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

November 16, 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
Mr. Martin Jackson, Student Representative

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:

Mr. Hal Smalley	Mr. William Overturf
Mrs. Marlene Byerly	Mrs. Janie Lawley
Mr. and Mrs. James Savaria	Mr. David Spence
Mr. Michael Machmeier	Mr. John Kistler
Mr. Jim Heim	Mr. Gilbert Heim
Dr. David Wagner	Ms. Kari Mohn
Ms. Ethel Clausen	Mr. Mark Moldenhauer
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Potton	Mrs. Mary Howarth
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mrs. Wanda Bonillas
Mr. Gary Betley	Mr. Charlie Gibson
Mrs. Nancy Rollins	Mrs. Kathy Ball
Mrs. Rebecca Perry	Mr. Harold Jackson
Mrs. Wysteria Wildwood	Mrs. Sandy Green

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	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Martin Jackson	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the deletion of items 8e and 8f, Approval of Grievance Hearing Findings and the addition of item 8f, Approval of Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of November 2, 1992, were approved with corrections.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Mrs. Obendorf welcomed Mr. Martin Jackson, a senior at Skyview High School, as its student representative for the 1992-93 school year. Mr. Martin was selected by his peers at the Districtwide Student Council Meeting last week.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Mr. Mark Moldenhauer, Sterling parent, questioned whether there was a policy violation in teaching of the four areas related to not teaching homosexuality as a viable alternative life style, abstinence shall be taught as the only approved method of contraception for youths, abortion shall not be taught as a method of birth control, and masturbation shall not be endorsed or encouraged. He felt employees reported in violation of the board's policy should be checked out and proper action should be taken. He requested this issue be addressed so there would not be future violations.

Mrs. Rebecca Perry, Kasilof parent, commented that she agreed with Mr. Moldenhauer's comments, and stated she had not received a response from the board or administration regarding her July 17 concerns related to the health curriculum. She expressed concern about teaching by the Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic and local Planned Parenthood clinic in the Central Peninsula. Her concern was that these groups were promoting safe sex for teens by use of preventative measures. She further expressed concern that Planned Parenthood would be presenting a seminar on AIDS at a student assembly at Nikiski High School on December 2. She noted parents planned a protest action against this Planned Parenthood activity. She felt there should be a system of accountability to the policy. Mrs. Obendorf questioned Mrs. Perry on the kind of response she expected from the administration. Mrs. Perry stated she expected opt out forms to be in student registration packets and no one had called her regarding the other items on her list. In response to a question from Mr. Wiley related to teaching of AIDS, Mrs. Perry stated it was her understanding that some teachers had found Dr. Margarite McIntosh for the seminar, but had been told Planned Parenthood would teach the seminar instead.

Mr. Tom Potton, Soldotna parent, told the Board there should be accountability on presentations made in the classroom, some of which were different from what parents expected. He stated that condoms were shown in his daughter's sixth grade sex education class, which was not part of the curriculum he and his wife reviewed. He commented that opt out forms were not in the packets distributed at the high school and junior high

HEARING OF
DELEGATIONS (cont.):

school where his children registered. He was familiar with the opt out form and requested these from the school offices. He distributed information to the board on "safe sex" curriculum. Mrs. Obendorf told Mr. Potton that the Health Curriculum Committee will receive written comments on the curriculum as they review it this year. She explained the lengthy process involved by the Health Curriculum Committee, which included numerous parents and community members, in developing the health curriculum. She also noted that at the July 17 meeting it was noted that Mrs. Perry's concerns would be presented to the Health Curriculum Committee. Mr. Wiley requested a listing of the committee members. Mr. Potton questioned who was responsible for the four items health curriculum items referenced. Mrs. Obendorf responded that they were made in a motion by a school board member in 1989 and approved by the board. Mr. Potton commented he felt the health curriculum which he reviewed was a good curriculum, but not what was taught in the classroom.

