

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

January 18, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Reports - Mrs. Sue Liebner, North Star Elementary principal, presented a computer-generated video which included a listing of school goals and examples of how the school is meeting those goals. The video featured students in classrooms and on the playground, local artists teaching students, a band performance, after school programs, students working in the computer lab, office and custodial staff and many other activities from throughout the school year. Students from Mr. Gennari's class presented a reading theater from a selection titled, "The People Shall Continue."

Awards and Presentations - Mr. Arness presented an award of appreciation to Elaine Larson, Sears Elementary music teacher, for being selected as the 1998 Alaska Music Educator of the Year.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Dahlgren reported that the administrators' meeting was held January 13 and 14, 1999. He also reported that interviews for administrator positions at Sterling, K-Beach and Sears Elementary Schools will be conducted beginning Thursday, January 21 through next Wednesday, January 27, 1999. He noted that job vacancies have been readvertised for Nikiski and Skyview High Schools due to a small applicant pool.

Vocational Education and School-to-Work Programs - Mr. Ben Eveland reported on vocational education enrollment offerings, noting that there was a slight increase in enrollment in classes that were not applied academics. He reviewed the graduate follow-up study that was conducted from the class of 1992. Mr. Eveland briefly explained the Rotational Vocational Program Improvement Grant program that uses Carl Perkins federal funds to provide \$20,000 grants to three of the nine eligible district high schools. Mr. Eveland reported that the School-to-Careers Advisory Committee has established and implemented a vocational program review system, initiated a vocational service award program and assisted in the review of the revised district vocational education curriculum. Mr. Eveland reported that several instructors were given the opportunity to be treated as employees of several local businesses including Unocal, The Peninsula Clarion, Kenai Peninsula Borough Department of Transportation and Zubeck Construction. The instructors worked as summer interns with their businesses clearing roadways, putting up signs, maintaining computers, doing environmental studies, laboratory

distillations and engineer drawings and calculations. He reported that Work-Based Learning Aides have been provided in the Seward and Central and South Peninsula areas to arrange job shadows, provide speakers from a variety of occupational fields, provide occupational aptitude testing for students and provide work experience sites for students.

Financial Reports - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending November 30, 1998, and December 31, 1998.

Budget Transfer Report - Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 37 through 164 for various schools and departments within the District.

1998-99 Teacher Assignment - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Nancy Boyle, English (temporary), Seward High.

Student Expulsion #1 - The Board unanimously approved the one-year expulsion of a Skyview High School student for violation of BP 5131, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Student Expulsion #2 - The Board found insufficient evidence to warrant the expulsion of a Skyview High School student for violation of BP 5131, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Pupil Transportation Contracts - The Board unanimously approved student transportation contracts for a seven-year period to Laidlaw Transit for Service Areas I, II, III and IV.

Kenai Elementary Facility Plan - The Board unanimously approved a directive to the district administration to enter into discussions with the Kenai Peninsula Borough administration with the expressed intent of housing the Alternative School, the Aurora Borealis School and the Boys and Girls Club in the Kenai Elementary building. Suggestions regarding the course of action will be reported to the Board by March 15 for Board action, if possible._

Board Directive 99-01/High School Credits - The Board suspended the rules and postponed action until March 15, 1999, on Directive Number 99-01 which states, "Each high school shall provide their students the opportunity to earn seven (7) credits within the regular school day each year. Exemptions from this directive may be granted by the Board in exceptional circumstances. The Board strongly suggests that the Central Peninsula high schools coordinate their schedules to allow students from other schools the option of participating in the unique or outstanding programs that each school offers." During the closing comments Mrs. Mullins requested the Board reconsider Directive 99-01 at the February 1 School Board meeting with a worksession to be conducted earlier that day._

Girls' Wrestling as a KPSAA Activity - The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association bylaws that will allow middle school girls to participate in the wrestling program._

First Reading of Policy Revisions - The Board heard a first reading of BP 3310.1, Equipment Fund Transfer. The proposed policy provides language that governs the use of the equipment reserve fund.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 1, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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