

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Homer High School Auditorium
Homer, Alaska

March 2, 1998

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President
Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President
Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Treasurer
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member
Ms. Deborah Germano, Member
Miss Danielle Meacham, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business Management
Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Rich Toymil Mr. Ken Satre
Mr. Rich Patton Ms. Shana Loshbaugh
Ms. Dotty Cline Mr. William Searle
Ms. Jill Kreins Mr. Pat Shields
Mr. Stan Eller Mr. Glen Szymoniak
Mr. Rick Ladd Mrs. Margaret Ladd

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ALASKA FLAG SONG: Ms. Dotty Cline, librarian and music teacher, Paul Banks Elementary, directed second grade students in singing and signing the "Alaska Flag Song."

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present
Mr. Joe Arness Present
Mrs. Susan Larned Present
Dr. Nels Anderson Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer Present
Ms. Deborah Germano Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins Present
Miss Danielle Meacham Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the deletion of Item Number 10a.(3), Early Graduation Request, and the addition of Item Number 10j., Approval of Resolution 97-98-5.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of February 16, 1998, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Rich Toymil, principal, Paul Banks Elementary School, thanked Ms. McLin, second grade teacher, for her dedication to teaching, and expressed his appreciation to Ms. Cline, librarian and music teacher, for the services she has given to the students and staff. He announced that Ms. Cline will be retiring at the end of the school year and that her talents will be greatly missed. Mr. Toymil stated that the transition from Mr. Lewis McLin and the acceptance from the staff, students and community has been extremely smooth. He stated that his school is successful largely due to the strong support of parent volunteers. He reported that volunteers have assisted in the office, classrooms, library, lunchroom, kitchen, computer lab, playground, as guest speakers and performers, at the school carnival, and during field trips and swimming lessons. He commended the Site Based Council for acting as a sounding board for a variety of school issues and the PTO Board for their fund raising efforts to upgrade playground equipment. Mr. Toymil reported that the school's basic skills programs are highly successful as proven by the curriculum based measurement scores. He stated that the basic skills areas are enhanced by a strong arts component that is integrated into the curriculum as well as taught separately. He reported that Paul Banks Elementary's portfolio project is completing its first year, and with staff collaboration, has developed rubrics and a new report card for parent-teacher conferences. He stated that the Title I program provides an in-depth learning opportunity for students.

Jill Kreins, resource teacher, Special Services, distributed information regarding assessment and intervention. She explained that the intervention and collaboration program is two-tiered and that the intervention staff meets every Wednesday from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. to discuss school concerns, curriculum, scheduling for special events, 504 plans, and referrals of students with special needs. Ms. Kreins stated that their intervention program is mainstream-driven and is not just for special services students, i.e. student on crutches. She stated that the grade level collaboration team meets every Thursday from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. and that grade level teachers share materials, schedule group events, and review and update enrichment and behavior plans. She stated that measurable goals and objectives are outlined for each referral and that Special Services teachers participate in intervention plans. She reported that intervention team money was used for Paul Banks University, a resource library for parents, and inservice training for staff. She stated that the staff is committed to making Paul Banks a positive learning environment for students.

SCHOOL REPORTS (Continued):

Mr. Toymil stated that teamwork is one of the best attributes of his staff and extended an invitation to the Board to visit Paul Banks Elementary School.

Mr. Rich Patton, principal, Homer High School introduced Mr. Bill Searle, music teacher, who conducted the jazz band in two music selections. Mr. Patton told the Board that Mr. Searle conducts 10 bands in four different schools and teaches more than 400 students weekly. Mr. Patton introduced Mr. Stan Eller, science and biology teacher, who presented a slide show summarizing the activities of the advanced science program. Mr. Eller stated that each year he takes the freshman class to Jakalof Bay to observe sea life. He added that some of his advanced students come along and act as teachers. He stated that the trip provides a great opportunity for his advanced science students to gain leadership skills and that their grade is dependent upon how well the freshman learn. He stated that the advanced science students travel up Kachemak Bay on a Department of Fish and Game research boat and troll back to the Homer Spit collecting sea life. He stated that biologists lift the catch on the deck of the boat for the students to observe. He stated that some of the fish are taken back to the classroom to be studied. Mr. Eller stated that Homer High has a permit to spawn silver salmon in collaboration with the Department of Fish and Game. The eggs are brought back to the classroom and raised to the fry stage and then are released in a lake near Anchor Point. Mr. Eller reported that students traveled to the Barron Islands and observed whales and sea lions and to the Kenai Fjords to observe glaciers. He stated that he recently received a grant titled "Teaching DNA the Alaska Way" which will be used to determine whale and bear breeding habits.

