

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

January 6, 1992

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. Ryan Rogers, Student Representative

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. Jim Heim	Mr. Henry Anderson
Mr. Dennis Dempsey	Ms. Nancy Watson
Mr. Ken Tarbox	Mr. John Kistler
Miss Michelle Bayes	Mrs. Sharon Moock
Dr. Carla Anderson	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Dimmick called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Dimmick invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Absent - Excused
Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Absent - Excused
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Ryan Rogers	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 6a (7), Approval of Extended Field Trip Request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of December 16, 1992, were approved as written.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Dr. Holmes reported the Budget Review Committee would meet on January 8-10, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. to begin the preliminary budget review process. Following these meetings, the Board will receive budget information in a worksession at 4:00 p.m., January 20. Dr. Holmes noted the budget is built on a \$63,000 unit value.

HOMER HIGH SCHOOL  
REPORT:

Homer High School Principal, Dennis Dempsey, introduced student body president, Michelle Bayes, who presented a multi-media report on her school during December. Her report included portions of the Band and Choir Christmas Concert, the Annual Snowball Dance, Homer boy's and girl's basketball competition, a bus trip in a snow storm, Madrigal Dinner, student carolers, numerous classes involved in projects and a visit by a local moose to the school. Miss Bayes' report was part of a senior government class project and will be presented to Homer area organizations.

EDUCATION PLANNING  
REPORT:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented the Education Planning Report which will be submitted to the Department of Education as the first part of the report card for school districts within the state. This information will be forwarded to the state legislature as a report on the state's educational system. In addition to the superintendent's introductory comments explaining the unique aspects of the KPBSD's education plan, the report identified four goals of the district. These goals related to school based decision making, vocational and post secondary guidance service provided to students, long term staff development within the district and the transition to middle school programs. Mrs. Rubadeau commented that the district's report card is due November 30, 1992.

SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL  
P.T.S.A.:

Mr. Ken Tarbox, Skyview High School P.T.S.A. Chairperson, invited the Board to participate in the school's health fair on January 9. He stated the organization did not wish to compete with other school organizations in fund raising and, therefore, was committed to three goals this year. These goals were: 1) helping the freshman class in their four-year planner and vocational testing, 2) the health fair, and 3) participating in school accreditation. He stated the P.T.S.A. was surprised to learn they would be responsible for sponsoring baccalaureate ceremonies, which added an extra burden to their group. He noted the P.T.S.A. will support the Board's action and sponsor the baccalaureate program, but requested that in the future the Board give parent groups forewarning on these types of activities.

Mrs. Gross questioned whether the board had requested that the parent groups are exclusively responsible for sponsoring

SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL  
P.T.S.A.(continued):

baccalaureate ceremonies. Dr. Holmes responded this was the direction of the Board from their worksession dealing with the topic. Mrs. Gross suggested the Board might want to consider another option at a later date.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda included Approval of In-service Request, Policy Manual Review Committee, Leave of Absence Request/Certified, Substitute Teacher Contract, Sick Leave Draw Request/Certified, Tentative Teacher Assignments, and Extended Field Trip Request.

IN-SERVICE RELEASE  
REQUEST:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve an in-service release request for Soldotna Jr. High School staff to work on Study Skills Across the Curriculum on January 24, 1992.

POLICY MANUAL REVIEW  
COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve the following members to the Policy Manual Review Committee: Robert Dover, K.P.E.A.; Wanda Bonillas, K.P.E.S.A.; Ken Meacham, K.P.A.A.; Marilyn Dimmick and Cliff Massie, School Board; Judy Queen, Boroughwide Parent Steering Committee; and Ryan Rogers, Student Representative.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for the 1992-93 school year for Melissa Frates, Special Education/Resource, Kenai Middle School.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a contract for 19-day substitute teacher Candace Ewell, Kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary.

SICK LEAVE DRAW/  
CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw of 23 days from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank as approved by K.P.E.A. for Olga Veter, Russian, Nikolaevsk Elem/High.

