SCHOOL REPORT: Darrell Johnston, Port Graham Elementary/High principal/teacher, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the school goals and school and community activities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that the kindergarten standards-based report card was included in the Board information packet. She noted that there is a change in the Budget joint worksession date to February 3 on the Budget preparation calendar.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report: Mrs. Douglas presented the District FY 2003 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for Chaenette (Jenny) Carroll, special education/resource, Kenai Central High; Stephanie L. Coolman, special education/resource, Susan B. English/Nanwalek/Port Graham; and Jennifer Harvey-Kindred, special education/resource (temporary), Tustumena Elementary.

Request for Leave of Absence-Certified: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2004-2005 school year for Loretta Swanson, Pre-K Special Needs, Seward Elementary.

Administrative Recommendation Regarding Request for Leave of Absence-Support: The Board unanimously approved an administrative recommendation to deny a five-month leave of absence request for Dagmar Mayer, Bilingual Tutor, Soldotna Middle School.

Resignation: The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Kristina O. Salness, Title I teacher, Kenai Alternative (effective November 20, 2003).

Budget Transfer: The Board unanimously approved Budget Transfer Numbers 77, 78 and 79 in the amounts of \$117,012, \$49,964 and \$18,495, respectively, to pay for salary and benefits for the administrator, Latin, music, and physical education teachers at Aurora Borealis Charter School.

FY05 Enrollment Projection Revision: The Board approved a revised enrollment projection of 9,460 students districtwide for FY05.

SEWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEMATICS: The Board unanimously approved schematic design specifications for the new Seward Middle School project.

2004-2005 Certified Staffing Formula: The Board approved the 2004-2005 certified staffing formula.

2004-2005 Support Staffing Formula: The Board approved the 2004-2005 support staffing formula.

Cocurricular Activities Recommendation: The Board unanimously approved a request for \$1,400,000 from the Kenai Peninsula Borough to be placed in a special revenue fund, to fund school district cocurricular activities. The Board unanimously approved a further recommendation that the District request the Borough place an initiative before the voters to fund the special revenue fund on an annual basis equal to .5 mils. The Board approved an amendment to include a request for an additional \$1,400,000 from the Kenai Peninsula Borough to be placed in a special revenue fund for the 2003-2004 school year.

Revisions/Adoptions to Policy Manual Section 2000: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 2000 (Concepts and Roles); BP 2100 (Administrative Staff Organization); BP 2110 (Organization Chart/Lines of Responsibility); BP 2121 (Superintendent's Contract); E 2122 (Superintendent of Schools: Job Description); BP 2210 (Administrative Action in Absence of Board Policy); E 2240 (Management and Communication Systems); BP 2250 (Teacher-in-Charge/Principal's Designee); E 2250 (Teacher-in-Charge/Principal's Designee); and BP 2300 (Conflict of Interest); E 3316 (Request to do Business). The Board unanimously approved an amendment to move language contained in E 2250.

Revisions/Adoptions to Policy Manual Section 9000: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BB 9110 (Board Membership); BB 9130 (Board Committees); BB 9320 (Meetings).

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 5030 (School Discipline and Safety), BP 5125 (Student Records), BP 5145.2 (Freedom of Speech/Expression), BP 4131 (Staff Development), BP 5111 (Admission), BP 5125.1 (Release of Directory Information), BP 5127 (Graduation Ceremonies and Activities), BP 5141.3 (Health Examinations), BP 5131 (Conduct), BP 6141.2 (Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs), and BP 6164.2 (Guidance and Counseling Services).

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 1, 2003, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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