Mr. Pat Shields reported on his recent acquisition of 74 used computers through a governmental computer upgrade program. He explained that he submitted an application asking for 90 computers but was approved for 30 computers. He stated that, after complaining, he was invited to come to California and personally select computer equipment. He reported that he chose 74 computers, six laser printers, and several huge monitors. He invited the Board to stop by and see the recently acquired equipment. Mr. Patton stated that with the new equipment, Homer High plans to upgrade their library, change the typing lab to an IBM lab, increase the number of computers in both computer labs, and provide better quality computers for each teacher.

Mr. Searle concluded the school presentation with another selection from the Homer High School jazz band.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Gross acknowledged receipt of letters from the Homer High School Hockey group requesting to remain a coed junior varsity team until they can compete on the District varsity level; from Dave Dieckgraeff concerning swimming pool maintenance and improvement issues at Seward High; from the Skyview PTSA supporting the recent retention policy revisions; and from a home schooling parent suggesting the District offer computers to home school students.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND/OR
P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A.,
K.P.E.S.A.:

Ms. Marg Ringer, community council president, McNeil Canyon Elementary, thanked the Board for their support and stated that the Homer area PAC/PTOs are focusing their attention on budget concerns and plan a letter writing campaign to legislators. She stated that information will be provided at the next PTA meeting urging parents to contact legislators. She thanked the Board for their hard work.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Gross presented an award of appreciation to Margaret Ladd, West Homer Elementary, for her devotion and dedication to the education of students and her sincere love for teaching.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

Mrs. Radtke reminded the Board of the Administrators' Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3-4, at Solid Rock Camp and that negotiations with KPESA will begin Monday, March 9, 1998.

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE
PROGRAM REPORT:

Mr. Hickey reported that 3 administrators, 24 certificated staff, and 16 classified staff have opted to participate in the State of Alaska Retirement Incentive Program at the conclusion of the current fiscal year. The savings to the District from retiring certificated employees for FY 99 is \$141,803 and \$2,928 from retiring classified employees. Mr. Hickey stated that the savings would fluctuate depending upon actual teacher placements on the salary schedule and results of negotiations with the Kenai Peninsula Educational Support Association.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Mullins reported that she and two other Board members recently participated in the AASB Legislative Fly-In in Juneau. She stated that they were fortunate to be present for the unveiling of SB 36. She stated that some of the state's Districts will gain and some will lose. She stated that she was told that the KPBSD could gain anywhere from \$1 to \$6 million. She announced that March 3, at 8:30 a.m., the committee will review the bill again. She urged those present to provide feedback to legislators on the SB36. Mrs. Mullins stated that if the school funding issue isn't resolved this legislative session then the District will be back in the same situation for two more years. She stated that she was told that there will be no new money put into school funding, only a reshuffling.

- BOARD REPORTS (Continued): Mrs. Gross stated that they were told if the education funding formula changes there may be some new money.
- Mrs. Larned stated that during their visit in Juneau, Board Members met with other large districts from around the state and shared common concerns. She stated that she can't emphasize enough how important it is for the public to voice their opinion to legislators.
- Ms. Germano asked to have information on the proposed education funding formula as soon as possible to share with parents.
- Mrs. Gross, reported that, as the AASB representative to the Alaska Student Athletic Association, she has been attending a three-day meeting in Anchorage. She stated that the main topics have been hockey and wrestling and that wrestling coaches have been lobbying to combine the 4A wrestling season with the 1A, 2A, and 3A schools. She reported that during the coming year, the wrestling season for 4A will begin two weeks earlier so that it will overlap, and then consideration will be given to scheduling all wrestling divisions to occur at the same time.
- CONSENT AGENDA: Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Rescission of Resignation, Extended Field Trip Request, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, Substitute Teacher Contract, and 1997-98 Resignation.
- RESCISSION OF RESIGNATION: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board rescind the resignation of Larry Wheat, Grade 5, Sterling Elementary School.
- EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST: Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve an extended field trip for 13 Seward High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., March 28-April 4, 1998, to participate in Close-Up activities.
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/CERTIFIED: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve one-year, unpaid leave of absence requests for Wendy Todd, physical therapist, Paul Banks Elementary School and Liesl Davenport-Wheeler, music, Seward Jr./Sr. High School.
- SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Kristin Cannava, Grade 8 Social Studies, Kenai Middle School.
- 1997-98 RESIGNATION: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Melody Schwartz, QUEST teacher, Districtwide Special Services, effective April 30, 1998.

