

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

February 1, 1993

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. John Kistler	Mr. Red Smith
Mrs. Beverly Berdahl	Mr. Hal Smalley
Mr. Dennis Murray	Mr. Kurt Merrick
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mrs. Kathy Scott
Mr. Robert Bird	Mr. Mark Moldenhouer
Ms. Peggy Mullen	Mrs. Nancy Rollins
Mr. Ken Tarbox	Mrs. Brenda Cutsforth
Mr. Duane Anderson	Mr. Lincoln Saito
Mr. Ben Wells	Miss Ivy Walkden
Miss Meredith Sumpter	Mr. Ivan Ramos
Mr. Erin Greenwell	Mr. Rob Roble
Miss Carmen Carroll	Mr. Tage Flannigan
Miss Kelly Glidden	Miss Annie Smith
Miss Jessie Mathews	Mr. Luke Gamble
Miss Monica Pelky	Miss Nichole Robertson
Mr. Jamie Gonzales	Mrs. Sharon Moock
Mr. William Radtke	Mr. Dan Sexton
Ms. Debra Gilcrest	Rev. Dean Nichols
Rev. and Mrs. James Pearson	Mr. Jerry Hobart
Mrs. Rebecca Perry	Mrs. Sandra Ghormley
Mr. Pat Shields	
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	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Martin Jackson	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 8e, Approval of Leave of Absence Request/Certified.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of February 1, 1993, were approved as written.

WELCOME:

Mrs. Obendorf welcomed former student representative, Kurt Merrick, to the meeting.

**HOMER MIDDLE SCHOOL
REPORT:**

Mr. Lincoln Saito, Homer Middle School Principal, reported to the Board that implementation of the middle school program at his school this year has made a positive impact on students and teachers. He expressed the staff's appreciation for the planned renovations for the swimming pool area to a lunch room/multipurpose room. He added the parent organization has been beneficial as partners in the school. He stated the six-year old cross-curricular program includes emphasis on thinking skills, writing, reading, research and the integration of mathematics, science, language and social studies around thematic units. One of the cross-curricular programs, "Touch and Goes", taught by Wayne Clark and Kathy Hill received national recognition this year from the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education. Students of the SHOP (Students Helping Other People) Program presented a skit "Turn Around" on the influence of drugs and alcohol.

**HEARING OF
DELEGATIONS:**

Mr. Red Smith told the Board funds should be available to schools from revenues generated on the sale of trees and forest products in national forests. He encouraged the Board to have a representative attend the February 11 Resource Development Council Breakfast where plans should be unveiled on forestry plans for the Peninsula. He commented that under the Freedom of Information Act the Board and Borough should request an accounting from the state and federal government on what the property interests of the forests and revenues have amounted to and how they have been distributed. He stated the records available to him indicated errors and misrepresentations existed. He added that timber development is expected for the Crown Point area and, therefore, would effect increased enrollments at the Moose Pass School.

HEARING OF
DELEGATIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Beverly Berdahl, Nikiski parent, showed an excerpt from a Christian video which talked about teenage pregnancy, loss of family morality, and decline in scholastic scores affected by the removal of God from schools. Mr. Wiley questioned how the date of 1963 indicated in the video related to the time when God was taken from schools. Mrs. Berdahl responded that was the time the Supreme Court outlawed prayer in schools.

Mrs. Terry Burnett, parent, told the Board that Planned Parenthood should not be allowed to serve as resources to the health curriculum. She stated since Planned Parenthood was the number one abortion provider in the nation, use of this organization would send a mixed message to students.

Rev. Dean Nichols, Kenai First Baptist Church representative, encouraged the Board to look at the issue objectively. He commented he would not object to Planned Parenthood coming into the district if equal time was also given to Christian groups. He added that the school board by condoning Planned Parenthood would be promoting their stand on abortion, sexual activity and things of this nature. He requested Planned Parenthood not be allowed to participate in the public schools.

Mrs. Rebecca Perry, Kasilof parent, stated she was appreciative of the Board's time and consideration in listening to the parents. She thought there might be a misunderstanding, but this was a group of parents who wanted to be heard. Her main concern was that there might be confusion about abstinence. She distributed pamphlets to board members and read excerpts from the material. She felt abstinence should be the only method of birth control for teens and this should also be encouraged for sexually active teens.