Mr. Gary Betley, Homer parent, felt the original curriculum was very good, and was sorry there were "gag orders" placed on the curriculum. He felt students are entitled to know as much as possible about the subject upon which to make responsible decisions. He supported the use of the book "Our Changing Bodies, Our Changing Lives" in order that students will think before taking any action. He felt that when not teaching teens about sex, they are more likely to get into trouble physically and emotionally. He felt if accurate information is not available, teens are in danger of sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy. Student Representative Jackson questioned whether Mr. Betley had statistics on the number of teens who have knowledge about sex and if this reduced pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Mr. Betley stated a legislative study indicated there were three pregnancies a day. He commented it is often difficult to gather this information because high students are often forbidden to be asked questions on sexuality. At this time he felt there was not a good baseline on this information.

Mr. Charlie Gibson, Fritz Creek parent, stated both sides of the sex curriculum issue had the same goals of protecting young people. He felt that due to early, unsafe sexual activities and death, something needed to be done now. He felt students should have information and knowledge upon which to make good choices. He felt knowledge, trust and facts were necessary to make these choices. He stated in a perfect world children would learn from parents; however, in the real world it doesn't happen that way. He quoted from the book "Our Changing Bodies, Our Changing Lives" about saying "no", and urged the same perspectives as quoted from book relate to the health curriculum. He commented that all reputable studies show that the more education and information children have, the better choices they make. Mrs. Obendorf requested that he submit a copy of his information to the board secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf noted a letter was received from Mrs. Penny Roberts who extended support to the book "Our Changing Bodies, Our Changing Lives".

Mrs. Gross noted that two Homer parents called her inquiring if they should attend the meeting to give their support to the health curriculum. Mrs. Gross stated she advised it would not be necessary for them to attend the meeting and that she would express their support of the curriculum.

Mrs. Obendorf requested Mrs. Rubadeau to supply the Board with a calendar of the Health Curriculum Committee meetings.

Mrs. Obendorf stated a letter had been received from the Hope/Sunrise PAC requesting a hot lunch program at their school.

AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf presented Plaques of Appreciation to Carolyn Savaria, Skyview Resource/Emotionally Handicapped Teacher; and Michael Bachmeier, Kenai Central High Custodian, for their dedication to their schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ended October 31, 1992. He commented the 1992-93 budget appeared to be stable with the 20-day count complete. He added that although the student count was below projection additional units were picked up for bilingual and special education.

RECONSIDERATION OF
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MATERIALS REPORT:

Mrs. Rubadeau reported that in response to letters from Mrs. Linda Harris and Mrs. Linda Martin, the Health Curriculum Committee met to review the book "Our Changing Bodies, Our Changing Lives". The committee found the book to be a valuable professional resource for health educators, however, as a resource for students the book is not aligned with board policy.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned if the book is contrary to board policy, why would it be used as a resource. Mrs. Rubadeau responded the book contained valuable information relating to the health curriculum. Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether this information could be found in other resources and not use this book since it is contrary to policy. Mrs. Rubadeau stated there were other resources available, but it is important to put as many professional resources in the teachers hands as possible.

1992-93 DISTRICT
EDUCATION PLAN:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented the education plan of the district for the 1992-93 school year. This report is part of the "School Report Card" reporting process and dealt primarily with the board's goals for 1992-93. The report would be used as a base for next year's "report card".

