

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Borough Administration Building  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

September 21, 1992

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Joe Arness, Member  
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member  
Mr. Michael Wiley, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Holmes, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
Operations, and Technology  
Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Janie Lawley	Mr. Paul Epperson
Mrs. Kathy Godek	Mr. Hal Smalley
Mrs. Pam Lazenby	Mrs. Arlene Wiley
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mr. David Schmidt
Mr. Richard Waisainen	Mrs. Beth Martin
Mr. Matthew Martin	Mrs. Sandra Ghormley
Mrs. Lisa Franzmann	Mrs. Janice Haberman
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Absent - Excused
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of August 10, 1992, were approved as written.

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PTA:

Mrs. Kathy Godek, Kenai Middle School PTA Chairperson, updated the Board on events occurring at that school. She noted the school year was off to a good start with interdisciplinary units at each grade level, staff working on the School District Report Card, Exploratory Night planned for October 20

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PTA (cont.):

at 7:00 p.m., working on emergency preparedness, and implementation of a Pride Program which focuses on raising grade point averages. Mrs. Godek told the Board that in view of recently publicized discord in the Anchorage School District she was appreciative of the good working relationship with the Kenai Peninsula School Board of Education. She invited the Board and administration to the school's open house on September 15, and regular PTA meetings held on the third Thursday of each month.

KENAI PENINSULA  
COUNCIL OF PTA'S:

Mrs. Pam Lazenby invited the Board to the PTA/PAC Convention beginning at noon on September 25 and ending at 5:00 p.m., September 26. She commented that a full agenda was planned with worksessions on various topics and a candidates forum. The convention will be held in Kenai at the Merit Inn.

KPEA:

Mr. Hal Smalley, KPEA President, told the Board he was looking forward to a successful year working with them. He noted the contract had been sent to the schools with ratification scheduled for October 2. According to the union's constitution the vote would be certified at the building representatives meeting which is scheduled for October 13. He was hopeful an emergency meeting could be scheduled prior to the October 5 school board meeting to facilitate approval of the contract at the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Dr. Holmes reported he had visited thirty school sites and felt the beginning of school was the best in several years. He attributed this success to teachers having more time for preparations prior to the first day of school.

He stated the enrollment to date was 9,578 students, which is 115 below the projected enrollment. He commented this was not unusual for the beginning of the school year, and no personnel changes will be considered until later in the school year. If the projected enrollment is not reached, the district could experience receiving less funds from the state.

Dr. Holmes complimented Mrs. Pam Lazenby and Mrs. Kathy Godek for their work preparing for the September 25-26 parent group convention. He noted the school district has previously organized similar meetings, and he was pleased the parents were interested in preparing their own convention.

He stated the school district continues to work on the sale of the vocational house in Deepwood Subdivision, Kenai. He noted two prospective buyers have decided not to purchase the house and the school district plans to finish the house and place it on the market. Mr. Wiley questioned whether a "For Sale" sign could be placed on the house. Dr. Holmes stated this could be done.

- DISTRICTWIDE TEST RESULTS:** Mrs. Rubadeau noted a printed report on the 1991-92 districtwide test results was in board members' packets. She reviewed the Iowa Test of Basic Skills with the Board and Mr. Paul Epperson, Director of Secondary Education, presented the Criterion Reference Test and Analytic Writing Assessment results.
- FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending August 31, 1992.
- CONSENT AGENDA:** Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Sick Leave Request/Certified, Sick Leave Draw Request/Support, Leave of Absence Request/Certified, Leave of Absence Request/Support, 1992-93 Teacher Assignments, Grant Application, and Extended Field Trip Requests.
- SICK LEAVE BANK REQUEST/CERTIFIED:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 24 days from the KPEA Sick Leave Bank for Mary Jackson, Kindergarten, Tustumena Elementary.
- SICK LEAVE BANK REQUEST/SUPPORT:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve draws from the KPESA Sick Leave Bank for Teresa Goff, Custodian, Nikiski High, 16 days; and Cindy Rasmussen, Special Education Aide, Homer Jr. High, 24 days.
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 1992-93 school year for Jean Sorenson, Grade 1, Nikiski Elementary.
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the second semester of the 1992-93 school year for Judy Morgenweck, Secretary I, Soldotna Elementary.
- 1992-93 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the following teacher assignments: Angela Beck, Physical Education/Pool, Seward Jr/Sr High; Liana Bigham, Social Studies/Swimming, Seward Jr/Sr High; Marina Bosick, Grades 1-2, Ninilchik Elem/High (half-time); Daniel Calhoun, Mathematics, Homer Jr. High; Susan Danker, Occupational Therapist, Paul Banks Elementary; Rebecca Germain, Special Education/Resource, Sears Elementary; Suzanne Maxwell, Chemistry/Physics/Computers, Soldotna High; Troy Minogue, Mathematics, Homer High (temporary); Emily Nicholson, Special Education/Resource, Soldotna Elementary; Laura Pillifant, Science, Soldotna Jr. High (half-time); Linae Sanger, Special Education/Resource, Homer High; Lisa Schmitter, Counselor, Soldotna Jr. High; Gregory Wilbanks, Science, Homer High (temporary); and Patricia Jay, Language Arts, Homer Jr. High (temporary).
- GRANT APPLICATION:** Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve a grant application in the amount of \$44,200 to be submitted to the Department of Education for the Future Problem Solving Program.

**EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUESTS:**

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for 50 Soldotna Jr. High students to participate in the Northwest Division of Music Educators National Conference in Portland, Oregon, February 11-15, 1993; for 15 Soldotna High School students to travel to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, March 20-28, 1993, to study the Mexican culture; and for 7 students from Soldotna High School to travel to Zaragoza, Spain, June 1-July 25, 1993, for an educational experience in the Spanish culture.

Mr. David Schmidt, Soldotna Jr. High School music instructor, told the Board his symphonic band had been invited to perform at the Northwest Music Educators Conference in Portland, Oregon. He noted the symphonic band had been selected from other elementary, junior high school, high school and university bands in the Northwestern states. He stated that he had not been notified of their selection until last week, and it appeared that all students except one will be attending the conference if the Board approved the extended field trip request.

**ACTION**

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda items #1 through #7. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AASB RESOLUTIONS:**

Mrs. Obendorf reported a board committee had been appointed to review fifty core resolutions prepared by the Board of Directors for the Association of Alaska School Boards. Committee member Clifford Massie stated the review committee recommended approval of all the core resolutions.

**ACTION**

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the AASB core resolutions. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mr. Wiley stated he would abstain from voting since he had not read the resolutions. Mrs. Obendorf responded this was not reason for abstaining from the vote.

**VOTE:**

- YES - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Massie, Obendorf
- NO - Wiley

Motion carried.

Mrs. Dimmick presented a resolution regarding Alaska 2000 as follows: Whereas, the Alaska 2000 has committees which have completed their work in making recommendations in different areas; and, Whereas, the State Board has chosen less than half of those recommendations to be presented as their

AASAB RESOLUTIONS  
(continued):

recommendations without allowing the public to see and discuss the total recommendations of all the committees; and, Whereas, the State Board's recommendations as published were in several instances changed or added to those provided by the various committees; and, Whereas, the work and recommendations of three of the committees were missing entirely from the list adopted by the State Board; Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the State Board be urged strongly to publish the entire list of recommendations presented to them by all of the committees as well as the testimony from the Educational Summit to allow public understanding of the process in which the Board is engaged in prior to changes in Department of Education regulations or passage of new legislation.

Mrs. Kathy Godek, Kenai Middle School PTA Chairperson, commented that she attended the Alaska 2000 Summit and had mixed feelings on the recommendations. She stated she agreed with Mrs. Dimmick's recommendation, and from attending various sessions of Alaska 2000 noted there was discord between what the committees recommended and the State Board of Education's implementation plan. She supported sending the message that the public was aware of the discord between the Alaska 2000 committees and State Board of Education.

Mrs. Lisa Franzmann, Sterling Elementary School parent, questioned how parental input could be received on the recommendations. She felt the committees primarily consisted of a majority of educators and did not necessarily reflect parents' view points. Dr. Holmes responded the district had no control of the committee appointments, and comments were taken at the Alaska 2000 Summit held Sept. 14-15 in Anchorage from all interested persons. He added that Commissioner Covey visited the Central Peninsula area to receive comments from parents and community members on September 8. He commented a complaint was received that most of the committee members were not educators. Mr. Dahlgren commented that the State Board of Education mandated the Commissioner of Education to form committees, and school districts were not asked for input on committee membership. Most committee members were persons from the public sector. Mrs. Obendorf suggested that Mrs. Franzman write to Commissioner Covey expressing her concerns.

Mr. Wiley suggested that parents express their concerns at the October 2 teleconference. This item will be addressed at the PTA/PAC Convention on September 25-26.

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA Chairperson, stated she attended the Alaska 2000 Summit and left the meetings with more negative feelings than positive ones. She stated she supported Mrs. Dimmick's resolution, and requested that another statewide teleconference be held after the full committee recommendations and public testimony are published in order for the public to respond to the State Board.

**ACTION**

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Mrs. Dimmick's resolution. Mr. Arness seconded.

**ACTION**

Mrs. Dimmick moved to amend the resolution to include in the Now Therefore Be Resolved section "with another teleconference to be held prior to changes in Department of Education regulations or passage of new legislation." Mrs. Gross seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Obendorf stated the resolution would be forwarded to the Association of Alaska School Boards to be considered at their convention in November.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

Mrs. Kathy Godek commented that 15-20 parents will be trained in reading the Analytic Writing Assessment rubrics at Kenai Middle School. She further noted that she has volunteered time working with the computer program at Kenai Middle School and discovered that the school is below average on computer technology. She suggested the district secure districtwide licensing on the various programs in order for schools to have access to current technology. She felt this method would be more cost effective and establish a shared standard of technology within the district.

