

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

April 20, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

KENAI ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL - Mr. Dunn, principal, Kenai Alternative High School, reviewed the history of the alternative school and thanked the Board and central office administration for their support of the school. He thanked ARCO for the donation of computer equipment and various other individuals and organizations who have helped the Kenai Alternative School provide a program for at-risk students. He presented a slide show with pictures of students, their children, teaching staff, student artwork and projects, and the facility. Ms. Dennison spoke to the Board about her daughter's success at the Kenai Alternative School after struggling in a regular high school program. Mr. Dunn read a letter from a student who has recently completed credits for graduation in spite of many obstacles and who thanked the Board for the opportunity to complete her high school diploma in an alternative program. Mr. Dunn stated that, unfortunately his enrollment is growing and concluded with an analogy of the importance of locating at-risk students early in their school careers.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS - Ms. Ann Bayes, South Kenai Peninsula State Parks Advisory Board, asked the Board for a resolution or letter of support for the concept of developing the Anchor Point Beach Community Safety Trail.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS - Ms. Gross presented awards of appreciation to Phyllis Halstead, secretary, Kenai Alternative High School; Carole Bear, counseling secretary, Soldotna High School; and Marnie Love, bookkeeper, Soldotna High School for their outstanding dedication to the District. Ms. Gross presented a proclamation from Borough Mayor, Mike Navarre, declaring Friday, May 1, 1998, as Alaska School Bus Driver Appreciation Day to Mr. Chuck Boll, area supervisor, Laidlaw Transit Company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren announced that the annual Strategic Planning Update will be held Saturday, May 9, at the Skyview High School library. He reported that Ms. Radtke and other central office staff are attending the job fair in Anchorage and that Mr. Hickey is attending a conference as part of the Borough's disaster preparedness plan. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mr. Theo Lexmond was selected as Alaska's Psychologist of the Year and Mr. Rick Ladd was selected as Alaska's Elementary Principal of the Year. He reminded the Board that Monday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. at Soldotna High, is the District Academic Night honoring 4.0 students in grades 9 through 12.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Ms. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending March 31, 1998.

BUDGET TRANSFERS REPORT - Ms. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 200 through 366 for various schools and departments within the District.

RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Sandra J. Lewis, Grade 3, Redoubt Elementary; Patti Jolin, Grade 2, Sterling Elementary; Laura Dershewitz, generalist, Nanwalek Elementary/High School; Michael

Stewart, generalist, Nanwalek Elementary/High School; and Scott Otterbacher, Grades 4-6, Nanwalek Elementary/High School.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS- The Board unanimously approved 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Kristina Owens, physical education/art, Chapman Elementary and Susan Ridgway, art, Homer Middle.

1997-98 TEACHER APPOINTMENT - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1997-98 school year for Merry Zogas, full time (temporary), K-8, Hope Elementary School.

GRANTS - The Board unanimously approved grants for Title VI: Innovative Education Program Strategies for \$89,885 and Title II: Eisenhower Professional Development for \$97,867.

1998-99 RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM PLAN AND SCHEDULE - The Board approved the Retirement Incentive Program for TRS and PERS employees that is offered by the state for the 1998-99 school year. Employees must declare their participation after September 15 and before October 15, 1998.

STUDENT EXPULSION - The Board approved the expulsion of a middle school student for violation of Board Policy 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS - The Board approved three recommendations and nine actions to guide District plans for middle school organization, support and staff development in 1998-1999. An amendment was approved requiring that students, staff and parents be surveyed every two years.

BUDGET TRANSFER NUMBER 358 - The Board approved budget transfer Number 358 to transfer \$19,135 for the purchase of computers for the QUEST Program.

1998-99 TENTATIVE MEETING DATES - The Board unanimously approved a tentative listing of school board, administrator and miscellaneous meeting dates for the 1998-99 school year. An amendment was approved changing the fall Homer meeting date to November 2, 1998.

POLICY REVISIONS - The Board approved revisions to BP 6153 School-Sponsored Trips and AR 6153 School-Sponsored Trips. The changes remove the requirement of Board approval for all extended field trip requests. The administration will provide the Board with a quarterly report listing extended field trips approved by central office. The Board approved a revision to AR 3100 Budget. The change aligns Board policy with state statute requiring the submission of the District budget to the Borough prior to May 1.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 4, 1998, 7:30 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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