

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

April 1, 1996

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President
Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President
Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk
Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Treasurer
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member
Mrs. Deborah Germano, Member
Miss Aubrey Robinson, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Superintendent
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,
Operations, and Technology
Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Wiley Mrs. Vickie Leach
Mr. John Kistler Ms. Michele Vaughn
MS. Mo Sanders Mr. Kurt Haider
Mr. Gordon Griffin Rev. Joe Knox
Mr. Phil Biggs Mrs. Jacquie Imle
Mrs. Karen Mahurin Mr. James Simeroth
Ms. Melissa DeVaughn Mr. Lee Stalker
Ms. Terri Woodward Mrs. Barbara Dahl
Mrs. Melody Douglas
Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Gross invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present
Mr. Joe Arness Present
Mrs. Susan Larned Present
Mr. Emery Thibodeau Present
Dr. Nels Anderson Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer Present
Mrs. Deborah Germano Present
Miss Aubrey Robinson Absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed.

1996-97 BUDGET: Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the 1996-97 budget in the amount of \$81,801,474. He noted that upon approval the budget would be forwarded to the Borough Assembly for funding.

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1996-97 BUDGET (cont.):

Mrs. Barbara Dahl, Anchor Point PTA President, distributed a spread sheet to the Board. She commented their committee had reviewed the various budget documents which had been prepared, but noticed that discrepancies had not been cleaned up. They expressed concern related to the elementary staffing formula and felt all schools should be treated equally on staffing.

Mrs. Judy Ragland, Anchor Point parent, expressed concern related to staffing for Chapman School for next year. She commented that the administration had been given direction to correct staffing irregularities, but those changes had not been made in the latest budget document. She was particularly concerned about Anchor Point not receiving an additional .5 staff which would help the music program. Without this staff person, students going to Homer High School would be ineligible for participation in the high school music program.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the 1996-97 Annual Budget as presented. Mr. Arness seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Germano moved to amend the motion to add a .5 position at Tyonek, a .5 position at Port Graham, a .5 position at Nanwalek, a .5 position at Voznesenka, and a .5 position at Chapman. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Dr. Anderson commented he would approve the amendment because of the "across the water" schools, but felt the Board should either continue with the staffing formula or change it rather than revise it in this manner. He felt there might be some other alternatives for the Chapman school without deleting the music position. Mrs. Fischer agreed with Dr. Anderson regarding the staffing formula being equal across the board and felt Chapman was entitled to the half-time position if the formula was rounded correctly.

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to reduce the school board budget by \$11,000. Motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION

Mrs. Fisher moved to amend the motion to reduce districtwide (central office and districtwide, not extracurricular) travel by \$42,000. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Mr. Thibodeau commented he felt districtwide travel was too high and he had not been satisfied in his requests for documentation on this item.

1996-97 BUDGET (cont.):

VOTE:

Yes - Fischer, Thibodeau

NO - Anderson, Arness, Germano, Larned, Gross

Amendment failed.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to delete \$200,000 in districtwide cuts. These would be left to the discretion of the administration and be made from central office and districtwide accounts only. Motion died for lack of a second.

Dr. Anderson commented it was his understanding that the additional money for the teachers would be from the equipment/unallocated accounts. Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended that this would be the method of funding.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Germano, Larned, Gross
NO - Thibodeau, Fischer

Amended motion carried.

RESCIND FUNDING OUTSIDE THE
CAP:

Dr. Bromenschenkel noted the Board had previously approved requesting the Borough Assembly fund three items outside the cap. Since then, the Board had discussed this in a work-session with the possibility of rescinding the earlier request.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved to rescind the February 5, 1996 motion to request funding outside the cap. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Dr. Anderson questioned whether two of the three items could be rescinded, and maintain a request for the third item. He noted that some of the Borough Assembly members indicated they were interested in wiring of the local network systems since the school buildings were properties of the borough.

ACTION

Mrs. Germano moved to amend the motion to rescind the hazardous bus routes and equipment funding requests. Mr. Arness seconded.

RESCIND FUNDING OUTSIDE THE
CAP (continued):

Mrs. Fischer stated that at the time of the request she was under the impression there was support and interest by the borough assembly for such a request. Since the meeting with the assembly, there did not appear to be as much support as she anticipated.

Dr. Bromenschenkel commented it was his perception that there was not much interest in funding unspecified projects such as the equipment projects and it was his understanding that the school district would do the hazardous bus routes. He sensed there was interest in improving the buildings by completing the local area networks.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Germano, Larned, Thibodeau, Gross
NO - Fischer

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 8:03 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the Special School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of April 1, 1996,
were approved on April 15, 1996,
with a correction.