

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

February 16, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

**PUBLIC HEARING/KPESA NEGOTIATIONS** - The Board heard public testimony on the Kenai Peninsula Educational Support Association negotiated agreement.

**SCHOOL REPORTS** - Mr. Paul Epperson, principal, Sterling Elementary, reported on the school goal that all students will be able to read by the end of second grade. He presented a computer-generated visual showing students and teachers in various reading activities. He stated that the staff decided to locate a reading program designed to help poor to non reading students. He stated they chose a reading intervention program published by SRA. With the assistance of several teachers, Mr. Epperson related examples of student reading successes. Mr. Epperson presented a graph showing a random sampling of second grade students' reading scores. He noted the significant improvement from the fall testing period to the spring testing period. He stated that the first 90 minutes of each day is spent reading and writing. Two students were honored for substantially improving their reading skills.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS** - The Board presented an award of appreciation to David Schmidt, teacher, Soldotna Middle School, for being selected by the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce as the 1997 "Devoted Service to Young People and Youth Activities Award" recipient.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Dahlgren announced that three Board members would be traveling to Juneau to participate in the AASB Legislative Fly-In, February 21-24, 1998. He announced that the next school Board meeting will be in Homer on March 2, 1998. He stated that he would not be present since he will be attending the AASA National Conference.

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING REPORT** - Mr. Dahlgren, superintendent, reported on the various types of schedules used at Soldotna, Skyview and Kenai Central High Schools. He summarized options that have been offered previously and provided a selection of new options such as a seven-period day, course blocking/course integration, collaboration with the Kenai Peninsula College, expansion of dual credit, night classes, open campuses, magnet schools, shared programs, distance delivery, study halls and apprenticeships.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending January 31, 1998.

**EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST** - The Board unanimously approved an extended field trip request for seven Nikolaevsk High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Close-Up Program.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS** - The Board unanimously approved 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Patricia Linville, music, Seward Elementary; Dina Marion, kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; and Lisa Sova, physical education, Kenai Middle.

**1997-98 TEACHER APPOINTMENT** - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1997-98 school year for Willa deSousa, temporary (half-time) generalist at Homer Flex School.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT** - The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence beginning June 12, 1998, for Kelly Gifford, curriculum secretary, Districtwide Curriculum.

**RESIGNATION** - The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Jeffrey Harriman, principal/teacher, Hope School, effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year.

ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS - The Board of Education unanimously approved administrator contracts for the 1998-99 school year for Aaron Stansberry, principal/teacher, Bartlett Elementary/High; Fred Deussing, principal, Chapman School; Richard Patton, principal, Homer High; Keith Gebhardt, assistant principal, Homer High; Mark Leal, principal, Homer Middle; vacant, principal/teacher, Hope School; Gary Jackson, principal, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Samuel Stewart, principal, Kenai Central High; William Overturf, assistant principal, Kenai Central High; Dennis Dunn, principal/teacher, Kenai Alternative; Paul Sorenson, principal, Kenai Middle; Rosemary Bushon, assistant principal, Kenai Middle; Alex Trout, principal/teacher, Kachemak Selo Elementary; Glen Szymoniak, principal, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Ralph Steeves, principal/teacher, Moose Pass Elementary; James Dawson, principal, Mt. View Elementary; Leslie Weld, principal/teacher, Nanwalek Elementary/High; Trena Richardson, principal, Nikiski Elementary; Robert Bellmore, principal, Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Don Glaze, assistant principal, Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Carlton Kuhns, principal, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Paul Kubena, principal, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Susan Liebner, principal, North Star Elementary; Richard Toymil, principal, Paul Banks Elementary; Kenneth Meacham, principal, Redoubt Elementary; Jacquie Imle, principal, Sears Elementary; Robert Boyle, principal, Seward Elementary; Malcolm Fleming, principal, Seward Middle/Sr. High; Steven Pautz, assistant principal, Seward Middle/Sr. High; Marlene Byerly, principal, Skyview High; Gregg Wilbanks, assistant principal, Skyview High; Carolyn Cannava, principal, Soldotna Elementary; Sylvia Reynolds, principal, Soldotna High; Mark Norgren, assistant principal, Soldotna High; Todd Syverson, principal, Soldotna Middle; vacant, assistant principal, Soldotna Middle; Paul Epperson, principal, Sterling Elementary; Fabian Castilleja, principal, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Lisa Stroh, principal, Tustumena Elementary; vacant, principal, Voznesenka; Rick Ladd, principal, West Homer Elementary; Patrick Hickey, assistant superintendent, District Operations and Business Management; Edward McLain, assistant superintendent, Instructional Services; Sharon Radtke, assistant superintendent, Human Resources; Rick Matiya, director, Bilingual/Alternative Education; Melody Douglas, director, Business/Finance; David Spence, director, Planning/Operations; Donna Peterson, director, Curriculum and Staff Development; Mick Wykis, director, Operations/Assessment; Don Boehmer, director, Special Services; Jim White, director, Data Processing; Phillip Biggs, director, Technology; Roy Anderson, coordinator, Special Services; and vacant, coordinator, Grants/Parent Involvement.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT - The Board denied a one-year, unpaid leave of absence request for the 1998-99 school year for David Tourtellot, custodian (currently on unpaid leave of absence).

MATH CURRICULUM - The Board unanimously approved the K-12 math curriculum as presented. A worksession was held on February 2, 1998, prior to the regular school board meeting.

1998-99 INSERVICE DATES - The Board approved eight inservice dates for the high schools and ten inservice dates for the elementary and middle schools for the 1998-99 school year. High schools may apply to the District Instructional Office for up to two additional inservice dates (for a total of ten days) based on site school development plans and needs.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 2, 1998, 7:30 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer, Alaska.**

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