Mrs. Janice Haberman, Sterling parent, expressed concern regarding the pupil-teacher ratio within the schools. She stated she had been informed the official count is 17 to 1, and questioned whether this included all certified personnel working in the district or only classroom teachers. Mrs. Radtke responded the 17 to 1 ratio is not used in the district. Mrs. Haberman commented the figure was in the Alaska 2000 recommendations, and Mrs. Radtke responded that was a "hoped for" figure. Mrs. Haberman urged the Board to work seriously towards lowering the pupil-teacher ratio.

Mrs. Rubadeau congratulated Mr. David Schmidt, Soldotna Jr. High music instructor, on being accepted to perform at the Northwest Music Educators Conference, particularly in view of the stiff competition from the Northwest region.

Mrs. Rubadeau commented it was a vote of confidence for the district to take over the management of the Future Problem Solving Program statewide. Mo Stoner, Soldotna Elementary teacher, and Marc Berezin, grant manager, were congratulated for their work and development of the grant during the summer.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mr. Wiley stated he was pleased the district was continuing plans on earthquake preparedness despite Governor Hickel vetoing legislation on this.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mr. Wiley commented that he had renewed appreciation for bus drivers after taking a bus drivers class in Seward recently.

Mrs. Gross requested a report from the personnel department on staffing at each school to include the projected enrollment, actual enrollment, staffing formula for individual schools and actual staffing for each school. She requested the alternative and flex schools be separated out as separate entities. If staff members are shared with other schools this should be indicated in the report. The board concurred with the request. Mrs. Radtke stated all principals have this information, and she would prepare a report for the board. She explained that not all school configurations fall within staff allocations based on current enrollments. She added that sometimes staff cannot be moved due to class configurations and school locations.

Mrs. Gross questioned whether Homer High School contained asbestos. Mr. Dahlgren responded that one area of the school has been reevaluated and found that asbestos was used in the construction of the school. This is being reviewed.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she would be speaking at the PTA/PAC Convention on disaster and earthquake preparedness. She noted she and Mr. Heavilin took a course on planning for earthquakes and other disasters which would allow them to inservice teachers and staff within the district.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she was impressed with Mr. Robert Brown, Head Custodian, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary, for the professionalism he brings to his work. She commented that he continues to be trained in the latest technology in his field of service. She noted September 13-19 was National Housekeepers Week which recognizes the important service provided by this group of personnel.

She called attention to a letter from Audrey Pearson who is concerned about environmental health.

Mrs. Obendorf appointed Mrs. Dimmick to the Health Curriculum Review Committee, Mr. Massie to the Language Arts Assessment Task Force, Mr. Arness to the District Assessment Committee, and Mr. Wiley to the Small Schools Committee.

She announced nominations to the AASB Board of Directors and Awards for Outstanding Board Members are due October 15.

She commented she felt the vision statement for Alaska 2000 is wonderful and something she would wish for all students. She noted the Board would be drafting a letter at the next meeting to the Department of Education, State School Board, and Commissioner Covey.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf commented that the student enrollment was down in all of the Russian Villages, and asked for further information on this. Mrs. Radtke responded that many Russian families are still fishing and have notified the schools that students will be returning soon. In one instance several families have moved to Kodiak. She expected the enrollment to pick up soon.

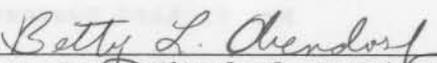
Mrs. Obendorf announced the next school board meeting would be held on Monday, October 5, in Seward.

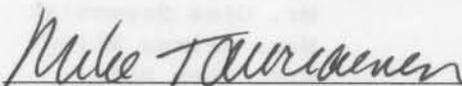
ADJOURN:

At 8:55 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk

The Minutes of September 21, 1992,  
were approved on October 5, 1992,  
as written.

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Seward High School  
Seward, Alaska 99664

October 5, 1992

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:** Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk  
Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
Mr. Joe Arness, Member  
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member  
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**STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Robert Holmes, Superintendent of Schools  
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Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Mary Daniels Mrs. Ruth Mai  
Mr. Roger Sampson Mr. Malcolm Fleming  
Mr. Glen Szymoniak Mr. James Skogstad  
Mrs. Arlene Wiley Mrs. Linda Sewall  
Mrs. Lynn Hole Mr. David Dieckgraeff  
Others present not identified.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Absent - Excused
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Late - 7:50 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as printed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The School Board Minutes of September 21, 1992, were approved as written.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** Mrs. Obendorf read a letter informing the Board of a teleconference on October 13 for the First National Satellite Town Meeting with Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander to be held 8:30 a.m. (EST). Discussion will include educational reforms in the America 2000 project. She advised board members to contact her if they were interested in participating in the teleconference.