Mrs. Brenda Cutsforth stated it was important that students receive a well rounded education and be prepared to make informed decisions based on knowledge. She noted that it is difficult to separate the agencies from the people who make class presentations. For this reason, she did not feel that Planned Parenthood should be allowed to make presentations because of their stand on "safe sex".

Miss Melissa Neely, Nikiski Jr/Sr High School student, stated abstinence was not taught in her class. She felt Planned Parenthood should not be allowed in the schools because it taught "safe sex", which does not work.

Mr. Steve Holiday, Nikiski Jr/Sr High School student, stated Planned Parenthood should not come to schools because he felt their information was inaccurate where they gave high

HEARING OF
DELEGATIONS (cont.):

estimates from birth control, pregnancies, and sexually transmitted diseases. In response to a question from Mr. Wiley, Mr. Holiday responded he did not attend the presentation by Planned Parenthood at Nikiski High School in December.

Miss Dionne Carter, Nikiski Jr/Sr High School student, commented she had just returned from the hospital where her friend had given birth. She stated her friend became pregnant because she had sex once and used a condom. She stated she could not understand how the Board of Education can bring in an organization that promotes "safe sex". She felt abstinence should be taught.

Mr. Dan Sexton, parent, expressed appreciation to the Board for their responses to his questions. He stated his concern was the abstinence portion of the health curriculum, teachers and use of local resources. He commented that although personally he did not agree with Planned Parenthood's philosophy on some sensitive issues, he was not here to ridicule any person from that organization. He stated the district has developed a good health curriculum, and it was important that everyone believed in it. The key to this is to believe that abstinence is the best message for our youth. To this end all school board members, administrators, teachers, resource persons and parents need to believe that the abstinence message works.

Miss Katie Tallent, Nikiski Jr/Sr High School student, commented that Planned Parenthood tries to provide a cure for something they cannot cure. She stated the organization promotes promiscuity, "safe sex" and abortion. She felt this leads to child abuse which leads to irresponsibility where families fall apart. She stated everything depends on what is taught in school, and Planned Parenthood did not teach the right things.

Miss Rene Shennen, Nikiski Jr/Sr High School student, felt Planned Parenthood was not needed in schools because counselors are available to help students, and an outside agency was not needed for this help. She felt the school would be sending a double message to students while claiming to teach abstinence, yet considering using Planned Parenthood. She felt condoms with the school logo indicated a school spirit, but in her opinion, were not related at all.

Mr. Robert Bird, stated he was present at the meeting as a parent, employee of the school district and representative for Right to Life. He commented the school board granted him a leave of absence where he completed his master's degree, and

HEARING OF
DELEGATIONS (cont.):

the topic of his thesis was "The History of Abortion". He commented that Planned Parenthood is the largest single provider of abortions in the country. He stated the worldwide organization of Planned Parenthood has comic books which are offensive in nature to the Catholic Church.

Mr. Toby Johnson, Nikiski Jr/Sr High School student, read an article entitled "Another Kind of Sex Ed" from the February issue of "Readers Digest".

Mrs. Obendorf requested that Mrs. Rubadeau respond to some of the concerns expressed. Mrs. Rubadeau commented that the issues are addressed in policy 006.2 and 006.2R, Controversial Issues. The regulation states, "Outside speakers may be used judiciously to support classroom activities. Prior to scheduling guest speakers, principal approval must be obtained." She noted there is nothing in policy that speaks to denial of any agency. She commented that at a recent health curriculum meeting teachers stated they use a wide variety of local resource people who are approved by the building administrators. If the building administrator is not familiar with the resource person, help is given from central office either through her office or the curriculum office. Mr. Wiley commented that the policy states, "Citizen complaints regarding controversial issues or speakers must be submitted in writing to the superintendent and will be handled as a grievance or complaint." He questioned whether she had received any written complaints. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that she had not received any written complaints. Mr. Tauriainen stated petitions had been submitted regarding the health curriculum and Planned Parenthood. Mrs. Obendorf commented the petitions had been received at the last meeting and were submitted to the school board. Mr. Tauriainen noted students commented on teaching of the health curriculum at the meeting as well as parents and teachers testifying at the past half-dozen meetings, but nothing had been done. He stated he had received reports that the policy continues to be ignored at some schools. Dr. Holmes stated concerns were articulated to the board last summer, they were checked, action was taken, and the administration contacted the individual who made the complaint. This was a personnel action taken on the part of the school district. He stated he informed the principals on November 18 that the curriculum must be followed and specific problems will be reviewed. Mr. Tauriainen expressed appreciation to Mr. Dahlgren for his response last week when he reported Planned Parenthood was selling condoms with school insignia. He noted he was wearing the odd jewelry at the meeting. Mrs. Dimmick commented that the policy stated, "In presenting controversial issues, the teacher will encourage students to express their own views" which was evident with