- CONSENT AGENDA:** Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Substitute Teacher Contracts, 1992-93 Teacher Assignments, Early Graduation Requests, Inservice Release Day, and Leave of Absence Request/Certified.
- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 19-day substitute teacher contracts for Mary Brandt, Special Education/Severe, Soldotna Junior High; and Mary Bailey, Speech Therapist, Soldotna Elementary.
- 1992-93 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teacher contracts for the 1992-93 school year for Anne Whitney, Job Coordinator/Vocational Counselor, Homer Flex School (retroactive to July 20, 1992); and Judy Ballentine, Special Education/Resource/ Emotionally Handicapped, Redoubt Elementary (Temporary).
- EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS:** Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve early graduation requests for two Soldotna High School seniors to graduate in January, 1993.
- INSERVICE RELEASE DAY:** Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve an inservice release day on April 29, 1993 for all middle schools to hear Dr. Paul George speak on middle school design and philosophy, interdisciplinary curriculum development and team strategies, program models, teacher training and building parent/community connections.
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a request for civic leave of absence starting January 4, 1993 through the end of the 1992-93 school year for Judy Salo, Grade 5, Mt. View Elementary.
- ACTION** Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #5. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.
- Mrs. Dimmick commented it appeared the Board would be rehiring a teacher prior to termination action. Mrs. Radtke apologized for the sequence of the items on the agenda.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- TEACHER TERMINATION:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve termination of Judy Ballentine, Special Education/Emotionally Handicapped, Redoubt Elementary due, to expiration of her teacher certificate. She stated due to Alaska Statutes, the district had no choice but to terminate the teacher. She explained there would be no problem with previous action of the board due to the date of termination and rehire.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the termination with the understanding this action has superseded previous action. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**KPESA NEGOTIATED
AGREEMENT:**

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the KPESA Negotiated Agreement for 1992-94.

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA President, commented that she felt the tone of the negotiations was very positive and she appreciated the efforts of the board's team to work cooperatively with her group. She noted there had been some bad "press" recently towards the employee groups that any salary increases would be tied to an increase in foundation funding. She noted the support staff realized the value of education and the PTR, and have given up salary increases and agreed to a cap on insurance payments towards that end. She noted many classified employees have children who participate in the free hot lunch program and other social programs. She concluded that the classified employees value the schools and the district, and she hoped the Board valued these employees.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, urged the support of the negotiated agreement and stated this is the only employee group who actually earns their current wage scale.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve the KPESA Negotiated Agreement. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he objected to the representation fee where new employees would pay a union fee whether they belonged to the union or not, and the automatic increase tied to the unit value in funding.

Mrs. Dimmick commented on the cooperation, attitude and spirit from this employee group towards completion of the contract. Mrs. Obendorf expressed appreciation to the classified negotiating team and administrative team for their work in completing the contract.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf

NO - Tauriainen

Advisory Vote - Abstain

Motion carried.

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REPORT:

Mrs. Rubadeau reported the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee met on November 12 to review the book "Our Changing Bodies, Our Changing Lives" as appropriate media for the secondary school libraries. The committee considered the book based on policies pertaining to selection of instructional materials and the reconsideration process. She stated the majority opinion of the committee members was that this book should be available to students in secondary school libraries. Two members of the committee objected to the book as appropriate for school libraries. She recommended the board approve the majority opinion of the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee.

Mr. Tauriainen questioned whether the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee was the same committee that reviewed the book for the Health Curriculum Committee. Mrs. Rubadeau responded this committee was the standard committee appointed by the board to review instructional materials. Mr. Tauriainen questioned where the book reviews for the book were from. Mrs. Rubadeau responded they were from the "Junior High School Library Catalog", Sixth Edition, Revised 1990, and also from the "Senior High School Library Catalog", Fourteenth Edition, Revised 1992, and "Books for Young Adults" from the Alaska State Library. In addition, committee members reviewed the book.

Mrs. Wysteria Wildwood, Homer parent, commented that statistics for Homer indicate a 20% pregnancy rate among teens. She felt availability of information was important to prevent teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. As a taxpayer, she resented a conservative group of people trying to ramrod their type of moral beliefs on public education especially since she did not teach her child that form of lack of information. She urged the Board to give more progressive, realistic thought in choosing student instructional materials. Mrs. Gross questioned whether the 20% teen pregnancy rate was from the hospital and whether it included women from the Russian villages. Mrs. Wildwood stated that most women from the Russian villages give birth at home. Statistics she studied indicate one in five teens become pregnant, however, not all are live births. Approximately 50% of unplanned pregnancies result in abortion.

Mr. Jackson questioned whether the 20% represented babies born to teenagers at the hospital or 20% of teen age girls get pregnant. Mrs. Wildwood responded statistics indicated 20% of teen gets pregnant, but not all are live births.