1997-98 RESIGNATION
(Continued):
ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1997-98 RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Leslie Weld, principal/teacher, Nanwalek Elementary/High School, effective immediately. She reported that a substitute is already in place.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the resignation of Leslie Weld, principal/teacher, Nanwalek Elementary/High School, effective immediately. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a listing of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 1998-99 school year. The listing is as follows:

Chapman

Donna Austin
Molly Brann
Christine Crum
Carole Demers
Thomas Dougherty
Mary Durman
Pamela Fogg
Luanne Nelson
Cindy Rassmussen
Gary Van Hooser
Jill Wright (.5)

Cooper Landing

Aaron Pat Dye
Teresa Orr
Carol Smith
Steve Smith

Homer High

James Ballentine
Dan Bartos
Barbara Browning
Judy Bundy
Eileen Clark
David Cloud
Stan Eller
Sharyn Harris
Randy Hunt
Richard Ingels
Patricia Jay
Brad Kloeckl

Homer High (continued)

Troy Minogue
Holly Morris
Loraine Murphy
Brittany Nowak
Alan Olson
Tashawna Olson
Todd Phillips
Harold Rasmussen
Catherine Rate
Frances Roberts
Mark Robinson
Camille Rohrer
Richard Sander
William Searle
Janet Shepard
Mickey Todd
Esther Webb
Steven Wolfe

Homer Middle

Blanding, Margaret
Bushell, John
Dan Calhoun
Wayne G. Clark
Margaret Corbisier
Timothy Daugharty
Brenda Dolma
Ellen Halseth
Kathy Hill
Stephen Howell
Alex Koplín

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS
(Continued):

Homer Middle (Continued)

Debra Lowney
Harold Neace
Tonia Parlow
Michelle Robbins
Linda Rourke

Hope

Elena Yoter

K-Beach

Carol Brown
Kathy Clark
Cecilia Colvin
Susan Crane
Lynda Dahlgren
Robert Dover
Beverly Edwards
Shelli Furlong
Margaret Goodman
Thomas Houglum
Sally Kishbaugh
Gloria Larson-Sweeney
Linell McCrum
Connie Meyer
Irma Peterson
Mary Roed
Jane Teller
Barbara Vogel

Kachemak Selo

Sharon Conley
Randall Creamer
Michelle Stenger

Kenai Central High

Thomas Barnard
James Beeson
Liana Bingham
Elizabeth Burck
Thomas Burck
Mark Burgener
James Davis
Tim Delaney
Kim Foley
Susie Franklin
Kathleen Groleske
Renee Henderson
Jason Hobart
Dudley Homelvig
Craig Jung
Nathan Kiel
Deborah Knaus
Jon Lillevik
Mark Manuel
Alan Roger Phillips

Kenai Central High
(Continued)

Luann Reynolds
William Stavley

Kenai Middle School

Margaret Barron
Rosemary Bird
Tanya Boedeker
Dave Fischer
Thomas Green
William Hatch
Natalie Kant
Joyce Koppert
Alecia Lybrand
Sidney Maurer
Tim Peterson
William Radtke
Kenneth Roser
Timothy Sandahl
Cheryl Schey
Mary C. Schmelzenbach
David C. Schrier
Cheryl Schweigert
Stanley Steffensen
Robert Summer
Mark Tobin
Susan Wells
Holly Zwink

McNeil Canyon

Rebecca Boone
Amy Budge
Lori Ford
Patricia Kane (.5)
Atz Kilcher
William Noomah
Diane Patch (.5)
Deborah Piper
Nancy Vait
Duncan Wanamaker

Moose Pass

Terri McKnight (.5)
Jean Polowski (.5)

