

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

August 21, 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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mr. Tim Peterson
Mr. Gordon Griffin	Mr. Chris Moss
Mr. John Pothast	Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh
Mrs. Elaine Larson	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:31 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	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Absent/Excused
Mr. Mike Chenault	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of 10 a. (6), Resignation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of August 7, 2000, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Dr. Peterson reported that she received a communication from the Borough Administration regarding a negotiated sale application for land located next to Homer High School.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The Board presented a certificate of recognition to Mark Larson for being awarded a Fullbright Scholarship to Japan.

Mr. Larson reported that his trip to Japan was a wonderful opportunity to represent the District and learn about another culture. He stated that the Japanese are preparing to embark on major reforms in education that will include a five-day school week, more technology in schools, emphasis in problem solving, and the teaching of morality education. He noted that one of the high points of his experience was staying with a host family and meeting PTA representatives. He offered to speak with anyone who is interested in hearing more details of his trip to Japan.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**  
(Continued):

Mrs. Crawford asked Mr. Larson what project he worked on while he was in Japan. He responded that in his marine science class the students will study the comparison between Alaska and Japan of the Pacific Ocean currents, temperature and directions, and tides.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. Syverson was not in attendance at the Board meeting due to a death in his family. She reported that Mr. Hickey recently met with the police chief and principals in the Homer area to discuss school safety. She reported that on August 9 she traveled to Juneau to meet with various people within the Department of Education and Early Development. Dr. Peterson reminded the Board that the next School Board meeting is September 11. She noted that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is the only Alaskan district to be featured on the Education and Libraries Network Coalition (EDLinc) web site. She explained that EDLinc is a group promoting affordable Internet access for the nation's schools and libraries. She added that EDLinc highlighted the District for its creative use of e-rate to promote the Technology Plan. She noted that the District is also featured on the front page of the October issue of the national publication, *Board and Administrator*.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending July 31, 2000. He noted that a location account code has been added to the Chart of Accounts to accommodate the addition of the Spring Creek Youth Offender Program in Seward.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan and School Construction Needs, Teacher Assignments, Nontenure Teacher for Tenure, Budget Transfer Requests, Tentative Nontenure Teacher and Resignation.

**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.

**New Teacher Assignments:**

By memorandum, Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 2000-2001 school year for Ron Turner, vocational education, Susan B. English Elementary/High; and Barbara McNinch, occupational therapist, Districtwide special services.

**Tentative Nontenure Teacher for Tenure:**

By memorandum, Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve April Kaufman, a tentative nontenured teacher, for tenure.

**Budget Transfer Requests:**

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve Budget Transfer Number 6 to transfer \$21,931 to the correct object code for repairs and maintenance in the pupil transportation fund and Budget Transfer Number 8 to transfer \$288,126 to various schools for the language arts curriculum adoption for FY01.

**Tentative Nontenure Teacher:**

By memorandum, Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a tentative nontenured teacher assignment for Patrick Binder, social studies/QUEST and (temporary) reading instructor, Seward Middle/High.

RESIGNATION: By memorandum, Mr. Syverson recommended the Board accept the resignation of William Wise, special education/emotionally handicapped, Districtwide special services.

RESIGNATION (Continued): Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Number 1 through 6.  
ACTION Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Substitute and Temporary Pay Schedule: By memorandum, Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve the pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 2000-2001 school year. Dr. Peterson noted that the ceiling was increased from \$10 per hour to \$12 per hour for temporary help to accommodate returning summer technology workers.

ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the substitute and temporary pay schedule.  
Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs: Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve changes to BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs, that remove reference to the "rapid eye exam" as a test or screen used by school officials.

ACTION Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve changes to BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Mrs. Mullins asked whether training would be provided for elementary schools as well as middle/high schools. Dr. McLain noted that training was provided to all administrators and that breathalyzers will be used in all District schools.

Motion carried unanimously.

BP 6146.2, High School Equivalency Test: Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve changes to 6146.2, High School Equivalency Test, that clarify that individuals may obtain an Alaska High School General Equivalency Diploma by successfully completing and passing the GED test.

ACTION Mr. Chenault moved the Board approve changes to 6146.2, High School Equivalency Test. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BP 6162.71, Internet Use: Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve changes to BP 6162.71, Internet Use, that allow the District to publish student work on the internet unless parents request that student work not be published and to provide students access to the internet unless the parent requests that internet access be denied to their child.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve changes to BP 6162.71, Internet Use.  
Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mrs. Mullins asked how the nonpermission form affects web casts of graduations ceremonies. Dr. McLain responded that this policy change will allow an easier method to publishing student activities, photographs and work on the District web site. He explained that the nonpermission forms will be provided for parents to complete and return if they object to their child's use of the internet or work being published on the District web site.

Motion carried unanimously.

Section 3000 Business and  
Noninstructional Operations:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve various policy and administrative regulation changes throughout Section 3000, Business and Noninstructional Operations. He noted that Board policy and administrative regulation 3521 were revised at Board request during the August 7 worksession.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve revisions to Section 3000, Business and Noninstructional Operations as presented. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Mrs. Mullins asked Mr. Hickey to forward the Policy Manual changes to the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB).

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB Resolutions:

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the 2000 AASB Belief Statements and Core Resolutions as presented. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve an amendment to remove Resolution 2.7, Funding for the High School Qualifying Examination for consideration at the next School Board meeting. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Amendment to the motion carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Loshbaugh announced that on August 22, Jim Crawford will be a guest at the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, and he will speak on the tax cap initiative.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Gross thanked Mrs. Germano for representing her at the Districtwide Teachers' Inservice on August 16 and added that it was a good inservice.

Mr. Chenault congratulated Mr. Larson on his scholarship award. He reminded those present to vote on Tuesday, August 22.

Mrs. Mullins commented that several Board members had the opportunity to meet with several teachers to discuss their concerns. She noted that the open forum was pleasant and that it was a good inservice. She reminded those present to vote.

Mrs. Larned congratulated Mr. Larson for his scholarship award. She stated that she hoped he would have a chance to share information about his trip. She reported that she attended the inservice and enjoyed hearing the speakers. She reported that she also attended the open forum with District teachers and Board members and stated that it was a positive and valuable meeting. She invited those present to see the latest student art display in the Borough Assembly chambers.

Mrs. Crawford thanked the Board members for their representation during the open forum during the Districtwide inservice. She congratulated Mr. Larson for his scholarship award. She extended best wishes to everyone for a great school year and noted that school begins Wednesday, August 23.

Ms. Germano stated that she likes the new the magnetic calendar and added that she will be interested to hear feedback regarding the new format. She thanked Dr. Whitely, Mr. Leal, Dr. McLain and Mr. Hickey for their worksession presentations to the board earlier in the day. She extended congratulations to Mr. Larson for his scholarship award.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:03 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss pending litigation against the District. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ADJOURN: At 8:31 p.m., Mrs. Gross moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Deborah Germano, President

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Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of August 21, 2000,  
were approved on September 11, 2000  
as written.