

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

July 10, 2000

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Deborah Germano, President
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President
Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Treasurer
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member
Mr. Mike Chenault, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business Management
Dr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Pete Sprague	Mr. Brian Bailey
Mrs. Penny Brett-Vadla	Mrs. Lisa Kent
Mrs. Cindy Heaverley	Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds
Miss Georgie Heaverley	Mr. Dave McCard
Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh	Miss Riley Kent
Ms. Sue Biggs	Miss Heidi Biggs
Mr. Brannon Ames	Miss Jennifer McCard
Mrs. Judy Ames	Ms. Dorothy Gray
Miss Kaitlin Vadla	Miss Ella Ames
Mr. Phil Biggs	Mr. Brian Zinck
Mr. Joshua Ball	Mrs. Teresa Zinck

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, Mrs. Larned, Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Crawford and Ms. Germano Mrs. Gross, Dr. Anderson and Mr. Chenault attended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:06 p.m., Mrs. Gross moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss a grievance and hear a discipline report. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Germano invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mr. Mike Chenault	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 8a., 1999-2000 Superintendent's Annual Report and Item 10a.(8), Leave of Absence/Certified. Ms. Germano noted that there were revisions to 10e., Administrator Appointments and 10f., 2000-2001 Board of Education Goals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of June 5, 2000, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Dr. Peterson reported that she received two letters; one from the state chamber of commerce accompanied by 40 donated copies (one per school) of the book, *Alaska – North to the Future*; and one from the Department of Education and Early Development with a certificate recognizing the District for successfully passing the Coordinated Review Effort of the USDA National School Lunch Programs.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented certificates of achievement to the Soldotna High Future Problem Solving (FPS) Team for placing first in the intermediate category of the International Future Problem Solving team competition. The Board presented a certificate of achievement to Kaitlin Vadla for her fourth place finish in the scenario writing competition. Galen Holt was not present but was recognized for his participation in the individual competition.

Mrs. Kent reported that the FPS students and chaperones traveled to Athens, Georgia in June 2000 to compete in the International Future Problem Solving Competition. She explained that in a two-hour period the students were to produce a list of 20 problems derived from a scenario, identify a single underlying problem, propose 20 potential solutions and develop one as the best possible recommendation.

Mrs. Penny Vadla, FPS parent, reported that this was the second competition that she has attended and she felt it is the most awesome experience any student can have. She stated that Alaska was extremely well represented with several teams placing in the top five. She thanked the Board for recognizing the students for their accomplishments. She added that she hopes the District will continue to support the QUEST students and all students who compete academically because it sets a standard. She stated that the more students participate in academic opportunities the better they will be as future leaders.

The Board presented certificates of achievement to the North Star Elementary Quest Team members for placing first in the News Bowl 2000.

Mr. Brian Bailey explained that the News Bowl Program is a national current events program that involves students in Grades 2 through 8. He stated that fifteen QUEST students participated in the News Bowl 2000. He stated that the students researched and read current events for the first two months of the year. He explained that each student was responsible for their own news category in preparation for a computerized test that was taken in March. He stated that he was proud of his students who received 94 correct out of 100 of a multiple-choice test.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson announced that the District will give a technology presentation to the ADETC Committee on July 25 and that the presentation will be the foundation for future technology presentations. She reported that the District hosted the Alaska Staff Development Literacy Institute. She announced that the meeting for new administrators will be August 7 and that the first regular administrator meeting will be August 8. She announced that the Department of Education and Early Development will host a three-day task force to define educational adequacy. She reported that a new District web page has been designed to provide easier access to important information. She reported that due to the change in the reporting of school administrator salaries, the District spends 71.31% on instruction and complies with state regulations.

Dr. Peterson presented the 1999-2000 Superintendent's Annual Report. The report highlights staff achievements, student accomplishments, cocurricular achievements, reports on various programs throughout the District and progress made on the Board goals. She stated that she will distribute copies during her speaking engagements at chamber of commerce meetings throughout the Peninsula.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2000.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Gross reported that she recently attended the Pacific Region meeting of the National School Board Association. She stated that the most interesting presentation was by David T. Conley who spoke on the new landscape of educational leadership. She read three bulleted items from Mr. Conley's conference information and added that he pointed out that the frontrunners of the upcoming presidential election have virtually identical platforms regarding education, which take local control away from school districts.

Dr. Anderson referred the Board to the minutes of the June 29 Student Activities Task Force meeting and added that it will take considerable work to accomplish the goal of moving student activities outside of the cap. He stated that there is a possibility the Borough will consider taking control of the activity playing fields and swimming pools and leasing them to the District or charging for use.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were 2000-2001 Annual Agenda Guideline, Resignations, Tentative Nontenure Teaching Assignments, New Teacher Assignments, Early Graduation Requests, AR 6146.1 Eligibility to Graduate, AR 3310 Procurement, and Leave of Absence Request/Certified.

2000-2001 Annual Agenda Guideline:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the 2000-2001 Annual Agenda. The Annual Agenda consists of dates on which routine items are presented to the School Board for approval.

Resignations:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve resignations from Lisa Stroh, principal, Tustumena Elementary and Dave Morris, math, Susan B. English Elementary/High.

Tentative Nontenure Teaching Assignments:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve tentative nontenure teaching assignments for Judy Graham, special education/emotionally handicapped, districtwide Special Services; Susan Nabholz, reading/math, Kenai Central High; Andrea Eggleston, art, Kenai Middle; Virginia Morgan, reading, Soldotna Middle; Teri Hoffman, Grades 5/6, Sterling Elementary; and Jaimee Coon, reading, Nikiski Middle/High.