Mr. Mark Moldenhauer questioned how the book was reviewed by the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee when in fact it was never an approved school text and entered the schools through improper channels. He stated it appeared

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contradictory that the Health Curriculum Review Committee found the book to not be aligned to board policy, while the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee recommended the book be placed in secondary school libraries. He stated that some speakers indicated that students were not learning about sex, which he felt was not true, since he attended a junior high school class where teaching on this subject was taking place. Mrs. Rubadeau clarified that since the book was determined not to be a viable instructional material for the health curriculum it became known that the book was purchased for three high school libraries. Since then, it had been requested for review through the reconsideration process. She reiterated the books had been purchased for the various schools, but the books for Homer High School were a donation. She noted that within the current health curriculum it was found the book was not in alignment with the policy.

Ms. Kari Mohn, District Media Center Coordinator, presented the board with selection criteria for instructional materials, particularly as they deal with library items. She commented the criteria is to supply background which will enable students to make intelligent judgements in their life, and to provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking. She told the board that one of the tools librarians use in selecting library materials was the Wilson Catalogs for junior high and high school levels which outline books for school libraries. The book "Our Changing Bodies, Our Changing Lives" is listed for use in both past and updated catalogs for a core collection at junior-senior high schools.

Dr. David Wagoner, parent, stated he wanted his teen age children to receive a balanced view, and believed that controversial topics are important for students to learn critical thinking and decision making skills. He felt it was important that they read various materials and make their own decisions, with input from the parents at home. He felt the book was very appropriate for the high school level and encouraged that it remain the high school libraries.

Mrs. Rebecca Perry, Kasilof parent, reiterated objections to statements on the safe sex-condom method of instruction, but did not feel the health curriculum in place withheld information. Her concern was that some information was dangerous for students, such as the condom message. She read information to the board on greater risks through the use of condoms. She felt the dual message weakens the abstinence message set forth in policy. She affirmed it was her intent that students learn responsible information about sex and not be misled by thinking they can be sexually active and safe. She stated the book violates the guidelines, as well as being pornographic and "trash". Mrs. Gross questioned Mrs. Perry if

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she knew schools were teaching that condoms are safe. Mrs. Perry stated she had expressed concern that the family planning clinics are teaching that students can have sex with contraceptives and condoms without or with much less repercussions. Mrs. Perry added she felt most of the schools were following the guidelines.

Mr. Harold Jackson, parent, stated that he felt this subject was one that could not be separated from a person's values. He felt that most parents felt that values should be taught. He added that most laws are based on minimal levels of morality, and we have an obligation to set levels of values. He felt it was not necessary to go to the absolute lowest common denominator to draw the line, especially on this topic which is so important to parents. He requested more parental involvement in the selection of materials and subject matter presentations made in the schools.

Mr. Charlie Gibson stated he would be happy to send the Board statistical data related to the 20% teen pregnancy rate and information regarding the topic where more sex education does not promote promiscuity.

Mrs. Sandy Green, parent, stated that speaking from experience, families who are open about sex teaching do not necessarily decrease the teen pregnancy statistics and each individual decides for themselves their own life styles. She felt it was good for students to have critical thinking skills, but felt maturity was an important factor involved.

Mrs. Kathy Ball, parent and educator, commented that children do not always make correct decisions despite information given to them. She questioned why there was no accountability to the curriculum when parents requested that abstinence be taught in the schools. She felt things should not be "covered up", above what has been stipulated.

Mrs. Tom Potton, Soldotna parent, stated she appreciated the time and effort the Board spent in developing the health curriculum. She stated she did not approve of the book coming into the school libraries. She noted if the book was not approved for the health curriculum, it should not be placed in the libraries.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, stated his children at Kenai Central High and Kenai Middle School received opt out forms in their registration packets. He stated the issue was library books, not the health curriculum. He stated it was important for students to have access to materials upon which to base decisions. He approved of placing the book in the libraries as per the administration's recommendation. He felt information on opposing viewpoints was important for decision making.

