

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

December 7, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

**Public Hearing** - The Board heard public testimony on the Kenai Peninsula Educational Support Association, Kenai Peninsula Education Association and Kenai Peninsula Administrator Association negotiated agreements from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

**School Reports** - Mr. Rick Ladd, West Homer Elementary principal, presented a computer-generated tour of West Homer Elementary School. The tour showed pictures of their library, gymnasium, and classrooms. The presentation also included pictures of parents volunteering in the classroom, students participating in the recently held forensics meet, a school play and various other student activities. He presented test scores confirming student improvement in reading comprehension, which was his school's primary goal. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to accept the 1998 Alaska Elementary Principal of the Year award.

**Awards and Presentations** - Mr. Arness and Dr. Anderson presented plaques of appreciation to Mrs. Sheryl Sotelo, Grade 6, Tustumena Elementary and to Anne Pfitzner, Grade 3, Soldotna Elementary for being selected as awardees for the 1998 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Mr. Arness also presented a plaque of appreciation to Dan Walker, Seward Middle/Sr. High, for being selected as the 1999 Alaska Teacher of the Year. Diane Bundy and Granite Christopher presented a cash prize of \$5,500 to Kenai Central High School for placing first in the ThinkQuest Contest.

**Superintendent's Report** — Mr. Dahlgren announced that Sheryl Sotelo was selected as a semi-finalist for Science Teacher of the Year, an award sponsored by Shell Oil Company. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mr. Don Glaze has been selected as Assistant Principal of the Year. Mr. Dahlgren thanked Mr. Ladd for his technology presentation and commended his school for their commitment to student learning. Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board of the legislative worksession with the Assembly, School Board and Borough and School District administrations on December 8, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

**Lease Agreements Report** - Mr. Dahlgren presented a report, compiled by Mr. Hickey, of leases or agreements currently in effect for the District. The report includes agreements

between the City of Soldotna, Homer and Seward for the Community Schools Program; a lease for equipment and facilities with the North Peninsula Recreation Service area; a facility lease for Kachemak Selo, Razdolna, Homer High Flex, Aurora Borealis Charter and Voznesenka Schools; and a lease to the Boys and Girls Club for space in the Kenai Elementary School.

Substitute Teacher Contract - The Board unanimously approved a substitute teaching contract for Ann Frantz, special education/resource, Seward Middle/Sr. High School.

Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignment - The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenure teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Wendy Todd, special education/districtwide.

Resignation - The Board unanimously approved an administrative recommendation to deny a resignation request from Chris VanBuskirk, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High School.

1998-99 Teacher Assignment - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Heather Lentz, occupational therapist, districtwide.

1999-2000 Special Education Certified Staffing Formula - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for special education/certified employees that will be used to calculate the 1999-2000 budget. The Board approved an amendment revising the staffing formula at the small elementary school from a pupil/teacher ratio of 1:15 to a ratio of 1:12.

1999-2000 Special Education Support Staffing Formula - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for special education/support employees that will be used to calculate the 1999-2000 budget.

School Calendar/Inservice Dates - The Board unanimously approved the 1999-2000 school calendar and tentatively approved school calendars for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

Resolution 98-99-3, Acceptance of Amendments to the Bylaws of the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association, Inc. (AML/JIA) - The Board unanimously approved a resolution accepting amendments to the bylaws of the AML/JIA expanding the board of trustees to nine members.

Resolution 98-99-4, Support for Participation in the Alaska ReForm in the Classroom Through Technology Integration and Collaboration (ARCTIC) Project - The Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting the involvement of the District in the ARCTIC technology intern program developed and offered by the Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA) consortium of school districts in Ohio.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 4, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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