

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

September 16, 1991

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President
 Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Clerk
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer
 Mr. Joe Arness, Member
 Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Holmes, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,
 Operations, and Technology
 Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Executive Director, Instructional Services
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Scott Larson	Mr. Jim Heim
Rev. and Mrs. Joe Knox	Mrs. Peggy Moore
Mrs. Lois Massie	Mr. Louie March, Jr.
Mr. John Kistler	Mr. Henry Anderson
Mrs. Wanda Bonillas	Mrs. Vickie Trujillo
Mr. Paul Epperson	Mrs. Melody Douglas

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	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present - Late 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the deletion of 2a, Hearing of Delegations, Track and Field Program by Hal Smalley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of August 19, 1991, were approved as written.

HEARING OF
DELEGATIONS:

Mrs. Peggy Moore, Tustumena parent, requested the Board consider changing the boundaries on Kalifornsky Beach Road to Mile 5.5 to allow junior and senior students to attend Soldotna schools. She commented it was the understanding of Kasilof parents during the promotion of Skyview High School that this would be their school. She stated the proposed boundary change would allow Tustumena Elementary students to remain together when they go on to junior and senior high school. Approximately 20 parents and students indicated their support of the request.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether the proposed bus mileage to the Mile 5.5 turnaround would cost the additional funds. Mr. Dahlgren responded there would be no additional cost in the change of routing. The Board requested Mr. Dahlgren present a recommendation to them at the October 7 meeting on the boundary change. Mr. Dahlgren questioned whether the elementary boundary would come in line with the junior/senior boundary.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from Homer Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson Jim O'Toole, who requested the Board grant Michelle Goodrie's resignation without penalty and immediately advertise for a teacher to fill her position at Homer Junior High School.

She commented a letter had been received from Nikiski Elementary student Jeff Miller who stated he felt it was unfair that high school students in the district travel off the Peninsula, but elementary school students can't travel because of budget reductions.

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter from L.A. Hedden, D.C., who encouraged the water aerobic classes at Skyview High School continue and that the evening classes be reinstated. She commented that the water aerobic classes under the instruction of Patty Sexton have been successful in rehabilitative conditions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Holmes reported the current student enrollment was 9,458, which is 162 students below the projected enrollment. He stated he anticipated additional students would be entering district schools within the next few weeks.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ended August 31, 1991.

ASSESSMENT REPORT:

Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Executive Director for Instruction; Mr. Paul Epperson, Director, Secondary Education; and Mrs. Lois Massie, Chair of the Language Arts Committee, presented results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, Criterion Referenced Test and Analytic Writing Assessment. All scores indicated the district has advanced in the testing areas.

JUNEAU LUNCH PROGRAM
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported the Juneau School District has contracted its lunch services to private enterprise and participates in the National School Lunch Program, K-12. In addition to serving a sack lunch to students qualifying for free and reduced lunches and to paying students, the DECA Program at the high school level operates a snack bar with food provided by Juneau's Burger King operation.

Mrs. Gross stated she was concerned there were no free and reduced lunches for students at the high schools. Mr. Dahlgren responded that it was difficult not to discriminate against students needing the assistance by picking up a lunch sack. Dr. Holmes added that he was collecting data on the number of students eligible to participate in the program and was attempting to find ways to address the problem.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether any revenues were known from the Juneau DECA Program handling lunch. Mr. Dahlgren responded that he would talk to the DECA teacher regarding this, but he anticipated revenues would be the same as the DECA's candy sales, etc.

K.P.E.A.:

Mr. Henry Anderson, K.P.E.A. President, told the Board the union organizations for teachers, principals and support staff would be interviewing school board and borough assembly candidates on September 23, 1991. He expressed concern for needed guidelines for elementary coaches in intramural activities. These coaches were concerned that with the lack of funding they would be expected to serve more students and would have less direct student time. This would result in less effective programs.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Annual Agenda, Grant Applications, Extended Field Trip Requests, Early Graduation Request, Sick Leave Bank Draw Requests/Support Staff, Resignations, 1991-92 Teachers Assignments, and Request for Leave of Absence/Support Staff.

ANNUAL AGENDA:

Dr. Holmes recommended the Board approve the 1991-92 Annual Agenda. The Annual Agenda outlines dates on which routine items come before the Board of Education for approval.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve grant applications for the following programs: Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program, \$28,000; Training for Educators, \$36,931; H.I.V. Prevention, \$6,000; Health Life Skills Curriculum and Program Development Grant, \$10,000; and Emergency Grants/Drug-Free Schools, \$26,106.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP
REQUESTS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for 30 Soldotna Junior High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., March 22-27, 1992; for two Homer High Future Farmers of America students to attend national FFA competition in Kansas City, MO, November 11-16, 1991; for 40 Kenai Central High School choir students to participate in a concert tour of England, Wales and Scotland, March 19-30, 1992; and for four Susan B. English seniors to conduct their senior class trip to the Netherlands, Belgium and France, March 23-April 1, 1992.