Mt. View Elementary

Jacqueline Bock
Karen Brewer-Fair
Terry Cramer
David Daniel
Janice Daniels
Martine Dikes
Rebecca Epperson
Margaret Gilman (.5)
Marsha Gustkey

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS
(Continued):

Mt. View Elementary
(Continued)
Dana Hallet
Angela Hamm-Brinkerhoff
Monica Heath
Satorene Jackson
Rose Ann Keating
David Knudsen
Katherine Pault
Patricia Springer-Hann
Julie Stephens
Toni Steward
John D. Uponen
Kellie Wannamaker
Berni Wensley
John Wensley

Nikiski Elementary
Gretchen Bagley
Donna Bellmore
Owen Mathew Boyle
Catherine Carrow
Denise Cox
Melinda Cox
Terry Durrant
Doug Emmerich
Wayne Floyd
Elizabeth Hufford
Wally Hufford
Judy Leichliter
Barbara Lodge
Cindy Rehm (.5)
Judy Shields
LaVona Smith

Nikiski Jr./Sr.
Scott Anderson
Robert Bird
Michael Boyle
Greta Cox
Marcie Curry
Richard Frederic
Darlene Gehrke
Steven Gillaspie
Maurice Glenn
Cheryl Hobart
Beverly Hunter-Gillaspie
Michael Johnson
Vern Kornstad
Daryl Mannausau
Janet Miller
Debra Moore
Lee Moore
Phillip Morin
Linda Ralston
Ward Romans

Mt. View Elementary
Dorothy Sanders
Kent Sanders
Kimberly Shostak
Christine VanBuskirk (.5)

Nikolaevsk
Michael Chitty
Patricia Chitty
Mark Kessler
Steven Klaich
Susan Ledger
Frances Moore
Christine Normandin
Debra Schmidt
Barbara Veeck

Ninilchik
Julie Boll
Marina Bosick
Karen Brett Vadla
Gerald Byrne
Susan Byrne (.75)
Bernie Clark
Patricia Cruz
Joel Hilbrink
Jamie Leman
Eric Skjold
Wayne Vaughan
Mike Wetherbee

North Star Elementary
Henry Anderson
Gloryann Baily
Ruby Bingham
Pam Gennari
Richard Gennari
Virginia Glenn
James Legner
Charmaine Lundy
Sherry Matson
Diane McBee
Sandra Miller
Laurie Moon
Rosemary Pilatti (.75)
Lesley Weatherman (.75)
Tracey Withrow
Linda Zimmerman

Paul Banks
Ingrid Avril
Sheryl Baechler
Robertta Creamer
Jennifer Edwards
Kathy Eller
Sharon Friesen

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS
(Continued):

Paul Banks Elementary
(Continued)

Kari Greiner
Gloria Hensen
Elizabeth Kirby
Jill Kriens
Sandra McDaniel
Jeri McLean
Lynn McLin
Mary Perry
Linda Satre
Nancy Synhorst

Razdolna

Bonnie Evans
David Evans

Redoubt Elementary

Nancy Boehmer
Barbara Burman
Chuck Chavka
Judy Cox
Janice Delaney
Sheila DeVold (.5)
Lynn Dusek (.5)
Melisa Frates
Zada Friedersdorff
Candice Goldstein
Deborah Griffin
Joy Hagen
Anita Hakkinen
Heidi Harding (.5)
Teresa Kiffmeyer
Sandra Lewis
Sohail Marey
Daniel Roach
William Rolph
Carol Simons
Lyle Tiel Smith
Patricia Walker

Sears Elementary

Lisa Atchley
Kathy Atkinson
Gretchen Becker
Eileen Bryson
Mary Castimore
Mary Fischer
Kristin Green
Laraine Hanson
Mary Jackson
Mary Knudsen
Nancy Lafferty
Elaine Larson
John Mills
Lori Newton

Sears Elementary
(Continued)

Barbara Ralston
Paula Redlin
Jean Sorenson
Jeannette Sorrels
Don Weller

Seward Elementary

Karla Arndt
Kim Blommel
Jennifer Carr
Charles Crangle
Jerry Dixon
Clifford Draper
Jeanne Fredrickson
Ann Ghicadus
Melody Hatch (.5)
Daphne Honn
Janice Kristenson
Kirstie Leslie
Jerry Olive
Paul Prebys
Paul Sayan
Deetta Scarborough
Linda Kay Smith
Marc Swanson
Catherine Turnbull
Mary Vesel
John Wickersham
Herbert Wottlin

Seward Jr./Sr.

