

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

October 4, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - A special School Board meeting was conducted on September 23 to consider a contract with PTINet. The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to direct the administration to enter into an annual renewable contract with PTINet for the fiber optic network, subject to legal approval, with the costs not to exceed \$1.7 million over ten years and that a letter be sent to Mr. Duane Parlow thanking him for his efforts.

The Board unanimously approved the nomination of Mrs. Mullins as a candidate to the AASB Board of Directors.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - Mr. Arness introduced Miss Melinda Haring, Kenai Central High School student, as the newly elected School Board Student Representative.

SCHOOL REPORTS - Mr. Robert Boyle, Seward Elementary principal, presented a skit introducing the Stop and Think Program, which is a social skills training program for students. He reported that Seward Elementary is 17 students over projection and reviewed changes in staffing from last year. He stated that the school goal this year is to focus on reading and that teachers are being trained in the First Steps program.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS - Mrs. Mullins presented a gift of appreciation to Mr. Arness for his past years of dedicated service to the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Peterson reported that the next technology work group will meet again on October 19 from 10-12 p.m. Dr. Peterson reported that as a result of the recently approved contract with PTINet, conduit will be laid in the ground by the end of October with fiber to be installed by the end of November. Dr. Peterson reported that in a one-day period 10,000 plus emails were sent from box to box and 2,000 "hits" per week were received on the District website. Dr. Peterson reported that she recently met with Laidlaw representatives to discuss the procedures to deal with bad weather. She reported that 61 certified substitutes were recently trained. Dr. Peterson reported that the AASA Superintendents' conference will be October 7-9 at Pizza Paradisos in Kenai.

PRIMARY SPONSOR OF GAMING PERMITS - The Board unanimously approved a list of primary and alternative members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for the 1999-2000.

TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENT - The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenure teacher assignment for Timothy Daugharty, Homer Middle School.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/SUPPORT - The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Judy Baker, secretary III, Bartlett Elementary/High School.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS - The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Josanne Breeding, districtwide school psychologist; Jaimee Coon, language arts, Soldotna Middle; Laurie Decker, special education/resource, Homer High; Judy Graham, (temporary) special education/resource, Soldotna Elementary; Paul Hettwer, music, Seward Middle/Sr.; Vicki Illg, science, Homer High; Terrie Kane, (temporary) special education/severe, Seward Middle/Sr.; Kelli Kessler, (temporary) reading specialist, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School; Patricia Lawyer, counselor, Skyview High; Mary Beth Nearing, districtwide physical therapist; Teresa Smith, (temporary) library, Mt. View Elementary; Jacqueline Stringham, (temporary) music, Nikiski Elementary/Nikiski Middle/Sr. and Brenda Williamson, special education/intensive, Soldotna High.

19-DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS - The Board unanimously approved 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Michael Stockburger, study skills, Homer High and Renee Merkes, math/photography, Soldotna High.

BUDGET TRANSFER - The Board unanimously approved a budget transfer for \$99,146 to purchase computers and printers for the Connection Program.

BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR - The Board unanimously approved a calendar to be used as a guideline for preparation of the 2000-2001 School District budget.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - The Board unanimously approved an administrator assignment for the 1999-2000 school year for Paula Christensen, assistant principal, Soldotna Middle School.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 18, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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