

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

August 7, 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:

Ms. Terri Campbell
Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh

Mr. Don McCloud

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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	Absent/Excused
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 a revision to Item 10a.(4), Resignations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of July 10, 2000, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Dr. Peterson reported that she received two communications: a letter from the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'í accompanied by a check for over \$500 earned from the sale of 3,040 pounds of recycled aluminum cans, and an e-mail from Pat Shields commending the District on the recent technology upgrades.

Ms. Germano reported that she received a letter from the Alaska Federation of Natives soliciting students to register for the leadership conference on October 15-18, 2000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson introduced Ms. Terri Campbell, District liaison to the Department of Education and Early Development. Dr. Peterson reported that she and Ms. Germano recently participated in a three-day Educational Adequacy Retreat in Anchorage. She noted that the Bangor Reading Assessment and CRISS trainings are being conducted with District teachers, beginning August 7. She reported that administrators who are new to their positions met August 7 and all administrators will meet August 8. Dr. Peterson reported that the District will be receiving \$290,000 dollars in federal money to make middle schools safer. She noted that the District is working closely with the Borough mayor and Borough Maintenance Department to ensure that school buildings are ready for the start of school. She stated that the Districtwide inservice is August 16 at Kenai Central High.

Dr. Peterson presented a list of worksessions and reports to be presented at future Board meetings from August 21, 2000 through June 4, 2001.

Ms. Germano asked when the High School Qualifying Exam results would be available. Mr. McLain reported that the District received notification from the deputy commissioner of education that the individual results would be sent via express mail August 15-16. He noted that he will share the results with the school sites as soon as they arrive. He added that school counselors have been directed to give the results high priority so that students can immediately be placed in appropriate classes. Ms. Germano asked for a brief report at the August 21 School Board meeting.

Ms. Gross asked whether the test information would be detailed or merely indicate pass or fail. Mr. McLain reported that the commissioner of education indicated that detailed information would be provided along with information called "The Alaska Performance Index." He stated that the index will give the District some indication about how individual students performed as compared to specific standards. He confessed that he has not seen the information and could not guarantee that it will be a complete report. Ms. Germano commented that, for the results to be useful, they would need to be detailed. Mr. McLain agreed but added that he was not sure how much detail would be provided but that a full report will be available near the end of September. He noted that the agreement between the state and the test results contractor is to provide a full set of detailed reports to each district.

Budget Transfer Report:

Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 97 through 132 and 147 through 955 for various schools and departments within the District.

Lease Agreements Report:

Mr. Hickey presented a report of current lease agreements between the District and the Boys and Girls Club, Community Schools Programs, Kachemak Selo School, North Peninsula Recreation Service Area, Razdolna School, Seward Bus Fleet, Voznesenka School, and St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

Ms. Germano asked whether the leases included the cost of utilities. Mr. Hickey stated that he was not sure but would find out and provide that information.

BOARD REPORTS:

Ms. Gross reported that the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Board of Directors met in Homer two weeks ago. She stated that during their meetings they added the goal of "connecting with the community."

Mrs. Mullins reported that she also attended the AASB Board of Directors meeting and noted that Ms. Debbie Ossiander was elected to the seat vacated by Anchorage Board member, Ms. Kathi Gillespie. She stated that the group spent two days in planning sessions, which was enjoyable.

Ms. Germano reported that she and Dr. Peterson attended a three-day retreat to study and define educational adequacy. She noted that superintendents, school board members, parent-teacher association members, Alaska Municipal League (AML) members, school finance employees, and municipal finance employees attended. She noted that the AML members were very supportive and interested in Alaska schools.