HEARING OF
DELEGATIONS (cont.):

students speaking at the meeting. She further noted the policy stated, "When discussing controversial issues, the teacher will respect positions other than his/her own." She stated she was concerned about this after hearing from a teacher at the meeting where possibly the policy was not being followed. She questioned if that is the case, what would be done about it. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that in any case of study, the building principal would be relied on to monitor the curriculum guidelines and board policies to see they are being followed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf read the petition presented to the Board at their January 18 meeting where residents voiced objection to the presence of representatives of Planned Parenthood being in the public schools.

Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Cooper Landing Parent Advisory Committee who expressed the need for a new portable classroom, additional parking space, and fencing around the playing field. She referred the letter to Mr. Dahlgren for response.

Mrs. Obendorf reported the Board had received a copy of Resolution No. 93-001 from the Seward City Council supporting the middle school concept in Seward beginning the 1993-94 school year.

She noted a letter had been received from Kathleen Tarr who wrote for a group of parents who supported the use of the book "Changing Bodies, Changing Lives", as well as the use of Planned Parenthood and similar agencies as resources to the health curriculum. Their major concern was not the presence of Planned Parenthood in the schools, but fear of ignorance.

She read a letter from Ginger Drais, parent and educator, who commended the Board for its decision to leave "Changing Bodies, Changing Lives" available for use by district staff. Ms. Drais wrote that she had read the book and could not understand the uproar surrounding its use.

Mr. Wiley commented a letter had been received by the Board from SPACEAGE, Seward Parent and Child Education Advocacy Group Etc., commending Dr. Donald Boehmer, Special Education Director, for his innovative techniques and the high standards he sets for himself, the staff, and adherence to regulations as they pertain to special needs students. They stated he is a great asset to the KPBSD. Mrs. Obendorf commented she had received many telephone calls commending Dr. Boehmer for his work.

SOLDOTNA JUNIOR HIGH
PTSA:

Mrs. Regina Belden, Soldotna Junior High School PTSA Chairperson, requested the Board consider additional funding for middle school implementation at their school. She noted it has come to their attention that they might lose a .5 teacher next year, which was a real concern to the group.

SKYVIEW HIGH PTSA:

Mr. Ken Tarbox, Skyview High School PTSA President, invited the Board to a Shared Decision Making presentation at the school at 7:00 p.m., February 2. A portion of that presentation will be made by Principal Marlene Byerly on restructuring efforts for the 93-94 school year. He also noted that on March 6 a restructuring inservice will be conducted. He stated he was pleased with the accreditation review, especially where the review team rated the school as excellent by its small school atmosphere and team approach working with parents, students, teachers and administrators.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Holmes reported the next budget worksession would be held on Monday, February 15 at 4:00 p.m.

He noted Strategic Planning nomination forms and related news articles were printed in the three peninsula newspapers last week. The videos produced on the strategic planning process are available at the local libraries. Nomination forms are available at the libraries or at the central office.

Dr. Holmes announced that selection of finalists and scheduled interviews for principals at Chapman Elementary, Nikolaevsk Elem/High and Homer High are being completed.

Mrs. Obendorf commented that budget worksessions were scheduled for February 2 and 8, however, the Board had concluded the necessary work during the afternoon worksession.

RECESS:

At 8:55 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:

At 9:12 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Extended Field Trip Requests, Teacher Assignment, Resignation, and Leave of Absence Request/Certified.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for three Nikolaevsk High School students to participate in Close-Up Program activities in Washington, D.C., May 8-15, 1993; for 13 Nikiski Jr/Sr High School band students to travel to Seattle, WA, April 15-18, 1993, to work with a private music clinician; for three Nikiski Jr/Sr High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., April 18-25, 1993, for Close-Up Program activities; and four Homer High School students to attend Close-Up Program activities, March 21-28, 1993, in Washington, D.C.

TEACHER ASSIGNMENT: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the assignment of Esther Chiappone, Special Education/Resource (half-time), temporary, Kenai Central High School.

