

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

December 6, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

**School Reports** – Mr. John Pothast, Skyview High School principal, reported that one of the most significant undertakings this year was the school's approach in dealing with at-risk students. He noted that this year's highlights are the After the Bell Program, math tutoring program, PEP coordinators, I-Team Program, language class for at-risk 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, and block scheduling. He presented a video highlighting the "Stuck in the 60s" interdisciplinary dinner show. He explained that the show is an annual event that uses the help of half of the student body and most of the departments to create the script, props, food, and advertising.

**Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Peterson announced that the next Technology Work Group meeting will be February 3, 2000, and that a joint School Board and Assembly budget hearing will be held on March 7, 2000. Dr. Peterson invited the Board to the Administrators and Central Office Christmas Party on December 13, 1999. She announced that Sylvia Reynolds was selected as the Region III Principal of the Year.

**Lease Agreements Report** – Mr. Hickey presented a report of leases or agreements currently in effect for the District. The report includes agreements between the cities of Soldotna, Homer and Seward for the Community Schools Program; a lease for equipment and facilities with the North Peninsula Recreation Service area; a facility lease for Kachemak Selo, Razdolna, Aurora Borealis Charter and Voznesenka Schools; a lease to the Boys and Girls Club for space in the Kenai Elementary School, and a storage lease with Henderlong Enterprises for the Seward bus fleet.

**Technology Work Group Executive Overview** – The Board unanimously approved the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Technology Plan. The cost of the six-year plan will be funded by a combination of District, Borough and federal E-rate money for a total of \$11,925,374. The goals of the plan are to provide equity in technology access and learning opportunities for all students in the District, build a standardized hardware and software platform within the next six years, provide a support system to help schools keep the technology running smoothly, train staff in the use of technology and continue to enhance the District Wide Area Network to handle the business and instructional needs of the District.

**New Teacher Appointment** – The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1999-2000 school year for Douglas Gordon, vocational education, Soldotna High.

**Leave of Absence Request/Support** – The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 2000-2001 school year for Susan Covich, Title I tutor, Nikiski Elementary.

**Long Term Substitute Teacher Contract** – The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Carol Boehmler, QUEST, Mt. View Elementary.

**Resolution 99-00-6, Challenger Learning Center of Alaska** – The Board unanimously approved a resolution continuing the partnership and support of the Challenger Learning Center which includes incorporation of the

Center curriculum, where appropriate, in the areas of science, math and technology and utilizing a minimum of 15 "classroom missions" at the Center each year.

AR 6141, Curriculum Development and Evaluation – The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR6141, Curriculum Development and Evaluation. The revisions to the cycle provide two years for appropriate training and support for the language arts curriculum. This will allow additional time to align and train staff in supportive instructional practice; and align District curriculum and instructional practice with District certified diploma proficiency and foundational performance levels, state High School Graduation Qualifying Exam requirements, and the state Benchmark Test levels in Grades 3, 6, and 8.

AASB Board Standards – The Board unanimously approved the AASB Board Standards: A Framework for Alaska School Boards, which provides Board members with a guide to better boardmanship and excellence in education. A worksession was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss the standards in more detail.

Leave of Absence Request/Certified – The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence for Andrea Morris, special education/resource, Susan B. English (effective for the remainder of the 1999-2000 school year) and Troy Minogue, math, Homer High (effective for the 2000-20001 school year).

Resolution 99-00-7, Administrators Counted as Instructional Component – The Board unanimously approved Resolution 99-00-7 supporting the recognition of school principals as instructional leaders and request that the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development allow administrative expenditures in school budgets to be included as a categorized instructional component.

Homer Flex School Renovation – The Board unanimously approved the expenditure of an additional \$80,000 to meet fire and building codes as well as ADA accommodations at the Homer Flex facility.

School Calendar/Inservice Dates – The Board unanimously approved the 2000-2001 school calendar and tentatively approved school calendars for 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

Kenai Elementary Memorandum of Agreement – The Board unanimously approved the transfer of the management and operations of the Kenai Elementary building to the District.

Risograph Services – The Board unanimously approved a request to proceed with final negotiations with Risograph for duplicating services.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 3, 2000, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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