Robert Arndt
Gary Benson
Charles Boerger
Jane Boerger
Daniel Bohrsen
Debra Burdick
Wayne Clark
Lawrence Colston
Everett Corbin
Martha Fleming
Angela Hammer
Richard Houghton
Sharon Inman
Dan Marshall
Andrea Messenger
Deborah Olson
Thomas Osborne
Sandra Pelischek
Mike Richards
Suzie Stafford-Hawker
Marvin Tapsfield
Nancy Tapsfield
Katherine Taylor

Diane Porter

Daniel Walker

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS
(Continued):

Skyview

John Andrews
Susan Bacon
Hans Bilben
David Carey
Carol Dallman
Clark Fair
Erling Hofseth
Darren Jones
John Kennedy
Mark Larson
Sandra Lewis
Wade Marcuson
Hilary Matthews
Miriam McKay
Dale Moon
Joseph Mooney
Kent Peterson
Linda Raemaeker
Richard Redmond
Rose Roeske
David Schmidt
Dianne Silva
Robert Sparks
Lana Syverson
Jennifer Tabor (.5)
Joseph Trujillo
Joanne Wainwright
Susan Wheeler
Paul Zobeck
Terri Zopf-Schoessler

Soldotna Elementary

Thomas Anderson
Regina Banas
Catherine Bishop
Jan Bobek
Teresa Brown
Nancy Courtright
Patricia DeBusschere
Yvonne Emery
Robin Evans
Mitchell Glover
Lesley Murphy
Emily Nicholson
Anne Pfitzner
Kathleen Thompson
Kelly Vasilie
Deborah K. Verney

Soldotna High

Robert Amundson
James Barkmen
Ron Becker
Julie Britton

Soldotna High (Continued)

Jeanna Carver
Neal Dallman
Mark Devenney
Kevin Dougherty
LaDawn Druce
Michael Druce
Dana Edwards
Daniel Gensel
Stuart Goldstein
Dan Harbison
Allan Howard
Sarah Jones
Sandra Miller
Patrick Nolden
Trudy Petersen (.6)
Jill Ramponi
Sharon Sauer
Vernel Schneider
Kelley Smith
Abigail Smola
Noreen Sullivan
Marisol Tapia
Lloyd Tappana
Grigori Vaissenberg
Martha Wallace-Keck
Mathew Walton

Soldotna Middle

William Altland
Leonard Ball
David Boyle
Dave Carpenter
John Christensen
Paula Christensen
Polly Crawford-Lowenstein
Jane Davis
Mary Dougherty
Sean Dusek
Pamela Furlong
Neldon Gardner
Darell Hagen
Letitia Hallett
John David Harro
Patricia Johnson
Cindy Litzenberger
Terry McBee
Stewart McDonald
Kathleen McDowell
Shari Meacham
Robert Moore
Terry Myrick
Linda Overturf
Laura Pillifant
Cathleen Rolph

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS
(Continued):

Soldotna Middle (Continued)

David Schmidt
Charlie Stephens
John Tabor
Clark Whitney
Shannon Wyatt

Sterling

Fred Colvin
Vicki Harrison
Sarah Hepner
Vicki Johnston-Freese
Patricia Jolin
Donna Kime
Suzanne Martin
David McCard
Ed Seims
Lora Sterling (.5)
Kelli Stroh (.5)
Catherine Szabo-Bendock
Penny Tinker
Larry Wheat
Tracy Wimmer

Susan B. English

Ann Agosti-Hackett
Sherri Burt
Andrea Morris
David Morris

Tustumena

Katie Blossom
Michael Chase
Darcia Dierick
Ann Fraser
Sharon Hopkins
Marilyn Kirkham
Judy Klunder
Gail Knobf
Russell Lewis
Tammy Massengill (.5)
David Michael
Karla Schneider (.5)
David Silva
Colleen Sinnott
Sheryl Sotelo
Fran Stetson
Jean Wykis

Voznesenka

Sue Dougherty
Bill Idzerda
Johanna Idzerda
John Szajkowski
Olga Veter-Eluska
Stanley White