- Consent Agenda: Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Hazardous Bus Route Resolutions, AR 5123, Promotion/Acceleration/Retention, New Teacher Assignments, Resignations, AR 5141.4, Child Abuse and Neglect, Tentative Nontenured Teacher Assignments, and Tentative Nontenured Teacher for Tenure.
- Hazardous Bus Route Resolutions: Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve hazardous bus routes for North Star, Nikiski, Seward, Redoubt, Soldotna, Sears, Mt. View, West Homer, Paul Banks and K-Beach elementary schools for the 2000-2001 school year.
- AR 5123, Promotion/ Acceleration/Retention: Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve a revision to AR 5123, Promotion/Acceleration/Retention that clarifies high school class level standings (freshman through senior).
- New Teacher Assignments: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 2000-2001 school year for Daniel Beck, science/math, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Patricia Blacklock, special education/resource, Skyview High; Frederick Blacklock, (temporary) Grade 6, Kenai Middle; Lisa Chambers, Grades 4-6, Susan B. English School; Linda Jackson, special education /resource and QUEST, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School; Holly Kiel, dance/physical education/drama/social studies and (temporary) reading, Soldotna High; Don McKeon, generalist, Spring Creek School; and Fiona McKeon, special education/intensive needs, Seward Middle/High.
- Resignations: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve the resignations of Chris Lau, vocational education/generalist, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Anita Hakkinen, unassigned (leave of absence), Redoubt Elementary; and Jaimee Coon, reading specialist, Nikiski Middle/High.
- AR 5141.4, Child Abuse and Neglect: Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve a revision to AR 5141.4, Child Abuse and Neglect that changes the interview process for students not in the care of the Division of Family and Youth services.
- Tentative Nontenured Teacher Assignments: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve tentative nontenured teacher assignments for Ken Hepner, (temporary) generalist, Voznesenka Elementary/High; Barbara Spence, special education/resource, Redoubt Elementary; and Susan Strutz, physical education, Homer Middle.
- Tentative Nontenured Teacher for Tenure: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve Robert Carson, a tentative nontenured teacher, for tenure.
- ACTION Mr. Chenault moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Number 1 through 8. Mrs. Crawford seconded.
- VOTE:
- YES – Chenault, Crawford, Gross, Mullins, Germano
NO – Anderson
- Motion carried.
- BP 6146.3 RECIPROCITY ON GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 6146.3, Reciprocity on Graduation Requirements. He noted that the revisions allow the District to modify District graduation requirements for students transferring into the District who have at least 13 units of credit.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve revisions to BP 6146.3, Reciprocity on Graduation Requirements. Mrs. Mullins 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 and School Construction Needs. The plan includes enrollment projections and school construction needs for 2000-2001 through 2005-2006. He noted that enrollment projections would be corrected for Kenai Central High School before the final copy is distributed to the public.

ACTION

Mr. Chenault recommended the Board approve the Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan and School Construction Needs. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Ms. Germano requested that Mr. Hickey review the enrollment projections for all middle schools and high schools. Mr. Hickey asked the Board to disapprove the Six-Year plan and allow him to resubmit it at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Germano asked whether some of the items listed on the capitol projects list were already in progress or have been accomplished. Mr. Hickey replied that some of the projects have been accomplished because they are prior year priorities and some will be paid for in part by \$2 million of capitol project appropriation from the Borough and the balance paid by a state of Alaska bond reimbursement proposal, provided it is approved by the voters.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board postpone action on the Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan and School Construction Needs. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of changes to Section 3000 Business and Noninstructional Operations; BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs; BP 6146.2, High School Equivalency Test; and BP 6162.71, Internet Use.

Mr. Hickey noted that the second reading of Section 3000 Business and Noninstructional Operations will include modifications to BP 3521 and AR 3621 as discussed earlier during the Board worksession.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford extended best wishes to the administration, employees and students for the new school year.

Dr. Anderson requested an excused absence from the August 21 Board meeting. He stated that he is thrilled with the technology presentation given earlier by Dr. Peterson and Mr. Jim White. He added that he felt the District was "ahead of the game" and will stay there.

Mrs. Gross complimented Mr. White and Dr. Peterson on the technology presentation and added that she appreciates their representation at the recent ADETC meeting. She stated that she hopes the Education Adequacy Committee can decide what an equitable cost for education is and that the District be provided with the money for it. She thanked the administration for coordinating the Districtwide training currently being held.

Ms. Germano thanked Mrs. Gross and Mrs. Mullins for their work with AASB. She stated that she especially appreciated Mrs. Gross' representation on a nationwide basis. She stated that it was a joy to attend the state Educational Adequacy Committee with Dr. Peterson.

ADJOURN: At 7:58 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Deborah Germano, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of August 7, 2000,
were approved on August 21, 2000,
as written.