RECESS:

Mrs. Obendorf called a recess at 9:20 p.m.

RECONVENE AFTER

The Board reconvened in regular session at 9:39 p.m.

RECESS:

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee Report. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented he had reviewed the book and found it had no place in school libraries. He stated the book contained both good information and perverted sexual information which he felt should not be used as a teacher resource or for students. He felt the school board had the responsibility to provide positive, accurate information for students, not provide information just for the sake of controversy.

Mr. Arness stated he was the board's representative to reconsider the book. He commented the committee was a diverse group and they were not uncomfortable having the book in school libraries. The committee felt the potential benefits of the book outweighed the negative side of the book. Personally, he stated he did not find the information in the book to be dangerous, false or judgemental. He did not feel the book promoted sexuality or promiscuity, but defined many terms for the readers. He stated he would even consider the book for his bookshelves at home. He also had no problems recommending the book as a textbook for the health curriculum.

Mr. Jackson stated he only briefly looked the book and it was his feeling the book was too in-depth for the maturity level of junior high school students. Therefore, based on student maturity levels the book could be harmful to junior high and some high school students.

Mr. Wiley expressed concern about the book being available to junior high school students. He agreed with Dr. Wagoner that decisions could be made with adult supervision.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to amend the motion to make the book available in the districtwide instructional media center for teacher use, and remove it from the secondary school libraries. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mr. Wiley clarified his motion that the information could be available for student use with the supervision of the teacher. He felt juniors and seniors in high school could be able to handle the material. Mrs. Gross commented the recommendation was for the book to not be used in the health curriculum

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classroom, then the amendment would remove the book for teacher use. Mrs. Obendorf commented she would not support the amendment because she felt the book should be with nurses and counselors who were aware of the students' problems. Mr. Massie stated he felt the amendment would be hiding information and he did not favor this.

VOTE:

- YES - Tauriainen, Wiley
- NO - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Massie, Obendorf
- Advisory Vote - Yes

Amendment failed.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he felt the book was contrary to the four restrictions on the health curriculum, and in some ways the book was supportive of these restrictions.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she attended the committee review of the book, and this was a rare time that she would not support a committee recommendation. She stated she did not find the awful things in the book that people told her were there. The book contained normal anatomical pictures, but the book was inappropriate for grades 7-12. Some materials should have been available prior to the 7th grade and other materials would be more appropriate for students in the 11th and 12th grades. She noted the Library of Congress has classified it as an instructional book for use by a teacher with a student. She felt it would be an excellent book for use by counselors and nurses who understood the students. She felt the book might not be used for the purpose it was intended, and is not appropriate for a junior-senior high school library.

Mr. Arness stated the committee questioned the grade levels of 7-12. As a consensus, the committee felt the students would get from the book what they were looking for at their level of development.

Mr. Wiley stated he concurred with comments made, but he had concerns that some schools do not have health curriculum teachers, and it would be difficult to determine the book's use.

Mrs. Dimmick stated that as a practical matter teachers, nurses and counselors have access to any materials they wish to read. She stated the issue before the board was whether the book will continue in a few school libraries, along with some books such as "In Cold Blood", which is a violent book. She stated this was an uncomfortable subject, and accurate information needed to be available on the topic.

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VOTE:

YES - Arness, Dimmick, Gross, Massie, Tauriainen, Wiley
NO - Obendorf
Advisory Vote - No

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved for reconsideration at the next meeting.

PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. John Kistler commented that it was apparent that an effort would be made for an increase in a foundation formula. If this occurred everyone would get a raise, everybody except the kids especially at the elementary level. He questioned what method the board planned to use to reduce the PTR in the elementary classrooms when the board approved negotiated raises pending funding increases. He stated there should be a better way to get information to the public through the media telling them what would be happening at school board meetings. He felt only special interest groups attended for their specific issues, and instead parents should attend to learn what is happening.

