

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

February 21, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Dennis Dunn, Kenai Alternative High principal, reported that the school has an enrollment of 63 students. He stated that Title I and Quality Schools Initiative money will allow the school to be open one evening per week. He stated that KAHS only accepts students who are 100 percent unsuccessful at their previous school. He noted that the school offers a flexible student schedule and that the staff continuously works towards developing a program that will meet the needs of the students. He stated that classes are kept at 16 students. He reported that the school has relocated in the new wing of the Kenai Elementary building. He presented a slide show including pictures of students and staff participating in classroom activities, students and staff using the home economics facility, students and their babies, the counseling services counselor, and students participating in physical education activities in the gymnasium. Ms. Vickie Roney displayed student artwork and explained how art is integrated into the curriculum. Four students spoke to the Board about how the alternative school has made completing their high school education possible. Mr. Dunn announced that he expects to have 25 students graduate this spring. Mr. Dunn stated that the mission of the school is to create an environment where students feel that they can accomplish anything they choose.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. McLain is now working 6 hours per day. She noted that forms are available for the British Petroleum Teachers of Excellence Program nominations. She reminded the Board that the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Education and Early Development will be visiting the Peninsula and a schedule of his itinerary has been made available. She announced that February is School Board recognition month and a cake and certificates were presented to the Board. She congratulated Sylvia Reynolds, Soldotna High School principal, for being chosen as the Alaska Principal of the Year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending January 31, 2000. He called the Board's attention to Fund 276; the correct budget amount should read \$10,000.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Heather Lentz, occupational therapist, districtwide special services; Mark Kessler, counselor/teacher, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Kelli Kessler, Title I reading specialist, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; and Robert Boyle, principal, Seward Elementary.

Long-Term Substitute Contract: The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Cindy Weeks, science, Nikiski Middle/High; and Jim Nelson, special education/resource, Homer High.

Leave of Absence/Support: The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 2000-2001 school year for Dawn Conn, school secretary III, Skyview High.

Early Graduation Request: The Board unanimously approved an early graduation request for a Voznesenka Elementary/High student.

Revision to AR 5141.21, Administering Medication: The Board postponed action on this item.

2000-2001 Administrator Contracts: The Board unanimously approved a revised list of administrator and central office contracts for the 2000-2001 school year.

Superintendent Involvement with Student Expulsions: The Board unanimously approved a change in procedure requiring the superintendent to be available on an "as called" basis during student expulsion deliberations to answer questions that might arise.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 6, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer**, Alaska.

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