RESIGNATION: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Dennis Dempsey, Principal, Homer High School, effective the end of the 1992-93 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for the 1993-94 school year for Sharon Friesen, Speech Therapist, Paul Banks Elementary.

ACTION Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1 through #4. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISION/003.115, FUNDRAISING: Mrs. Rubadeau reported revised Policy 003.115, Fundraising, was presented for Board approval. She commented the policy had been reviewed by the school administrators, but no further revisions were recommended from that group.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, told the Board there was improved wording in the policy, but that prohibition on use of pull tabs should be specified in the policy. He further recommended that prior approval by the superintendent or board should be made prior to certain uses at the schools. He felt specific direction should be made for the use of the gaming permit.

ACTION Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board adopt Policy 003.115, Fundraising. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick commented that each type of use must be applied for specifically, and it was quite clear that they would not be used for pull tabs.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen, moved to amend the motion to add, "Any use of the permit for other than raffles is prohibited." Motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to add, "Any use of the permit for other than raffles must have prior and specific approval from the school board." Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Rubadeau commented that gaming permits are issued annually and specific games are checked on the permit form before they are approved. The policy specifically states that use of the permit other than for raffles must receive approval from the superintendent. Loan of permits is not allowed.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to add "Any use of the permit for other than raffles or bingo will be prohibited." Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he would vote against the motion because the policy is left wide open. Mr. Wiley responded he would vote in favor of the motion because the intent is clearly expressed, but allows flexibility to the schools based on their diverse values.

VOTE:

YES - Dimmick, Gross, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf

NO - Tauriainen

Advisory vote - YES

Motion carried.

COMMENCE KPAA

NEGOTIATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board commence negotiations with the Kenai Peninsula Administrators Association. The only item open to negotiations would be Item 2.11, salary schedule for the 1993-94 school year.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, requested that general information from negotiations be made available to the public during the negotiations process. He stated he felt the closed door method of negotiating with school district employees was unfair to the public. He felt the public was entitled to all information about the items on the table.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether the Board could say unilaterally they wanted negotiations open to the public or would they need consensus from KPAA. Mrs. Radtke responded she would need to research the KPAA contract to see if this was possible.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the administration's request to begin negotiations. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mr. Tauriainen requested that negotiations be open to the public. Mrs. Obendorf responded that it was uncertain whether this could take place since the information was not available at the meeting. Mr. Tauriainen stated the request could still be made and could be dealt with when further information is available. Mr. Wiley commented he felt the request could be made, however, if it is addressed in the negotiated agreement there must be concurrence by the other party. Mrs. Obendorf commented it was inappropriate for the Board to make a decision that does not uphold the negotiated agreement.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion that negotiations be open to the public. Mr. Wiley seconded.

COMMENCE KPAA

NEGOTIATIONS (cont.):

Mrs. Radtke commented the KPAA contract was approved for three years with reopening approved for salaries only. She stated legal questions remain on whether the ground rules originally agreed to remain intact and whether they remain in place until a new agreement is opened. She noted legal counsel would need to review the agreement.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to postpone action until the February 15 meeting. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Mrs. Dimmick requested the administration also find out who would be negotiating with KPAA.

Motion to postpone carried unanimously.

Mrs. Obendorf commented she would not be present at the February 15 meeting and stated she is not opposed to open negotiations, but is very protective to what the Board had negotiated in the current negotiated agreements. She added she felt the amendment was inappropriate. She reminded the Board that she had suggested open negotiations last year.

TEACHER TERMINATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the termination of Nathan Cormie, Special Education/Resource/Severe Education, Seward Jr/Sr High, due to failure to complete contractual obligations.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the termination of Nathan Cormie as recommended by Mrs. Radtke. Mrs. Dimmick seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
 REQUEST/CERTIFIED:**

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for the 1993-94 school year for Ken Satre, Principal, Ninilchik Elem/High School. Mrs. Radtke stated Mr. Satre has written that he would not be returning to Ninilchik, and would accept another position within the school district following his leave of absence.

