

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

August 4, 1997

NEWS IN BRIEF

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren presented the Superintendent's Annual Report for the 1996-97 school year. The report highlights staff achievements, student accomplishments, co-curricular achievements and reports on various programs throughout the District.

SIX YEAR ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS AND PLAN - Mr. Hickey presented the Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan. The plan includes enrollment projections and school construction needs for 1997-98 through 2002-2003. A worksession was held prior to the meeting to review this information.

STATUS OF HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT - Mr. Hickey presented an update on the current status of employee health insurance payments. Mr. Hickey reported that the negotiated District contribution is expected to be less than anticipated needs and employee contributions are expected to meet the shortfall. He reported that the District closed the year for the health insurance account and refunded excess contributions to employees.

ASSESSMENT REPORT - Mr. McLain presented assessment information for the 1996-97 school year. He reviewed statewide results and compared them to District scores. He noted that in most areas scores were above the state averages and he was generally pleased with the results.

HAZARD BUS ROUTE RESOLUTIONS - The Board approved hazardous bus routes for North Star, Nikiski, Seward, Redoubt, Soldotna, Sears, Mt. View, West Homer Elementary, Paul Banks and K-Beach elementary schools for the 1997-98 school year.

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT LIST - The Board approved the purchase of furniture and equipment for West Homer Elementary School in the amount of \$35,425.51. The Board removed the purchase of a building dedication plaque in the amount of \$1,200.

1997-98 TEACHER APPOINTMENTS - The Board unanimously approved 1997-98 teacher assignments for Christine Abrahamson, Language Arts/Social Studies/Humanities (half-time), Homer Charter School; Stuart Allen, Science, Seward Jr./Sr.; Alan Anderson, Vocational Education; Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Pauline Demas, K-3, Nanwalek Elem/High; Margaret Evans, Generalist, Kenai Alternative; Beverly Grogan, Lead Teacher, Bayview Charter School; Jackie Kempf, Speech Pathologist, Districtwide; Susan Lepry, Math/Science, Homer Charter School; Laurie Martin, Grades 3/4, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; Heidi McMahan, Math, Skyview High; Claire Musgrove, Physical Education/Math, Seward Jr./Sr.; Lynn Norstadt, Primary (half-time), Port Graham Elem/High; Carol Norstadt, Primary, Port Graham Elem/High; Scott O'Tremba, Counselor, Ninilchik Elem/High; Leona Oberts, Lead Teacher, Aurora Borealis School; Scott Otterbacher, Grades 4-6, Nanwalek Elem/High; Eugene Palm, Grades 5-6, Aurora Borealis School; Suzanne Phillips, Grades 7-8, Aurora Borealis School; Kurt Racicot, Technology/Computers, Homer High; Odessa Rogers, Spanish (temporary), Kenai Central High; William Severson, Grades 3-4, Aurora Borealis; Constance Tobin, Grades 3/4, K-Beach Elementary; Carol VanDerWege, Reading Specialist (temporary three quarter-time), Redoubt Elementary; Robert VanDerWege, Media Coordinator and Media Specialist, Soldotna Elementary; Karen Wessel, Lead Teacher, Homer Flex School; Lydia Wren, English/MC, Nikolaevsk Elem/High; Cathy Zorbas, Activities Director (half-time); Kenai Central High.

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS - The Board approved resolution 97-98-1 to grant the superintendent or designee authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the District.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE/SUPPORT - The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1997-98 school year for Marya Kalugin, Migrant Tutor/Bilingual Inst., Voznesenka Elem/High and Elizabeth Smith, Head Custodian, Soldotna High.

1997-98 RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective the end of the 1996-97 school year for Peter Thielke, Math/Language Arts, Homer Middle and David Scott Tomaso, Primary Grades, Ninilchik School.

SEMESTER LEAVE OF ABSENCE/SUPPORT - The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the first semester of the 1997-98 school year for Esther Richeson, School Nurse, Kenai Central High.

ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION HANDBOOK - The Board removed the revised Administrator Evaluation Handbook from the agenda. A worksession was held prior to the meeting to review this document.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS - The Board unanimously approved administrator appointments for the 1997-98 school year for Aaron Stansberry, Principal/Teacher, Bartlett Elem/High; Leslie Weld, Principal/Teacher, Nanwalek Elem/High; Rosemary Bushon, Assistant Principal, Kenai Middle; Gregg Wilbanks, Assistant Principal, Skyview High; Greg Paxton, Assistant Principal, Soldotna Middle; Alex Trout, Principal/Teacher, Kachemak Selo.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 18, 1997, 7:30 p.m., Homer High School, Homer, Alaska.

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