

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

October 20, 1997

NEWS IN BRIEF

OATH OF OFFICE/NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS - The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected school board members Mari-Anne Gross and Susan Larned by Notary Public, Sally Tachick.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD -The School Board Officers for 1997-98 are Mari-Anne Gross President; Joe Arness, Vice President; Susan Larned, Clerk; and Debra Mullins, Treasurer.

ESTABLISH MEETING DATE, TIME AND PLACE - The Board set its meeting time, date and place at 7:30 p.m., the first and third Monday of each month at the Borough Administration Building, Soldotna. Two meetings are scheduled to be held in Homer and Seward in the fall and spring.

COOPER LANDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Mr. Pat Dye, Lead Teacher, Cooper Landing Elementary School, presented a slide show highlighting student activities, parent volunteers, a community trail and forestry project, a visit by Governor Knowles, and various student field trips including a study of Bear Creek and Cooper Creek.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren reported that Mr. Todd Syverson, Principal, Soldotna Middle School, had received the Milken Award.

HIRING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES - Mrs. Sharon Radtke reported on the District application and hiring process, statistical retirement and hiring information, local hire, and the future of the Human Resources Department. Mrs. Radtke stated that over 150 people were hired or are in new positions within the District. The Human Resources Department has made communicating through the internet possible and is investigating the feasibility of using a universal application which would be used by Alaska Teacher Placement and the District.

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR 1997-98 - Mrs. Sharon Radtke reported that the state of Alaska has extended the availability of the retirement incentive program for the 1997-98 and 1998-99 school years.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 1997.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT - Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 1 through 96 for various schools and departments within the District.

1997-98 TEACHER APPOINTMENTS - The Board unanimously approved teaching appointments for the 1997-98 school year for Emma McCune, Library (temporary), Nikiski Jr./Sr. High; Lori Uponen, Grades 1-2 (half-time), Aurora Borealis School; Heidi Vann, Special Ed/Severe, Districtwide; Michael Stewart, High School Generalist, (half-time), Nanwalek School; and Laura Dershewitz, Generalist, Nanwalek School.

19-DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Vickey Roney, Special Ed./Emotionally Handicapped, Mt. View/Soldotna Elementary.

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT LIST - The Board unanimously approved the purchase of furniture and equipment for West Homer Elementary School in the amount of \$3,186.27.

EXPULSION HEARINGS - The Board unanimously approved the one-year expulsion of a Nanwalek student for violation of weapons policy. The Board also approved one-year expulsions for two Kenai Middle School Students for violation of weapons policy.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT/KPESA - The Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kenai Peninsula Educational Support Association and the Board to begin co-payments for medical insurance beginning October 1997. Any remaining funds in the medical insurance account on June 30, 1998 will be reimbursed to participating employees by August 31, 1998.

BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR - The Board unanimously approved a calendar to be used as a guideline for preparation of the 1998-99 School District Budget. Mr. Dahlgren will arrange a preliminary budget joint worksession with the assembly to be announced as soon as the date is set.

POLICY REVISION/ADOPTION - The Board unanimously approved revisions to Policy BP 3300, Expenditures/Expending Authority; and postponed the adoption of Policy BP 3313, Leases and Agreements.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 3, 1997, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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