

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

February 7, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Dr. Lisa Stroh, Tustumena Elementary principal, reported that the school goal was to concentrate on math computation and that the staff has tried hard to become data-driven, assess students and problem solve the best way to meet the needs of all students. She stated that the school has two Title I Program tutors and also offers accelerated reading and math programs. She stated that the school received a grant to purchase books for a level book room, which provides sets of books that teachers can use for groups of students at a specific reading level. She reported that the school received a state grant for ten staff members to complete a two-year reading endorsement program. She reported that approximately 46 students are participating in an intramural ski program. She noted that one-percent of the money spent on the new school addition was designated for art and that a committee selected two Alaskan artists to create art projects for the school. She stated that four, 3-dimensional ceramic tiles, several ceramic windowsill coverings and a mural were recently completed and installed. Shelly Worsfold, teacher, introduced her 3rd grade students who read acrostic poetry they had written.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Ms. Germano paid special recognition to Mr. Jim White, Data Processing Director for his outstanding service and dedication to the District.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. McLain is working four hours per day. She noted that the District was awarded a school-to-work Career Pathways grant for \$70,000 and is aggressively pursuing other grants. She announced that Department of Education and Early Development Commissioner, Rick Cross, will be on the Kenai Peninsula to talk to District personnel about the Quality Schools Initiative. She noted that the Technology Work Group meeting was rescheduled for February 10, at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and that the joint budget worksession with the Assembly has been rescheduled for February 29.

Lease Report: Mr. Hickey announced that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly transferred the Kenai Elementary building to the District and subsequently entered into a five-year lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club for administrative space. The spaces available for Club activity programs will be used in compliance with BP and AR 1330.

1999-2000 New Teacher Appointments: The Board unanimously approved teaching appointments for the 1999-2000 school year for Lois Andrews, (temporary) QUEST, Homer Middle; Renee Merkes, (temporary), math, Kenai Central High; and Rachel Roehmildt, (temporary), generalist, Hope School.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract: The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Johnna DeGray, science, Nikiski Middle/High, Paula Standefer, Grade 5, K-Beach Elementary and Cindy Hurst, kindergarten, Sterling Elementary.

FY01 Increased Food Service Prices: The Board unanimously approved a \$0.05 increase in the price of FY01 lunches.

FY01 Community Use of Auditorium Price Increase: The Board tabled action on revisions to AR 1330 increasing the fees to Category II and Category III users of the school auditoriums.

Resignation: The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Audrey Alfson, language arts, Nikiski Middle/High (effective the end of the 1999-2000 school year).

RESOLUTION 99-00-9: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 99-00-9 encouraging funding support by the Alaska Legislature for the Magazine, Newspapers and More online resource included in the University of Alaska capital budget request.

Student Expulsion: The Board approved the one-year expulsion of a Nikiski High School student for violation of Board Policy 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Language Arts Curriculum: The Board unanimously approved the language arts curriculum.

AR 5144, Elementary and Secondary Discipline Guides: The Board tabled action on AR 5144 until a worksession can be held to discuss the regulation in more detail.

Seward Bus Route Bus Purchase: The Board unanimously approved the purchase two new busses for the Seward bus route. This purchase will be phase two of a plan to replace aging units in the Seward operation and that the expenditures are expected to be reimbursed at 100% with state appropriations through the Pupil Transportation fund.

Soldotna Middle School Addition Project Postponement: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to ask the Borough to leave the appropriation for the schematic design of an addition to Soldotna Middle School in abeyance until some appropriate future date.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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