
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

March 7, 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 the Read 180 update; the FY12 Budget process and a conference call with Kenai Peninsula legislators to discuss education legislation.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Elizabeth Siemion, for her volunteer service to Tustumena Elementary School.

Mrs. Debbie Harris presented the Governor's Proclamation of Alaska Arts Education Month, and a list of upcoming art events throughout the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Bob VanDerWege, Tustumena Elementary principal, introduced a special edition of the school's KLNK morning show created by the sixth grade class. The show highlighted student activities, new after school clubs (archery and running), the preschool program, cross-country skiing, and technology. He introduced two students who were involved in the production of the show. Mr. Mick Audette directed fourth grade students in a musical performance of the song, *This Land is Your Land*, including singing and instruments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Dusek reported that Sterling Elementary staff received the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education Inclusive Practice Award. He noted that First Student was the only transportation contractor to submit a bid for student transportation. He reported that school equipment fund requests were reviewed and \$700,000 was allocated for a variety of needs that met the fund's criteria. He announced that spring break begins for students after Thursday, March 10 for most District schools. He reported that Russian Old Believer schools will have Spring Break beginning April 25. He reported that the Districtwide forensics meet was hosted by Sterling Elementary on Saturday, March 5 for grades 4 through 6. He announced that the regional basketball tournaments were held and that the Soldotna High School girls place third in the 4A Division, Seward boys placed first in the 3A Division, the Seward girls placed second in the 2A Division and the Susan B. English girls placed second in the 2A Division.

FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET: Mr. Jones presented the FY12 Preliminary School District budget of \$137,311,226 for the General Fund and revenue funds totaling \$133,787,000 requiring \$3,524,000 from the fund balance.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a new teacher contract for Lisa K. Schmitter, (temporary) .80 FTE school counselor, Mountain View Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, for Joshua M. Brege, vocational education, Homer High School; Brent Hammer, intermediate, Nanwalek School; Cynthia A. Capra, Grade 1, Seward Elementary; Richard E. Forcum, vocational education, Soldotna Middle School; and Kenneth Westfall, intensive needs, West Homer Elementary.

2011-12 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for the 2011-2012 school year for Conrad Woodhead, principal/teacher, Chapman School; Jeffrey P. Ambrosier, principal, Ninilchik School; and Daniel J. Beck, assistant principal, Kenai Middle School.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 4, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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