

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

November 16, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

**SCHOOL REPORTS** - Jacquie Imle, Sears Elementary principal and Barbara Ralston, teacher, gave a computer-generated presentation depicting a day in the life of a first grade student at Sears Elementary School. The pictures and script were created by first grade students, with the assistance of Ms. Ralston, and included scenes from various childrens' homes as they prepared to go to school, waited for buses, participated in reading and math lessons, ate lunch, played during recess, engaged in music, physical education and library activities and rode the bus or walked home.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** - Mr. Dahlgren announced that the governor has declared, by proclamation, that November 20, 1998 is Alaska Principal Recognition Day. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Melody Douglas, director, Operations and Business Management has recently qualified as a Registered School Business Official from the Association of School Business Officials International.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS** - Mr. Arness presented awards of appreciation to Joanie Goodman, parent volunteer, for her dedicated service to the students and staff at Soldotna Elementary School, to Cindy Litzenberger, Soldotna Middle School for her commitment, leadership and outstanding service to the District, and to Marlene Byerly, Skyview High School principal, for being selected as Alaska's 1998 Secondary Principal of the Year.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Dahlgren congratulated the Nikiski High School girls' volleyball team for placing first in the 3A state volleyball championships and to Stacey Pault and Lucas Peterson for placing first in the state swimming/diving championships. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Elaine Larson, Sears Elementary music teacher, was selected by the Alaska Music Educators Association, to receive the 1998 Alaska Outstanding Music Educator Award.

**ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT** - Mr. Bill Coghill, Mikunda, Cottrell and Company, presented the fiscal year 1998 audit report of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Mr. Coghill commended Mr. Hickey and Ms. Douglas for their excellence in financial reporting and noted that a certificate of achievement is included in the audit report that was achieved during the fiscal year 1997. Mr. Coghill urged the District to continue its plan to correct computer software prior to the change of the millennium and to dedicate resources to correct a virus problem with the Microsoft Excel program currently being used by the accounting office.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending October 31, 1998. Mr. Hickey noted that the student count period has passed and that an adjusted budget will be returned for Board approval upon confirmation from the Department of Education.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT** - The Board unanimously approved a substitute teaching contract for JoAnn McClain, special education, Seward Middle/Sr. High.

**TEACHER APPOINTMENT** - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Kevin Harding, special education/resource (temporary, half time), Kenai Alternative High School.

**RESIGNATIONS** - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 1998-99 school year from Kathy Hill, counselor, Homer Middle; Stuart Goldstein, metals, Soldotna High; Sharon Sauer, art, Soldotna High; and Kathleen McDowell, physical education, Soldotna Middle.

**1999-2000 REGULAR EDUCATION/CERTIFIED STAFFING FORMULA** - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for regular education/certified employees which will be used to calculate the 1999-2000 budget. An amendment was approved revising the pupil-teacher ratio to 1:22 in grades kindergarten through third.

**1999-2000 SUPPORT STAFFING FORMULA** - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for support employees which will be used to calculate the 1999-00 budget.

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

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 7, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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