
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

January 10, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Discovery Education; Special Education Enrollment Update; Introduction to Student Data Dashboard; and the Funding for CoCurricular Activity Travel.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board did not have any awards or presentations.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Jim Dawson, Hope School and Moose Pass School principal, introduced Ms. Patty Truesdell, teacher at Hope School, and her students who presented a slide show presentation of activities at Hope School. Mr. Dawson also introduced students from Moose Pass School who presented a slide show presentation of activities at Moose Pass School. Both schools emphasized their appreciation of the small class sizes and the collaboration between older and younger students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater announced that with the new federal health reform legislation expanding to age 26, our district added 154 new recipients to our health care plan. We anticipate cost to the District and employees to rise. He also announced the District is starting its search for new principals. The District has received 6 letters of resignation as of today and the hiring process is to begin early February. The Kenai Central High School gym floor was damaged over the Christmas holiday by flooding. The gym is closed and the KPB Maintenance department is monitoring the repairs. Kenai Central High School is using the Kenai Middle School and the Kenai Ice Rink for PE and basketball activities. Dr. Atwater thanked the city of Kenai for their generous donation of ice skates and rink time for students in the PE classes at Kenai Central High School.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Dave Jones presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending November 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mr. Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 219 through 507 for various schools and departments within the District.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a new teacher contract for Nella Carol Thompson, (temporary) speech/language pathologist, Districtwide.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Denise Cox, Nikiski Northstar Elementary; and Leigh Ray, Seward Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, from Sharon Trout, Principal, Chapman Elementary; Sharon Mook, Principal, Soldotna Middle School; Alex Trout, Principal, Voznesenka School and Carolyn Cannava, Principal, Soldotna Elementary School.

HSGQE: The Board unanimously approved high school graduation qualifying exam waiver request Number 2011-009.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer 512 in the amount of \$200,000 for Student Activity travel costs.

APPROVAL OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved the revisions to BB 9250, Compensation, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT DRUG TESTING ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: The Board unanimously approved the Administrative recommendation to not implement drug testing of its student athletes.

RESOLUTION 10-11-5, BOROUGH FUNDING: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 10-11-5, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly is requested to, by resolution, endorse the concept of providing a fiscal year 2012 funding level which would be the equivalent of sales tax revenues plus a real and personal property tax rate of 2.6 mils.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 7, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.