West Homer Elementary

Susan Bunting
Melissa Cloud
Janet Fink
Shirlie Gribble
Brentley Keene
Gary Kirby
Margaret Ladd
Carolyn Maslow
Katherine Morissette
William Morissette
Alice Porter
Susan Scott-Ingels
Deborah Smith
Jeffrey Smith
Caroline Venuti
Beverly Wisdom

D/W Alternative Schooling

Cathleen Brothen

D/W Theater

Griffin, Gordon
Petersen, Lance (.75)

D/W Grants

Dorothy Gray
Judy Downs

D/W Vocational

Benjamin Eveland
Walter Ward

D/W Special Services

James Bennett
Janette Cadieux-Lexmond
Virginia Drais
Renee Estelle
Kevin Hall
Edward Harrison
Carolyn Hitzler
Jennifer Knutson
Todd Knutson
Theo Lexmond
Scott Linner
Diana Marsh
Susan Mathews
Laurine Maxwell
Rick McCrum
Vidya Oftedal
Ed Sotelo
Maureen Stoner
Raniece Sutton-Gamache
Vince Wagner
Kaye Watts
Marjory Wiley (.75)

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS
(Continued):

NOT ASSIGNED
Gayle Buben
Lori Manion-Langseth
Laura Sievert

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the 1998-99 tentative tenure teacher assignments. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mrs. Fischer stated that she would abstain from the vote due to the appearance of a possible conflict of interest.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Germano, Larned, Mullins, Gross
ABSTAIN - Fischer
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY REVISIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 4116, Nontenured/Tenured Status and BP 4117.6, Nonretention to bring the District in compliance with the requirements of HB 465.

Ms. Germano questioned whether the policies should return for a second reading and approval even though they are housekeeping revisions. Mrs. Radtke replied that she would return the revisions for approval at the next meeting.

WORLD LANGUAGE
CURRICULUM:

Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve the World Language curriculum as presented. Mr. McLain stated that the curriculum has been developed by some very dedicated people and that it ties language and culture together in a very forward manner and speaks to the benefit of dual language capabilities.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the World Language curriculum. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

TITLE IX INDIAN EDUCATION
GRANT:

Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve a Title IX Indian Education Grant application in the amount of \$204,798. The grant serves 957 students in 11 schools and is developed collaboratively with the Indian Education committee. The grant addresses academic needs in the areas of reading, language arts, mathematics, science and study skills as well as integrating cultural education activities throughout the curriculum. The application will be forwarded the Department of Education for final approval.

TITLE IX INDIAN EDUCATION
GRANT (Continued):

Mrs. Gross offered opportunity for a public hearing on the grant application. No members of the audience commented on the grant application.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the Title IX Indian Education Grant application. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

KPEA MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH CO-
PAYMENTS:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kenai Peninsula Educational Association and the Board to begin co-payments for medical insurance. Any remaining funds in the medical insurance account on June 30, 1998, will be reimbursed to participating employees by August 31, 1998.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kenai Peninsula Educational Association and the Board as presented. Ms. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

NIKISKI JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
NAME CHANGE:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a request to change the name from Nikiski Junior/Senior High School to Nikiski Middle/High School in order to accurately reflect the school's configuration.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board change the name from Nikiski Junior/Senior High School to Nikiski Middle/High School. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Mrs. Fischer expressed concern for the costs involved in changing the name on signage and letterhead. Mr. Arness stated that most of those changes have already occurred.

Motion carried unanimously.

FEUDING LANE PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a recommendation to have the elementary school bus transit Aspen Street Loop off Feuding Lane on the condition that Aspen is widened sufficiently for a school bus and a standard-sized vehicle to pass each other, and that the road be fully maintained. Lack of maintenance will mean suspension of this portion of the route until it has been determined that a bus can safely travel the road.

Mr. Hickey asked for an exception to Board policy in consideration for the small children this route would serve. Mrs. Gross explained that Feuding Lane is north of Soldotna and not far from an area where a person was recently killed by a bear.

FEUDING LANE PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
(Continued):

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve a recommendation to have the elementary school bus transit Aspen Street Loop off Feuding Lane under the conditions presented by the administration. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Mr. Arness asked the difference between Feuding Lane and other gravel roads throughout the District that are not state maintained. Mr. Hickey stated that typically the District restricts bus travel to borough maintained roads. He stated that the problem with the transportation policy is that state maintained roads are being turned over to the borough in increasing numbers and he feels that the policy will require a review in the future. He stated that he was cautioned that this request might lead to many more requests, but in this specific situation, bus transportation can be accommodated.

