

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

May 15, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mrs. Robin Williams, Nikiski Middle/High School principal, stated that the school had two broad goals relating to instruction and school climate. She reported that it has been a tough year and that the Critical Incident Team met five times. She reported that as part of the instruction goal, the staff focused on the implementation of content standards by aligning their instruction with the High School Qualifying Exam. She stated that students were also taught that what they were learning was pertinent to life as well as the school standard. She stated that the school climate goal related to positive community relations which included streamlining their school newsletter. She reported that there are almost 100 parents on the school email address list and that they receive weekly notifications and updates regarding school happenings. She reported that the school implemented a faculty wellness campaign and she displayed a booklet containing wellness suggestions and a section to individually keep track of accomplishments via a point system. She stated that prizes were awarded to those with the most points. Mrs. Manion, teacher, and Miss Ramona Baker, student, each told the Board how the staff and students were using content standards.

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

The Board presented golden apple awards to Pauline Mills, Tustumena head secretary; Patty Tilbury, Ninilchik Elementary/High custodian; Beth Kellie, North Star Elementary volunteer; Tina Stamer, North Star Elementary Title I tutor; Sharon Traughber, Nikiski Middle/High attendance secretary; Bruce Rife, Soldotna High School science teacher; Lynn Pattison, Nikiski Middle/High School volunteer; Sean Dusek, Soldotna Middle School math teacher and athletic director and Dave McCard, Sterling Elementary second grade teacher.

The Board presented engraved gold pans as a retirement gift to Sharon Traughber and Jeanie Partee and a library book in lieu of a gold pan was donated to the Seward Elementary School for Kay Smith. Silvia Masis and Richard Gennari were also recognized but were not present to accept their gold pans.

Miss Haring, School Board student representative, recognized Matt Peters and Tessa Rhyner, Kenai Central High School seniors, for their outstanding community service and volunteer work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. McLain reminded the Board of the upcoming graduation schedule beginning Wednesday, May 17. He reported that the final Administrator Meeting was held Tuesday, May 9, and that the Central Office planning retreat was held Thursday, May 11. He announced that the School Board planning session will be held on Tuesday, June 6.

Certified Diploma Report and Recommendations: Dr. McLain presented the certified diploma report and recommendations and highlighted sections of the report.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2000.

Budget Transfer Number 487: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 487 for \$98,000 to cover costs of 2 portable classrooms and playground fencing and equipment.

AR 2123, Evaluation of the Superintendent: The Board unanimously approved the adoption of AR 2124, Evaluation of the Superintendent. The regulation requires a mid-year review of the Superintendent's performance to be conducted between the Superintendent and Board president. The annual evaluation will occur with the entire Board and the Superintendent prior to June 30.

Aurora Borealis Charter School Expansion Plan: The Board unanimously approved the Aurora Borealis Charter School

plan to grow by one classroom per year.

Class Size Reduction Initiative Grant: The Board unanimously approved the Class Size Reduction Initiative grant, 2000–2001 school year. This grant is designed to lower class sizes in Grades 1–3 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

ResignationS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Richard Gennari, Grade 5, North Star Elementary, Katherine Schwartz, art specialist, districtwide instruction; Gregory Maddigan, English/social studies, Homer High; Tamie Bebee, special education/resource, West Homer Elementary and Wendy Weber, special education/resource, Chapman Elementary.

Leave of Absence Request/Certified: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request from Steve Smith, principal/teacher, Cooper Landing Elementary.

Leave of Absence Request/Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request from Marcia Boone, school secretary III, Homer Middle.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract: The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Carol Boehmler, QUEST, Mt. View Elementary.

Administrator Assignments: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Ray Hillman as principal of Voznesenka Elementary and Trena Richardson as principal of K-Beach Elementary.

Student Expulsion: The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a student for assault of a teacher and another student.

Nikiski Reconfiguration Project Recommendations: The Board postponed action on a recommendation from the Advisory Committee for the Reconfiguration of Nikiski Elementary School to advertise for architectural schematic services only utilizing those funds previously appropriated by the Borough Assembly.

BP 2120, Superintendent of Schools: The Board unanimously approved a revision to BP 2120, Superintendent of Schools, which will align the District policy more closely with Association of Alaska School Board model.

BP 2122, Superintendent of Schools–Job Description: The Board unanimously approved a revision to BP 2122, Superintendent of Schools: Job Description, which will align the District policy more closely with Association of Alaska School Board model.

BP 2123, Evaluation of the Superintendent: The Board unanimously approved a revision to BP 2123, Evaluation of the Superintendent, which will align the District policy more closely with Association of Alaska School Board model.

BP 0420, School-Based Management/Site Councils: The Board unanimously approved the adoption of BP 0420, School-Based Management/Site Councils. The new language updates information regarding school-based management/site councils.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 5, 2000, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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