New Teacher Assignments: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teaching assignments for the 2000-2001 school year for Donna Bartman, technology/business instruction, Soldotna High; Sally Burns, (temporary) Title I reading teacher, Paul Banks Elementary; Gordon Pitzman, Spanish, Homer High; Sharon Fraley, special education/resource, Seward Elementary; Lorraine Hibpshman, special education/resource, Chapman Elementary.

Early Graduation Requests: Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve requests from a Homer High student and a Ninilchik Elementary/High student to graduate at the end of the first semester, 2000-2001.

AR 6146.1, Eligibility to Graduate: Dr. McLain recommended that the Board approve revisions to AR 6146.1, Eligibility to Graduate. The revisions clarify the definition and expectations of a student, a high school senior, a "full time" student and the awarding of diplomas from the District.

AR 3310, Procurement: Mr. Hickey recommended that the Board approve revisions to AR 3310, Purchasing Procedures. The revisions address the use of procurement cards as a means for making District purchases.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/CERTIFIED: Mr. Todd Syverson recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2000-2001 school year for Sid M. Maurer, teacher, Kenai Middle.

ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Number 1 through 8. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Certified Diploma Committee Recommendations and Action Plans: Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve the Certified Diploma Committee and administration recommendations and action plans for 2000-2001.

ACTION Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the Certified Diploma Committee and administration recommendations and action plans for 2000-2001. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Revised 2000-2001 Calendar: Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve a revised calendar for the 2000-2001 school year. The revisions are recommended after a recent decision by the Department of Education and Early Development to allow districts to substitute conference days for teacher inservice days provided the combined number of days for both conferences and inservice does not exceed 20 and the calendar contains a minimum of 170 days for student instruction.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve a revised calendar for the 2000-2001 school year. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Ms. Germano asked whether two days of conferences is adequate for most schools. Dr. McLain responded that the revisions include as much time as previous conferences and provides for 24 to 28 one-half hour time slots.

Mr. Syverson stated that with 600 students at Soldotna Middle School, three sessions or one and one-half days were needed to successfully conduct conferences.

Revised 2000-2001 Calendar (Continued):

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Transfer Request:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a transfer of \$257,000 from the Connections Program to reinstate activity travel and to transfer revenue from fund 375 (as necessary) for acquisitions in accordance with the approved technology plan; and to properly account for those purchases by location in the general fund.

ACTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the budget transfer request as outlined in Item Number 10d. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Ms. Germano stated that she does not like the philosophy or mechanism by which the transfer is being handled. Mr. Hickey stated that the administration made the recommendation because it was the easiest way to accomplish what needed to be done within specific accounting constraints.

VOTE:

YES – Anderson, Chenault, Crawford, Gross, Larned, Mullins

NO – Germano

Motion carried.

Administrator Appointments:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the appointment of Peter Swanson as principal of McNeil Canyon Elementary, Lori Manion as assistant principal of Kenai Middle, Sean Dusek as assistant principal of Soldotna High and Ken Halverson as principal of Tustumena Elementary.

ACTION

Mr. Chenault moved the Board approve the administrator assignments for 2000-2001 as outlined in item Number 10e. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2000-2001 BOArD goals:

Dr. Peterson presented six goals for accomplishment during the 2000-2001 school year as a result of the Board's June 6 planning session. The recommended goals are: 1) update the Strategic Plan; 2) continue to develop/implement KPBSD certified diploma criteria to include learning challenges for all levels of achievement; 3) improve internal and external communications; 4) improve school climate to assure student success; 5) use technology to increase opportunities for students and staff; and 6) develop a long-term plan for student activities.

ACTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the six goals for accomplishment during the 2000-2001 school year. Mr. Chenault seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 6146.3, Reciprocity on Graduation Requirements. The revision clarifies District policy related to the modification of graduation requirements for transfer students.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Larned noted that Mrs. Lisa Kent also competed in the FPS competition as an adult and her team placed second. She thanked the parents, students and teachers for attending and congratulated them for their awards.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued):

Mrs. Gross stated that she is proud of the students who were being honored and added that she hopes the Board can acknowledge all students in the District who excel academically, musically, and artistically as well as other areas.

Mr. Chenault thanked the students, parents, and teachers for their hard work. He urged those present to see the Challenger Learning Center. He stated that the future of District students is looking brighter.

Mrs. Mullins congratulated the FPS and the North Star students for their awards. She stated that the District has a lot of bright students. She extended her appreciation for the sponsors that gave assistance to the students. She thanked the Borough Assembly for the funds for the technology bond.

Mrs. Crawford congratulated the FPS and News Bowl 2000 students on their achievements, and noted that it takes supportive parents and teachers. She thanked Dr. McLain for his work on the Certified Diploma Committee.

Mrs. Gross announced that the Association of Alaska School Boards will be meeting in Homer on July 21-23. She stated that the group will be conducting long-range planning for the Association. She invited Board members to attend the two days of meetings in Homer and a barbeque at her house on July 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Germano echoed previous Board member comments regarding student recognitions. She recognized the administration and Board secretary for their hard work during the past school year and noted that a new school year is just beginning.

ADJOURN: At 8:17 p.m., Mrs. Larned moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned.
Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Deborah Germano, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of July 10, 2000,
were approved on August 7, 2000,
as written.