

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

November 15, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Reports - Mr. Scott Mengel, K-Beach Elementary principal, gave a computer-generated slide show that included pictures of staff and students. He stated that the school's main focus is on helping kids become better readers, writers, mathematicians and learners. He introduced five students who read from research information they had gathered on owls. At the beginning of the meeting, two students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance using sign language.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Peterson thanked the Board for the invitation to attend the AASB Annual Conference. She reported that a District teacher has been selected to participate in the ARCTIC Program. She reported that the latest enrollment shows a loss of 55 students and that a quick check indicates that the students have moved away from the District.

Annual Audit Report - Mr. Bill Coghill of Mikunda, Cottrell and Company, presented the fiscal year 1999 audit report of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Mr. Coghill commended the District Business and Finance Department for their excellence in financial reporting and noted that a certificate of achievement is included in the audit report for fiscal year 1998. He stated that in his firm's opinion, the District complied in all material aspects relevant to the reporting requirements for each of its federal and major state programs for the year ended June 30, 1999. Mr. Coghill urged the District to review its use of signature stamps for the approval of timesheets.

Financial Report - Ms. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending October 31, 1999. She noted that the District will be closely monitoring health insurance costs.

Resignation - The Board unanimously approved a resignation effective the end of October 1999 for Michael Bergholtz, science, Nikiski Middle/High School.

New Teacher Assignment - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1999-2000 school year for Juventino Morin, Spanish, Homer High.

Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permit - The Board unanimously approved a Primary and Alternative Member in Charge of Gaming for K-Beach Elementary School for the 1999-2000 school year.

Leave of Absence/Support - The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence effective 12/1/99 to 12/1/00 for John Dove, head custodian, Mt. View Elementary School.

2000-2001 Certified Staffing Formula - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for regular education certified employees which will be used to calculate the 2000-2001 budget. An amendment was approved to change the pupil-teacher ratio to 1:18 in kindergarten through second grade, 1:24 in third and

fourth grade, and 1:26 in fifth and sixth grade.

2000-2001 Support Staffing Formula - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for support employees which will be used to calculate the 2000-2001 budget. An amendment was approved to keep the nurses staffed at 19.5 FTE.

2000-2001 Special Education Certified Staffing Formula - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for special education certified employees that will be used to calculate the 2000-2001 budget.

2000-2001 Special Education Support Staffing Formula - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for special education support employees that will be used to calculate the 2000-2001 budget.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 6, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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