

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

August 16, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson,
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey,
Assistant Superintendent,
Operations and Business
Management

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant
Superintendent, Instruction

Mr. Todd Syverson,
Assistant Superintendent,
Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Pete Sprague Mr. Mark Leal

Ms. Heather Resz

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to
order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Absent/ Excused
Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of August 2, 1999, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Dr. Peterson stated that she received three letters: one from AASB with survey results regarding drug testing for student athletes, one from AASA regarding their position on the Alaska balanced budget initiative and related teleconferences, and a fax from Mr. Ed Martin, Cooper Landing resident, regarding a change of funding for federal land relating to timber sales.

Mr. Arness noted that the Board members each received a package and a letter from ARCO.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson reported that the "Back to School" newspaper insert was included in the time capsule during the Challenger Cornerstone Laying Ceremony. She listed the trainings that were attended by District employees during the summer. She announced that the West Homer team placed first in the National Continental Mathematics League Euclidean Grade Six Level; that Shirley Gribble and Sandy Miller are state finalists for the National Science Foundation Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science; that Sylvia Reynolds presented "High Stakes Testing: Student Motivation and Successful Schools" to the International Conference of State Chief School Officers and that North Star Elementary's web site was featured in The Classroom Flyer, a national e-newsletter for educators.

Dr. Peterson noted that the next technology meeting will be rescheduled. She stated that there will be a special School Board meeting Thursday, August 19, at 2:00 p.m. at the Borough Administration Building.

Dr. Peterson announced that she will conduct an orientation session for School Board candidates.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending July 31, 1999.

ASSESSMENT REPORT:

Mr. McLain presented assessment information for the 1998-1999 school year. A Board worksession was held prior to the regular meeting to review the data in more detail. Mr. McLain thanked Mr. Leal for presenting the results to the Board and for the preparation of the assessment book. He noted that the report included results from CAT/5, Level Tests, Math Performance and Analytical Writing assessments.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Arness stated that he will explain the liaison project to the principals during the August 17 administrator's meeting. He added that he will introduce Dr. Peterson at the Districtwide inservice on August 18.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Resignation, 1999-2000 Teacher Appointments and Budget Transfer.

RESIGNATION:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a resignation effective immediately for Jody Hagen, Grade 5, Mt. View Elementary.

1999-2000 TEACHER APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Christina Hum, Generalist, Bartlett School; Susan Nabholz, Language Arts, Soldotna Middle; and Shellie Worsfold, Grades 2/3, Tustumena Elementary.

BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a budget transfer for \$20,980 from the Homer Flex rent account to the Borough capital projects fund account to be put towards the purchase of the Homer Flex facility.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Ms. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan and School Construction Needs:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan. The plan includes enrollment projections and school construction needs for 1999-2000 through 2004-2005. A worksession was held prior to the meeting to review this information.

Ms. Germano noted that even after past discussions, a new school for Voznesenka is still low on the priority list.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the Six-Year Plan and Enrollment Projections. Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to move the construction of a new school for Voznesenka from Priority Number 32 to Priority Number 8. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

VOTE:

YES – Anderson, Crawford,
Germano, Gross, Larned

NO – Arness

Amendment carried.

Amended motion carried
unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford stated that she attended the Technology Work Group meeting and noted that the committee is well on its way to developing a plan.

Mrs. Larned stated that she was impressed with the Quality Schools Initiative meeting. She welcomed the new staff for the 1999-2000 school year.

Ms. Germano apologized for not attending the worksession earlier in the day.

Mr. Arness reminded the Board of the special School Board meeting on August 19. He asked that Board members notify him if they cannot attend the special meeting so that he can establish a quorum.

Mr. Arness stated that he was surprised at the amendment to move up the construction of a new school for Voznesenka on the priority list. He stated that the Board was considering reconfiguration of that area.

ADJOURN: At 7:48 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of August 16, 1999,
were approved on September 13, 1999,
as written.