1991-92 TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1991-92 teacher contracts for Richard Bartolowits, Mathematics/Science/Computers, Ninilchik Elem/High (Temporary); and Toni Steward, Grade 4, Mountain View Elementary (Temporary).

EXTENDED FIELD  
TRIP REQUEST:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve an extended field trip request for the Skyview High School Art Club to travel to Seattle, Washington, March 23-26, 1992, to view contemporary art and visit museums.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items #1 through #7. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY 008.23/  
008.23R, SCHOOL  
VOLUNTEERS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve Policy 008.23 and 008.23R, School Volunteers. The change would involve parent organizations to identify and coordinate school volunteers. Appropriate compliance with school regulations and participation in volunteer training activities would be expected of all volunteers.

ACTION

Mr. Massie moved the Board approve the policy revisions for school volunteers. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mrs. Gross questioned whether this would place additional responsibility on parent groups. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that most volunteers are handled by the parent groups and teachers.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY 007.42,  
COMPULSORY  
ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve Policy 007.42, Compulsory Attendance. The revisions take into account minutes of instructional time lost and changes the number of days from 15 to 10 in schools on an 80 minute period.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Policy 007.42, Compulsory Attendance. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mr. Wiley questioned whether the high school administrators had reviewed the suggested policy revisions. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that the policy changes were reviewed at the November administrator meeting. Mr. Wiley asked whether students on suspension would be effected by the changes. Mrs. Rubadeau stated there was a separate process for student suspensions and they would not be effected by this policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY 002.513, ORDER  
OF BUSINESS:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve revisions to Policy 002.513, Order of Business, where the same agenda format would be used for all regular school board meetings.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Policy 002.513, Order of Business. Mr. Massie seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved to amend the motion that reports would precede action items on the agenda. Mr. Arness seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Carla Anderson, parent, told the Board they should be more responsive to parental concerns, particularly at this time when several school board members were being recalled. She stated the Board faced some serious problems with finances, facilities, possible reductions in programs and staff, and it was not good for the Board to appear unresponsive to community needs. She stated she hoped board members had the opportunity to read her letter for the housing worksession. She added she felt there were discrepancies in rated capacities in some of the schools, especially at Soldotna High School.

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Assembly Member, stated she was greatly offended by a recent recall petition on several school board members. She added that elected officials positions are often boring, not fun, time consuming, not cost efficient, and members are undercompensated for time involved. She commented she was frustrated with the recall issue when the accusers are not in regular attendance at meetings and inaccurately report information and are uninformed. She stated because people do not always get what they want, this does not give them the right to make accusations at public officials. She felt the school board does the best they can with accurate and appropriate information. She stated she supported the Board in their efforts to do the best for students.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Wiley stated he was pleased the Borough Maintenance Department was monitoring the snow weight on the Seward High School roof.

He commented he was happy with the local hire at the meeting of Mr. Bartowitz, a longtime Ninilchik resident.

Mr. Wiley stated he was pleased the Borough Assembly would be addressing a resolution in memory of Emil McCord, a longtime leader in Tyonek. He requested that a letter be sent from the school district expressing their sympathy on the loss of Mr. McCord.

Mrs. Gross expressed appreciation to Mr. Dempsey and Miss Bayes on their Homer High School presentation.

Mr. Massie commented that as a select member of the recall he was appreciative of Mrs. Moock and her comments.

Mrs. Dimmick reported she had checked with the Borough Clerk's office and learned that the request for recall did not have the proper amount of registered voters, therefore, the recall petition was a moot issue.

BOARD COMMENTS  
(continued):

In response to Mrs. Anderson's comments on rated capacities of schools, Mrs. Dimmick noted that schools must comply with state and federal requirements for additional programs which changes capacity ratings from their original ratings. She stated the district does not necessarily change the ratings on an annual basis, but is aware of the situation and deals with them in a realistic manner.

Mrs. Dimmick reminded Board members of the Skyview High School Health Fair on Thursday, January 9, and Budget Review Committee Meetings on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 8-10, 1992.

ADJOURN:

At 8:25 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk

The Minutes of January 6, 1992,  
were approved on January 20, 1992,  
as written.