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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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November 7, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Homer High School, 600 E. Fairview  
Homer, Alaska

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**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:** A Special School Board meeting was held on October 26, 2005. Four applicants were interviewed for the District 8 School Board vacancy and Mr. Bill Hatch was selected.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented Ms. Deborah Germano with an appreciation gift for her past service as a School Board Member and a certificate and pin from the National School Boards Association for Distinguished Service. The Board recognized Mr. Mark Robinson, Homer High and Homer Middle Music Teacher for being selected as a finalist for the 2005 Alaska Teacher of the Year.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Curtis Liberty, Susan B. English Elementary/High principal/teacher, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting registration and school start up, suicide prevention training, the community carnival, career and technical programs, the Day of Science activity, the *Hansel and Gretel* musical, and a wind projects lesson.

Dr. Ron Keffer, Homer High School principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting high school graduation qualifying exam information, No Child Left Behind Act Adequate Yearly Progress information, state standards based assessment, SAT and ACT scores, Analytical Writing Assessment scores, and School Report Card to the Public information.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr Peterson reported that she conducted an orientation with the two new board members. She announced that Mr. Stewart will be the contact person for questions regarding the military opt out form, She reported that 91 school visits have been made during the month of October. She reported that parent teacher conferences were held and noted that good parental attendance was reported. She reported that competency based education conversations continue with upcoming meetings November 9 at Ninilchik Elementary/High, November 10 at Seward High, and November 15 at Homer High. She announced that Mrs. Christine Ermold, Sterling Elementary principal, was selected by the Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals to receive the 2005 Technology Leadership Award.

**NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:** The Board unanimously approved teaching appointments for Paul A. Story, (temporary) .50 FTE ATOSS teacher at Homer Connections Program; Darci Drury, (temporary) .50 FTE Title I teacher at

Redoubt Elementary; and MaryLynn Barnwell, (temporary) .50 FTE Title I teacher at Seward Elementary.

**LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Sara Boersma, Grade 2/3 at Kaleidoscope and Emily Sims, generalist at Kenai Alternative.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED:** The Board unanimously approved a request for an unpaid leave of absence for Nancy Courtright, Grade 4 at Soldotna Elementary (effective the second semester of the 2006-2007 school year).

**RESIGNATION:** The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Teri Bush, occupational therapist at Seward Elementary

**TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHING ASSIGNMENT:** The Board unanimously approved a tentative nontenured teacher assignment for Judy Graham (temporary), special education/emotionally handicapped case manager, Districtwide/Central Office.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 21, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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