

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

April 17, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Paul Kubena, Sterling Elementary principal, stated that the school has an enrollment of 271 students with 12 regular education staff members. He stated that the interior of the school has been newly painted and that new playground equipment and soccer goals will be installed this summer. He reported that the school took a partnership role in the sponsorship of the Head Start Program. He announced that Sterling Elementary is one of 12 schools districtwide involved in a reading intervention pilot program and noted that the program has been successful. Mr. Kubena stated that the school has activated a student council whose membership serves the school's needs by providing school spirit, creating after-school activities, raising money, and coordinating community service involvement. He reported that with money provided by the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program, the school has started a conflict resolution program to assist students with resolving disputes in a peaceful manner. He reported that the school has also initiated a social skills program titled, Stop and Think, where student behavior issues are being proactively circumvented through systematic training of specific social skills and includes monthly schoolwide celebrations of student achievement. He reported that the teachers are including art in the teaching of language arts and they are planning a districtwide workshop to be held at Sterling Elementary School given by Dr. Kathy Schwartz. He thanked Skyview High School staff members, Diane Silva, Terry Zopf, Greg Zorbas and Betty Miller who, in partnership with Sterling Elementary, offered the Adopt-a-Reader Program, conducted theatrical performances, and organized a hands-on health fair. Mrs. Biggs directed several students in two songs; one song was performed with hand bells.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Board members presented awards of appreciation to Lynn Dusek, first grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Patricia Glaze, Title I tutor, North Star Elementary; Brad Nyquist, eighth grade teacher, Kenai Middle School; and Wayne Young, principal/teacher, Port Graham Elementary/High. The Board also presented an award of appreciation to Sylvia Reynolds, Soldotna High School principal for being selected as the 2000 Alaska Secondary School Administrators' Association Principal of the Year.

Mr. Chuck Boll, Laidlaw Transit Soldotna Terminal Manager, and Steve Kalmes, National Association for Pupil Transportation Board Member, presented Ms. Wanema Arndt, Laidlaw Bus Driver, with the Bluebird Heroism Award for assisting during a one-car automobile accident that occurred along her bus route.

Several students received awards for their artwork, which was on display at the Capitol Building in Juneau and later in the Borough Assembly Room.

Miss Melinda Haring recognized Heleena Hanson and Norton Dablemont, Skyview High School students, for being outstanding students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that the Borough Assembly will take action on the District FY01 budget and the technology plan. She announced that the Nikiski Reconfiguration Committee will meet on April 27 to prepare input for the Board. She stated that the Downsizing Committee has been renamed the Committee for Operational Efficiency. She announced that former District superintendent, Dale Sandahl, will facilitate a task force, which has been created to review the delivery of student activities in the District. She reported that meetings will be held April 20, 27 and May 4 at Central Office. She reported that she attended a heartwarming presentation made to the Nikolaevsk School and community by the Borough Assembly of a history book containing old records and pictures of the founding of the village. She reminded the public that the next meeting will be held in Seward at the Seward High School. Dr. Peterson announced that Terri Carter's 5/6 grade class at K-Beach Elementary is currently featured in Time for Kids and are recognized as heroes of the planet. She announced that Melinda Haring has been named as one of the recipients of the June Nelson Scholarship award for \$1,000.

SAFE SCHOOLS REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported on specific training and collaboration related to critical incident

preparedness, safety, emergency management, and law enforcement information regarding activities occurring within the District.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 68 through 94 for various schools and departments within the District.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending March 31, 2000.

AR 5141.21, Administering Medication: The Board unanimously approved a revision to AR 5141.21, Administering Medication to correct a management and responsibility problem involving student possession of medication while on school campus.

Budget Transfer: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 382 for \$17,500 to adjust for a chart of account change effective, July 1, 1999, which was subsequent to adoption of the FY00 pupil transportation fund budget.

Adoption of AR 0420, School-Based Management/Site Councils: The Board removed this item from the agenda.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Rebecca Hunter, pool director, Kenai Central High; Juventino "Sonny" Morin, Spanish, Homer High; and Deborah Langford, Grade 3, Redoubt Elementary.

Long-Term Substitute Contracts: The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Don McKeon, special education/resource, Seward Middle/High; and Tanya Erwin, kindergarten, Soldotna Elementary.

Leave of Absence – Certified: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2000-2001 school year for Johana Idzerda, Grades 7-12, Voznesenka Elementary; Margaret Gilman, QUEST, Mt. View Elementary; and Susan Wells, Grade 6, Kenai Middle.

Leave of Absence – Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2000-2001 school year for Chob Labnongsang, custodian I, Nikiski Middle/High.

Medical Leave of Absence – Certified: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid medical leave of absence request for the 1999-2000 school year for Margaret Gilman, QUEST, Mt. View Elementary.

ADMINISTRATOR ASSIGNMENT: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of David Kingsland as principal of Seward Elementary.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 1, 2000, 7:30 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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