

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

March 2, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS - Mr. Rich Toymil, principal, Paul Banks Elementary School reported that the portfolio project is completing its first year in preparation for parent/teacher conferences. He stated that his school is successful largely due to the strong support of parent volunteers. Ms. Cline directed second grade students in singing and signing the Alaska Flag Song and Ms. Jill Kreins explained the Paul Banks Elementary Intervention Team process.

Mr. Rich Patton, principal, Homer High School introduced Mr. Bill Searle, music teacher, who conducted the jazz band in two selections; and Mr. Stan Eller, who gave a slide presentation outlining activities by the advanced biology class. Mr. Pat Shields reported on his recent acquisition of 74 used computers through a governmental computer upgrade program

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS - The Board presented an award of appreciation to Margaret Ladd, West Homer Elementary for her devotion and dedication to the education of students and her sincere love for teaching.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mrs. Radtke reminded the Board of the Administrator Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3-4, at Solid Rock Camp and that Negotiations with KPESA will begin Monday, March 9, 1998.

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM RESULTS REPORT - Mr. Hickey presented a report that 3 administrators, 24 certificated staff, and 16 classified staff have opted to participate in the State of Alaska Retirement Incentive Program at the conclusion of the current fiscal year. The savings to the District from retiring certificated employees is \$1,089,555 and \$126,124 from retiring classified employees.

RESCISSION OF RESIGNATION - The Board unanimously approved the rescission of the resignation of Larry Wheat, Grade 5, Sterling Elementary School.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST - The Board unanimously approved an extended field trip for 13 Seward High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., March 28-April 4, 1998, to participate in Close-Up activities.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/CERTIFIED - The Board unanimously approved one-year, unpaid leave of absence requests for Wendy Todd, physical therapist, Paul Banks Elementary School and Liesl Davenport-Wheeler, music, Seward Jr./Sr. High School.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Kristin Cannava, Grade 8 Social Studies, Kenai Middle School.

1997-98 RESIGNATION - The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Melody Schwartz, QUEST teacher, District Wide Special Services, effective April 30, 1998.

1997-98 RESIGNATION/ADMINISTRATIVE - The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Leslie Weld, principal/teacher, Nanwalek Elementary/High School, effective immediately.

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS - The Board unanimously approved a listing of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 1998-99 school year.

BOARD POLICY REVISIONS - The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 4116, Nontenured/Tenured Status and BP 4117.6, Nonretention to bring the District in compliance with the requirements of HB 465.

WORLD LANGUAGE CURRICULUM - The Board unanimously approved the proposed World Language Curriculum. A worksession was held on February 16, 1998, prior to the regular school board meeting.

TITLE IX INDIAN EDUCATION GRANT - The Board held a public hearing and unanimously approved a Title IX grant application in the amount of \$204,798. The application will be forwarded to the Department of Education for funding consideration.

KPEA MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH CO-PAYMENTS - The Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kenai Peninsula Educational Association and the Board to begin co-payments for medical insurance. Any remaining funds in the medical insurance account on June 30, 1998 will be reimbursed to participating employees by August 31, 1998.

NIKISKI JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL NAME CHANGE - The Board unanimously approved a request to change the name from Nikiski Junior/Senior High School to Nikiski Middle/High School, in order to accurately reflect the school configuration.

FEUDING LANE PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE - The Board approved an administrative recommendation to have the elementary school bus transit Aspen Street Loop off Feuding Lane on the condition that Aspen is widened sufficiently for a school bus and a standard-sized vehicle to pass each other, and is fully maintained. Lack of maintenance will mean suspension of this portion of the route until it has been determined that a bus can safely travel the road.

RESOLUTION 97-98-5 - The Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting the current efforts by the Alaska State Legislature to rewrite the education foundation funding formula so that it more equitably distributes money and support to all districts; and supports the placing of additional funds into education and inflation proofing the educational funding formula for future years and inflation.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 16, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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