
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

June 6, 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 proposed Policy Manual revisions, the Economic Significance Report, the transportation contract, fund balance, proposed changes to BP 0210, Goals for Student Learning, and school year calendars for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that according to the unofficial results of the state Standards Based Assessments the District has improved slightly and commended the good work by teachers and students. He announced that PowerSchool was selected as the new student information system. He reported that the District will receive less federal money next school year and may not be able to fund summer school during the summer of 2012. He announced that the District graduated 580 students throughout the District high schools.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Mr. Jones reviewed the report of leases and agreements for the 2011-2012 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2011.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT: Mr. Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 511 through 954 for various schools and departments within the District.

NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved non-tenured teacher contracts for the 2011-12 school year for Mary Simonsen, elementary interventionist teacher/6th-8th grade teacher, Chapman School; Michelle Thomason, (temporary) instructional/technology coach, Curriculum; Lisa Schmitter, (temporary) school counselor, Mountain View; Tammy L. Taylor, kindergarten/2nd grade, Nikolaevsk School; Justin Hostetter, (temporary) Title I, Redoubt Elementary; and Amanda Adams, (temporary) instructional/technology coach, Seward Area Schools.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts and tentative assignments for the 2011-2012 school year for Jennifer S. Riddall, 5th grade teacher, Aurora Borealis Charter School; Mary R. Meconi, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) intermediate grade teacher, Tebughna School; Darcy L. Marcou, primary grade teacher, K-Beach Elementary; Meredith L. McCullough, language arts/social studies teacher, Kenai Central High; John Marquez, physical education/health teacher, Kenai Central High; Amy N. Balsinger, special education resource teacher, Kenai Middle School; Charles M. Crain, science/math teacher, Nanwalek School; Misty L. Crain, language arts/social studies teacher, Nanwalek School; Jacob J. Doth, science teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School; Jake H. Eveland, .50 FTE Interventionist teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Liviu M. Rizea, math/science teacher, Razdolna School; Jenna K. Fabian, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) interventionist/Title I teacher, Seward Elementary; Leigh E. Ray, primary grade teacher, Seward Elementary; Holly L. Davis, second grade teacher, Soldotna Elementary; Elizabeth A. Edwards, intermediate grade teacher, Soldotna Elementary; Stephanie A. Dennis Blair, language arts teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Brian D. Dandliker, vocational education teacher, Soldotna Middle School; and Isaiah P. White, Russian teacher, Voznesenka School and Kachemak-Selo School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Stacy Naden, .50 FTE art, Homer High School, (effective May 25, 2011); Lindsey Pender, language arts, Kenai Central

High, (effective May 25, 2011); Bridgette Reutter, occupational therapist, Nikiski North Star Elementary, (effective June 30, 2011); Vivian Norenberg, Title I, Nikolavesk School, (effective May 27, 2011); Amanda Williams, science, Skyview High School, (effective May 25, 2011); Jennifer Justis, .50 FTE interventionist, West Homer Elementary, (effective May 25, 2011).

RECOMMENDATION FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved a contract and tenure for the 2011-12 school year for Lila L. Little, kindergarten through 6th Grade, Chapman School; and Ingrid K. McKinstry, interventionist, Homer Middle School.

KPSAA RECOMMENDED STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved proposed changes to the 2011-2012 Kenai Peninsula School Activities Handbooks which included the appointment of Mr. Jay Griffel to serve as parent representative on the KPSAA Board and to extend the middle school volleyball season by one week.

SCHOOL CALENDARS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed school calendars for 2012-13 and 2013-14.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 1290 for \$265,223, to pay for Speech and Language Therapist Professional/Technical contracted Services; Number 1292 for \$135,499 to pay for Districtwide Internet services; Number 1293 for \$544,175 to purchase computers for the Districtwide Technology Plan; Number 1291 and 1341 for \$150,977 and \$165,562, respectively to support the research about and subsequent purchase of a new Districtwide Student Information System, including additional hardware requirements, software and licensing; Number 1373 for \$61,742 to align the budget for Intervention with the Support Services/Instruction function code; Number 1408 for \$64,752 to align the budget for Speech and Language Therapist Professional/Technical contracted services with actual expenditures at the school; Number 1305 for \$50,238, was the only Equipment Fund transfer over \$50,000 that requires board approval.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for Shane L. Bostic, assistant principal, Nikiski Middle/High School; Johnnie D. Cotton, assistant principal, Skyview High School; and Michael A. Wojciak, principal/teacher, Voznesenka School.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Leigh Ray, Seward Middle School.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a one-year contract extension with First Student for the provision of transportation services for the 2011-2012 school year.

FY11 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a change in General Fund revenue of \$23,281, for a revised total for FY11 of \$132,411,442 and a change in the General Fund expenditure budget of \$23,281, for a revised FY11 total of \$132,411,442.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to AR 0410, Non Discrimination in District Programs and Activities; BP 0411, Service Animals; BP 1260, Visits to Schools; BP 3315, Relations with Vendors; BP 4030, Non Discrimination in Employment; BP and AR 5125, Student Records; BP 6145, Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities - BP/AR 6159 Individualized Education Program; BP/AR/E 6161.4, Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy; BP 6164.4, Child Find; BP 6174, Bilingual-Bicultural Education/Limited English Proficiency; BP 6175 Migrant Children Program.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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