EARLY GRADUATION
REQUEST:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve a request from a Nikiski High School student to graduate at the end of her junior year. All required course work for graduation would be completed at that time.

SICK LEAVE REQUEST/
SUPPORT STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 24 days from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Armella Carney, Custodian, Nikiski Jr/Sr High School.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations from Dr. Richard Carignan, Director, Office of Grants Managements, effective June 30, 1992; Jeri Besch, Grade 2, Seward Elementary, effective immediately; Larry Goodrie, Physical Education, Homer High, effective immediately; and Michelle Goodrie, Science/Mathematics, Homer Junior High, effective upon Board approval of a suitable replacement.

1991-92 TEACHER
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1991-92 teacher assignments for Scott Anderson, English/Language Arts (.71 time), Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Ginny Davis, English/Drama, Soldotna High; Steven Smith, Grade 4, Soldotna Elementary (Temporary); Wendy Schaefer, Physical Therapist, Paul Banks Elementary; Marian Giles, School Psychologist (half-time), Districtwide/Special Services; Megan O'Neil, Grades 6-8/Mathematics/Social Studies/Library, Chapman Elementary; Carleton Nadelhoffer, Language Arts/Mathematics/Social Studies, Bartlett Elem/High; Mark Curran, English/Counselor, Susan B. English Elem/High; and Ellen-Sue Diamant, Speech Pathologist, Districtwide/Special Services.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
REQUEST/SUPPORT
STAFF:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for October and November, 1991 for Larry Schweigert, custodian, Kenai Middle School.

Mrs. Fischer requested the Board vote separately on items #1 and 2, Approval of Annual Agenda and Grant Applications.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items 9a (1), Approval of Annual Agenda. Mr. Arness seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion that the Board change its meeting dates in Homer and Seward beginning with the 1991-92 year. The Seward meeting would be held in October and the Homer meeting in April.

Mrs. Fischer commented she felt weather conditions for traveling to Seward would be better in October and allow more time for a meeting there. Mrs. Gross stated that she saw no difference in requesting administrators and community members to attend meetings in Soldotna at that time with the same weather conditions as the Board traveling to Seward.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Arness, Fischer, Massie, Tauriainen, Obendorf
NO - Gross

Amendment carried.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the grant applications as presented. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated that most grants contain evaluation criteria, and requested the Board receive this evaluation information. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that federal and state grants require end of the year reports which would be provided to the school board.

Motion carried unanimously.

1991-92 BOARD GOALS:

Dr. Holmes recommended the Board approve three goals for the 1991-92 school years. The goals dealt with bringing all sites to an appropriate level of on-site management, assessing and restructuring the certified employee evaluation process, and assuring that an appropriate level of vocational and post secondary guidance services are provided for all students. Included with the goals was a list of administrative reports and committees the Board desired to have implemented for this school year. These included reports on student assistance programs for tobacco use, dual credit and senior course options, secondary school schedules and graduation requirements, and an innovative wellness program for the district. Committees to be organized would include a review of the negotiation process, evaluation of the extracurricular activities program, analysis of options and strategies for accommodating increasing student enrollment projections, and evaluating the budget process.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the 1991-92 School Board Goals. Mr. Massie seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer to amend the motion to include an administrative report on hiring practices. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ASB RESOLUTIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf recommended the Board approve three resolutions which would be forwarded to the Association of Alaska School Boards for inclusion with other Alaskan school districts' goals and be considered at their November conference. These resolutions addressed capital projects funding, teacher tenure, and recognizing school board hearing authority. Also considered were core resolutions from the Association of Alaska School Boards. The core resolutions were divided into three categories as follows: Group 1, 90-1, Local Control; 90-2, Binding Arbitration; 90-3, Use of Fund Balances; 90-4, Centralized Treasury; 90-6, In Opposition to Mandated Borough Formation; 90-9, Class Size; 90-10, Right-to-Strike; 90-13, Pupil Transportation; 90-16, Support of Early Funding for Public Education; 90-17, Educational Programs and Funding; 90-21, Support for School Construction Debt Retirement; 90-25, Community Schools; 90-26, Teacher Tenure; 90-27, Tenured Staff Reduction when Revenues Decline; 90-30, In Support of Competency/Proficiency Testing in the Certification Process; 90-31, Staff Reduction Due to Changing Program Needs; 90-49, Increase in Parent Involvement in Schools and Educational Programs. Group 2, 90-36, Health Insurance; 90-38, Distance Delivered Education; 90-39, Early Childhood Education; 90-40, Statewide Student Testing Program; 90-41, Specialized