ACTION

Mrs. Dimmick moved the Board approve Mr. Satre's request for one year leave of absence. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS;

Mr. John Kistler, parent, commented that while junior high and high school students are capable of reproduction, he did not disagree that abstinence should be stressed. While different groups were in disagreement, he felt the statement by Robert Heinlein was appropriate, "When any government, any church, any group of people for that matter, undertakes to say to its subjects that this you must not read, this you must not see, this you are forbidden to know, the end result is tyranny and oppression, no matter how holy the motives. Mighty little

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
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force is needed to control a man whose mind has been hoodwinked; contrariwise, no amount of force can control a free man, a man whose mind is free. No, you can't conquer a free man; the most you can do is kill him." He hoped students would grow up to be able to make choices from all information that is available. He felt the majority of residents supported Planned Parenthood in the schools.

Rev. Dean Nichols stated he felt that all ideas and thoughts should be presented. He stated he represented an organization whose ideology has been suppressed. He stated he represented a group of concerned parents whose teachings are being compromised by the school district. They want abstinence taught in the home and the same taught in the school district. They also do not want Planned Parenthood teaching in the schools. Student Representative Martin stated he had read the Bible for an assignment and questioned what Rev. Nichols based his opinion on as far as the Bible being out of the schools. Rev. Nichols commented that the Bible is read as literature not as morality.

Mr. Jason Tauriainen, former Nikiski Jr/Sr High School student, stated the school policy should teach abstinence and it would be a conflict to teach about sexuality.

Mrs. Nancy Rollins, Manager of Planned Parenthood clinic, stated she has been a guest speaker to a number of health classes. She commented that she personally believed and Planned Parenthood literature states that abstinence is the best choice for teens. Planned Parenthood has clients from ages 15 to 65 for a wide variety of services, i.e. mammograms, nutrition, etc. Despite promoting abstinence, it is known that some teens are sexually active who seek information. When in the school system, Planned Parenthood follows the school district's guidelines. She commented that contraceptives and sexually transmitted diseases are mentioned in the health curriculum. When questioned by Mr. Tauriainen about the presence of condom jewelry, Mrs. Rollins responded the jewelry was made by a volunteer and the jewelry was targeted for those people who visit the clinic, not for sale in the schools. She encouraged that people who have concerns should call her with questions.

Miss Amber Kunkle, Nikiski Jr/Sr High School student, stated that not only parents, but students did not want Planned Parenthood in their school. She felt standards should be set for teens by the school board being examples for them.

Mr. Kurt Merrick, former student representative, Soldotna High School graduate and recent college graduate, stated that it is important that students get the message on abstinence. However, the fact remained that sexually transmitted diseases do occur in the community. He stated he supported Nancy Rollins of Planned Parenthood in her teaching within school.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
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board policy guidelines. He stated it was obvious that STD's and unwanted teen pregnancies were occurring in the school district, and the message should be sent to the teens. He urged the Board and parents to target the problem together.

Mr. Mark Moldenhauer, Sterling parent, commented it was obvious that parents were present to give their views for controls on the health curriculum program. He stated parents were not opposed to teaching about sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, dangers of promiscuity. He stated the issue was Planned Parenthood because it was a major provider of information on abortions.

Rev. James Pearson, pastor of the Sterling Lutheran Church, told the Board that young people should be supported in abstinence, but this is not totally encouraged in the health classes. He encouraged that teachers use the Pregnancy Crisis Center, who present very good presentations to students. He commented he felt the condom jewelry at the Planned Parenthood office was ridiculous because this encourages young people to do what other people are doing.

Mr. Jerry Hobart, former school board member, told the Board that young people need to make intelligent choices and need information upon which to base these choices. He commented the latest information on declining SAT test scores was attributed to the influence of television and a lack of two-year foreign language university requirement. He felt parental apathy was also responsible for declining test scores. He commented the issue appeared to be Right to Life versus abortion.

Mrs. Brenda Cutsforth stated she was not aware that concerns should be submitted in writing, and had handled her concerns by contacting the person individually. She felt Planned Parenthood should give students information on abstinence, and that their information was incorrect. She felt sexuality was encouraged by glamourizing it with condom jewelry.

Mrs. Beverly Berdahl, parent, read to the Board from a booklet by George Grant opposing Planned Parenthood.

Miss Sarah Berdahl, Nikiski Jr/Sr High School student, told the board she did not want Planned Parenthood in her school. She stated she felt if sex education is taught in the schools both sides of the issue should be taught. She stated Planned Parenthood promotes sex, abortion and the ability to forget or ignore consequences for actions. She stated Planned Parenthood enters the schools under special rules to speak most of the time and the presenter identified herself with the organization.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(continued):

Mrs. Terry Burnett questioned where the schools were headed and was concerned that things happening in the "lower 48" in where the district is headed by allowing Planned Parenthood in the schools. She read to the Board from a book, "The AIDS Cover-up" by June Antonio.