Mr. Hickey stated that other exceptions to the Board transportation policy relate to student safety. He stated that had it not been for the activity of a bear in the area and the age of elementary students walking a mile and a half to the road, he would have recommended otherwise.

Mr. Arness stated that there are many places in the District that students walk to the bus along areas where bears are living. He stated that he did not want to set a precedent and, therefore, opposed the recommendation.

Ms. Germano asked how the District is reimbursed for busing transportation. Mr. Hickey explained that state reimbursement is provided for the transportation of these students. He further explained that the only limitation is time and that all students could not be picked up and arrive at the school in a reasonable amount of time.

VOTE:

YES - Fischer, Germano, Mullins, Gross

NO - Anderson, Arness, Larned

Advisory Vote: YES

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 97-98-5:

Ms. Gross stated that while in Juneau, the legislature suggested that the Board pass a resolution concerning school funding. She recommended the Board approve a resolution stating:

“The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District supports the current efforts by the Alaska State Legislature to rewrite the education foundation funding formula so that it more equitably distributes money and support to all districts; and

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District strongly supports the placing of additional funds into education and strongly supports inflation-proofing the educational funding formula for future years and inflation; and

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District supports the use of a transition period to the new formula.”

Mr. Syzmoniak, principal, McNeil Canyon Elementary School, thanked the Board for taking the initiative to draft a resolution. He told the Board that the Homer area site based decision making councils have met to organize a group lobbying effort to the legislature. He thanked the Board for attending the legislative fly-in in Juneau.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Resolution 97-98-5. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mr. Arness stated that he objected to paragraph number three because it is open-ended and the Board has no idea what kind of a transition period is being considered.

Mrs. Gross stated that, according to discussions in Juneau, one to five years was suggested.

ACTION

Mr. Arness amended the Board delete paragraph number three. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Ms. Germano expressed concern that there would not be a change if the transition period continues for five years.

Mrs. Mullins stated that in conversations with legislators they indicated that they were willing to institute the changes within one year. She stated that she would like to see paragraph number three remain because in 1986-87 the District suffered a \$10 million loss in one year and was forced to release all nontenured teachers and cut salaries 10%. She stated that she would hate to see any district suffer that type of loss again.

RESOLUTION 97-98-5 (Continued): Mrs. Gross stated the reason for paragraph number three was to show support for other districts that may be losing a large amount of funding.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Fischer, Germano
NO - Larned, Mullins, Gross
Advisory Vote: YES

Amendment carried.

RECESS: At 9:06 p.m. Mrs. Gross called a recess.

RECONVENE: At 9:08 p.m. The Board reconvened in regular session.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mrs. Larned thanked the Paul Banks Elementary and Homer High schools for their presentations. She stated that she was especially interested when Mr. Toymil reported that Paul Banks Elementary is integrating art into their curriculum.

Ms. Germano thanked the audience for coming. She commented on the letter from the parent home schooling her children on the Galena School District program and suggesting the District buy computers for home school students to keep the money in this District, SB 36 proposes to reduce funds for Galena School District which has 200 regular students and 1200 home school correspondence students. She explained that home schooled correspondence students generate more money than regular students.

Ms. Mullins expressed her pleasure at coming to Homer for a Board meeting and for the Homer High School jazz band performance. She encouraged those present to send public opinion messages to their legislators regarding school funding. She stated that the Board has told legislators that the District has been reducing its budget for twelve years while other districts have not. She stated that she did not want to see other districts hurt by a change in school funding because it is the public's duty to see that all children are educated. She stated that the legislature needs to know that more money is needed and not just a reallocation of existing funds.

Mrs. Fischer thanked the audience for their attendance and for the student musicians. She stated that it is encouraging and inspiring to see the talented students in this District.

Miss Meacham thanked Mr. Searle for his enthusiasm towards his band.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued): Mrs. Gross echoed compliments concerning Mr. Searle and the Homer High jazz band.

ADJOURN: At 9:15 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the 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 March 2, 1998,
were approved on March 16, 1998,
with corrections.