AASB RESOLUTIONS
(continued):

Programs; and 90-42, RSVP Program. Group 3, 90-5, Opposition to Mandated Borough Formation; 90-8, Allowing for the Hire of Non-Resident Teachers; 90-19, School Funding; 90-28, Alaska Native Teacher Hire; 90-29, Teacher Certification/Native Language and Culture; 90-33, Certification: Superintendent Endorsement; 90-43, Alcohol and Drug Abuse; and 90-47, Opposition to Child Pornography.

Mrs. Obendorf explained that voting on the core resolutions would indicate to the board's resolutions committee representative their feelings on the items.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the three resolutions from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend the motion to change the word "this" in the Now Therefore Be It Resolved section to "the capital projects funding". Mrs. Gross seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the Group 1 Core Resolutions. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the Group 2 Core Resolutions. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion failed unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Core Resolution 90-5, Opposition to Mandate Borough Formation. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Tauriainen

NO - Arness, Fischer, Gross, Massie, Obendorf

Motion failed.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve Core Resolution 90-8, Allowing for the Hire of Non-resident Teachers. Mr. Massie seconded.

AASB RESOLUTIONS
(continued):

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Gross, Massie, Obendorf
NO - Fischer, Tauriainen

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Core Resolution 90-19,
School Funding. Mr. Massie seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated it was not that she disagreed with
additional school funding, but this should not be done through
reworking the foundation formula which would effect the school
district.

Motion failed unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Core Resolution 90-28,
Alaska Native Teacher Hire and Retention. Mrs. Gross
seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated the resolution would establish two
different classes of teachers for hire, those being local
teachers and those being local Native teachers. Mrs. Gross
commented that hiring is under the control of each district,
and should not be state mandated.

Motion failed unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Core Resolution 90-29,
Teacher Certification/Native Language and Culture. Mrs.
Fischer seconded.

Mrs. Fischer commented that she felt that teachers have worked
hard and at their expense to get their certification, and the
resolution did not speak to methodology, certification and
recertification. Mr. Tauriainen stated he felt the resolution
had potential for becoming another state mandate.

Motion failed unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve Core Resolution 90-33,
Superintendent Endorsement. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Tauriainen
NO - Arness, Gross, Massie, Obendorf

Motion failed.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve Core Resolution 90-43, Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Mr. Massie seconded.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved to amend to add the word "tobacco" with the words drugs and alcohol, and add a concluding paragraph "requesting the legislature to impose an additional tax on all alcoholic beverages and tobacco products to provide student instruction dealing with drugs, alcohol and tobacco." Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mr. Massie commented that these products are already heavily taxed and he saw no point for additional taxes. Mrs. Fischer stated she did not want to see funding taking away from regular education, therefore, she would vote for the amendment.

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Gross, Tauriainen, Obendorf
NO - Arness, Massie

Amendment carried.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mr. Massie moved the Board approve Core Resolution 90-47, Opposition to Child Pornography. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved to delete the words "we citizens encourage our school board at the local levels to pass resolutions" and substitute the words "Association of Alaska School Boards".

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. John Kistler, parent, requested the Board investigate the Kenai Middle School Program. He felt there was no change in the program for the sixth grade students as it appeared the same as last year's junior high school program. He stated he saw no signs of core groups and other areas proposed for the middle school program.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Tauriainen requested the administration report at the October 7 meeting on the implementation of the Middle School Program.

BOARD COMMENTS
(continued):

Mrs. Gross reported she attended an AASB Boardsmanship seminar in Anchorage. She commented on Mrs. Shirley Holloway's presentations on curriculum development, and learned that the KPBSD is considered to be a leader in the state in this area. She also commented that test results should be utilized whenever possible.

Mr. Arness requested the administration report to the Board on the school lunch program at the next meeting.

Mrs. Obendorf appointed Mr. Massie as the board's representative to the Vocational Education Committee and Mr. Arness to the Physical Education Curriculum Committee. Both committees will meet on September 25-26, 1991 at 8:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Massie moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

At 10:20 p.m., Mrs. Fischer moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 10:21 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Clerk

The Minutes of September 16, 1991,
were approved on October 7, 1991,
with a correction.