Mr. Duane Anderson, parent, requested the Board consider open negotiations with the administrators, however, if there were legal impairments that was understandable. He asked that the Board seriously consider open negotiations in future contracts. He commented that he was pleased to see that timber issues were again before the Board. He stated the issue before the Board was what some families believe is "our" business. He stated the issue was one of teaching facts or attitudes and who can be allowed to or be hired to accomplish that. He stated comments against a teacher at the meeting were uncalled for, and the October election could make some changes.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Massie commented he was pleased with the Northwest Accreditation process at Skyview High School and the dinner provided.

He added the Kenai Peninsula will be well represented at the State Basketball Tournament this week.

Mr. Tauriainen requested the administration prepare a list of outside resources used by each health curriculum teacher, dates of the presentations, and whether parents were informed of the outside presentations. He requested the list be compiled for the last year.

Mrs. Rubadeau responded that the Health Curriculum Committee met recently and discussed this. She noted health teachers have a variety of resources depending on their teaching styles. She stated the policy has been followed and there are a wide variety of administrator approved resource persons used. She felt it would be more appropriate to act on individual complaints as they are submitted.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether the policy stipulated that notification was needed for each resource. Mrs. Rubadeau responded the policy states that principals determine the appropriateness of the resources, and if they are not familiar with the resource presenter this is referred to central office. Mr. Wiley commented if there were complaints, specific complaints need to be submitted to the administration. Mrs. Dimmick questioned whether notices are given with enough time allowed in order for parents to opt their children out of certain health education classes. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that individual class syllabus on topics and dates are sent out to parents in advance of presentations.

BOARD COMMENTS
(continued):

Mrs. Dimmick reiterated it was important when sensitive issues are taught that opportunities to opt out are made available to the parents. She added no one should be forced to hear lectures from an outsider when the parents object to it.

VOTE ON REQUEST FOR LISTING:

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

Request denied.

Mr. Tauriainen stated he felt if dates for resources are changed, parents should be notified of the change.

Mr. Martin stated students will rotate singing the "National Anthem" and "Alaska's Flag" from various schools in the district. Students from Skyview High School will begin the presentations on February 15.

Mr. Wiley commented that a parent in Seldovia stated they appreciated small schools. He stated he visited Kachemak Selo and Voznesenka, remote Russian schools at the head of Kachemak Bay. He stated members of both villages are busy completing new school buildings prior to the fishing season.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she attended Skyview High School's accreditation team report. She expressed pleasure on the team's positive reaction to the school which focuses on its goals and communicates with its constituents.

She commented that Homer Middle School's presentation was nicely done.

Mrs. Dimmick stated she felt the Board was receiving mixed messages from parents, but was hopeful that everyone could work together as expressed by one of the speakers.

Mrs. Obendorf announced she would not be attending the February 15 meeting.

She stated Mrs. Dimmick would represent the Board at the AASB Fly-In in Juneau, February 20-22.

Mrs. Obendorf stated that requests for information should be made by consensus of the Board. She noted administrators might be reluctant to provide the information if the board does not approve these reports.

BOARD COMMENTS
(continued):

Mrs. Obendorf noted there had been a great deal of discussion on distribution of information, with no resolution at this point. She requested a worksession be held on March 1 with the administration presenting several recommendations for consideration.

Mrs. Obendorf stated that parents had spoken to the Board that they did not want their children taught certain things. She noted the board's policy provides for opt out procedures where students do not attend classes which their parents do not want them to.

She stated she enjoyed Nikiski Elementary School's 30th birthday party. She commented it was evident from all the stories that the school happened because the community truly wanted it.

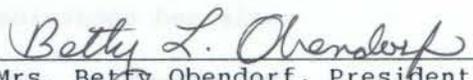
Mr. Tauriainen announced the Soldotna High School Renaissance Program will be held on February 9 at 10:00 a.m.

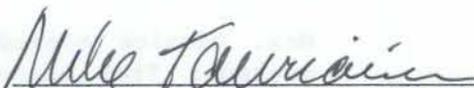
ADJOURN:

At 10:43 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 February 1, 1993,
were approved on February 15, 1993,
with a correction.