

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

August 6, 2001

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Ms. Deborah Germano, President  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Vice President  
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Clerk  
Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer  
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member  
Mrs. Sandra Wassilie, Member  
Mr. Al Poindexter, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business Management  
Dr. Gary Whiteley, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Sam Stewart Mr. Jim White  
Mrs. Paula Christensen Mrs. Melody Douglas  
Mr. Roy Anderson Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh  
Mrs. Margaret Gilman Mr. Jim Heim

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Germano invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Deborah Germano Present  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford Present  
Mrs. Debra Mullins Present  
Mr. Joe Arness Absent/Excused  
Dr. Nels Anderson Present  
Mrs. Sandra Wassilie Present  
Mr. Al Poindexter Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with revisions to Items 10a.(5)., Approval of Administrative Recommendation Regarding Leave of Absence Requests – Certified and 10b., Approval of Administrator Appointment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of July 9, 2001, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Dr. Peterson reported that she received a joint letter from the Association of Alaska School Boards and the Department of Education requesting representatives from the District to attend the September 17 meeting to discuss the governor’s task force recommendations and funding in the State of Alaska. She noted that she and Ms. Germano would attend the meeting. She reported that she received a letter from NEA-Alaska requesting copies of the District’s nondiscrimination policies. She reported that she received two letters from the State of Alaska: one letter notifying the District that sophomores must take the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam on the first occasion they are eligible and a letter and report regarding the Regional Learning Center Study.

- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson presented the 2000-2001 Superintendent's Annual Report. The report highlights staff achievements, student accomplishments, cocurricular achievements, reports on various programs throughout the District and progress made on the Board goals. She noted that the document is a great tool for employee recruitment and provides valuable information about the District.
- WORKSESSIONS/REPORTS:** Dr. Peterson presented a list of worksessions and reports to be presented at future Board meetings from August 20, 2001 through April 15, 2002.
- Dr. Peterson reported that the new-to-position administrators met on Friday, August 3, and that the Quality Schools Institute began on Sunday, August 5 and will continue through Friday. She announced that the first Administrator Meeting packet is posted on the District web site.
- Dr. Peterson introduced Mr. Brad Drake, Tebughna Elementary/High principal/teacher.
- CONSENT AGENDA:** Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Revisions to AR 3343, Travel and Per Diem; Hazardous Bus Route Resolutions; Resignations; New Teacher Appointments; Administrative Recommendation Regarding Leave of Absence Requests – Certified; Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignment; and Request for Leave of Absence – Support.
- AR 3343, Travel and Per Diem:** Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve revisions to AR 3343, Travel and Per Diem. The changes increase the District per diem rate for meals to \$40 and delete the requirement that meal receipts be submitted.
- Hazardous Bus Route Resolutions:** Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve hazardous bus routes for North Star, Nikiski, Seward, Redoubt, Soldotna, Sears, Mt. View, West Homer, Paul Banks and K-Beach elementary schools for the 2001-2002 school year.
- Resignations:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve the resignations of Ann Fantz, Grade 3 to 5, Moose Pass Elementary (effective May 25, 2001) and Linda Pittman, speech pathologist, districtwide pupil services (effective immediately).
- New Teacher Appointments:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 2001-2002 school year for James Daniel Creel, athletic director/activities director, Skyview High; Daniel Krier, science/physical education, Seward Middle/High; Claude McMillan III, generalist, Susan B. English School; and Marie McMillan, (50% temporary) English at Susan B. English Elementary High School
- Administrative Recommendation Regarding Leave of Absence Requests – Certified:** Mr. Todd Syverson recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2001-2002 school year for Paul Sayan, Grade 5, Seward Elementary; William Idzerda, Grade 1, Voznesenka Elementary School; and Lisa Hall Grades 3 through 6, Tebughna Elementary/High School. Mr. Syverson recommended the Board not approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2001-2002 school year for Johanna Idzerda, generalist, Voznesenka Elementary School.
- Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignment:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve tentative nontenure teaching assignments for Paul Hettwer, music, Seward Elementary and Seward Middle/High, and Wendi Dutcher, Connections, secondary generalist, math.

Request for Leave of Absence – Support: Mr. Todd Syverson recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2001-2002 school year for Diane Selby, custodian, Paul Banks Elementary.

ACTION Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 and 3 through 7. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve hazardous bus routes resolutions. Mr. Poindexter seconded.

VOTE:

YES – Crawford, Mullins Poindexter, Wassilie, Germano

NO – Anderson

Motion carried.

Administrator Appointments: Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the appointment of Paula Christensen, Curriculum and Assessment director, Central Office, and Robert Ermold, Assistant Principal, Soldotna Middle School.

ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the appointment of Paula Christensen, Curriculum and Assessment director, Central Office, and Robert Ermold, Assistant Principal, Soldotna Middle School.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mrs. Wassilie reported that she enjoyed being a guest of British Petroleum during a Teachers of Excellence trip to see the gas and oil operations on the North Slope. She reported that she visited the Quality Schools Institute and was impressed that 300 teachers, principals, and superintendents were in attendance. She noted that approximately half of the participants were from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. She extended her thanks for flowers and cards expressing condolences regarding the passing of her mother.

Mrs. Crawford thanked the administration, principals and teachers who are at work preparing for another school year. She stated that she enjoyed reading the Superintendent's Annual Report.

Ms. Germano commended Dr. Peterson for the Superintendent's Annual Report. She thanked Mr. Kelly Tonsmeire for discussing the Quality Schools Institute with the Board.

Ms. Germano appointed Mr. Joe Arness to the KPSAA Board to replace Mrs. Mullins. Ms. Germano asked Board members to notify her if they were interested in attending the AASB Boardsmanship Academy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:46 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss negotiations. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:14 p.m. Mrs. Crawford moved the executive session be adjourned.  
Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 9:15 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned.  
Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Deborah Germano, President

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Mrs. Debra Mullins, Clerk

The Minutes of August 6, 2001,  
were approved on August 20, 2001  
as written.