Mr. Mark Moldenhauer stated it was important for the school board to be aware of the books in its libraries. He stated it was his opinion to withdraw the book "In Cold Blood" from the libraries and lines should be drawn on what books are placed in school libraries.

Mrs. Nancy Rollins, Planned Parenthood Clinic Manager in Soldotna, stated it is a privilege to present accurate information on sexually transmitted diseases to school classes. She stated the organizations both in Homer and the Central Peninsula follow the board's guidelines very carefully in their presentations. She noted they serve senior citizens as well as teens in presenting information and services. She commented she was invited last week to teach a mini-section on HIV testing at the Nikiski Jr/Sr High assembly on December 2. She commented she was invited after two committee members objected to involvement by Planned Parenthood but were unable to get another presenter. She added that Planned Parenthood is the only nonprivate agency doing HIV testing in the central peninsula area.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board members extended welcoming remarks to Mr. Martin Jackson who will be their student representative for this school year.

Mr. Wiley expressed appreciation to the people who extended their remarks on the health curriculum, many who had common grounds. He stated he hoped the health curriculum procedures would be opened more to the public.

BOARD COMMENTS
(continued):

Mr. Wiley stated he attended the Kenai Peninsula Marketing Council's annual meeting at Kenai Central High School. He felt it was a productive meeting.

He requested the administration to look into a hot lunch program for Hope School. The Board concurred that a report be presented on this at the next meeting.

Mrs. Gross stated she enjoyed the Districtwide Student Council Meeting held in Homer last week. She stated the school representatives were a creative group of students who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

She congratulated students who participated in the state swimming meet last weekend. She noted new state records were set by students from Homer and Soldotna with other students doing extremely well. She noted the Homer boy's and girl's teams received the scholastic award for the highest GPA's.

Mr. Jackson commented he was happy to be part of the Board to give the students' perspective on items.

Mr. Tauriainen extended appreciation to Mr. Potton for the handout presented to the Board. He encouraged the board members to review it.

Mr. Arness stated he felt the board was launched off into a new era of divisiveness and hoped everyone would maintain their objectivity. With all said and done, he stated the book wasn't worth the time and energy spent on it.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she attended the AASB Convention where she sat in on committee meetings and was a presenter. She commented she attended an informative worksession for school board members on AIDS. She noted it was evident there is an appalling amount of ignorance on this disease. She stated Mr. George Caranahan attended the resolutions' committee meeting as an observer. She noted it was nice to have an observer attending these sessions.

Mrs. Dimmick requested Dr. Holmes prepare a recommendation for the board concerning strategic planning as discussed in the afternoon worksession. The board concurred with the request to be presented at a December meeting.

Mrs. Obendorf appointed Mr. Arness and Mr. Wiley to serve as the board's representative to the budget review committee.

She expressed appreciation to the speakers at the meeting.

She announced the administrators will hold a meeting on Wednesday, followed by Skills for Excellence meetings on Thursday.

BOARD COMMENTS
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf questioned whether the reconsideration policy needed to be changed to "instructional or media" materials. She commented there seemed to be some confusion on this.

She requested the administration find out which schools did not have opt out materials available at the beginning of the school year.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded the board and public that on a notice of reconsideration the board takes public input on the reconsideration only. No further testimony will be taken on the topic.

Mrs. Obendorf stated the media receives all available materials about the school board meetings.

She stated she enjoyed the AASB convention and attended several outstanding presentations. She stated she attended a legislative affairs meeting and noted it was important to have a board legislative liaison to apprise the board on legislative issues. She solicited a volunteer from the board to be their legislative liaison. She stated highlights of the conference were presentations by the SoHi Swing Choir and McCubbins Brothers singing the National Anthem.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:28 p.m., Mr. Massie 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. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

At 11:45 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

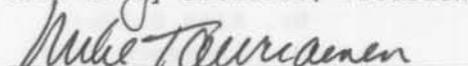
ADJOURN MEETING:

At 11:46 p.m., Mrs. Dimmick moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk

The Minutes of November 16, 1992,
were approved on December 7, 1992,
as corrected.