
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

November 20, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The National School Boards Association Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mrs. Sunni Hilts. Association of Alaska School Boards Basic Boardmanship Award certificates were presented to Mrs. Liz Downing, Mr. Bill Hatch, Mrs. Sunni Hilts, and Mrs. Debbie Brown. Mr. Marty Anderson was not present but also received the Boardmanship Award.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. John O'Brien, Nikiski Middle/High School principal, provided information regarding focus groups designed to reinvigorate school pride and increase achievement. He reported on new elective offerings, student achievement, and increased student engagement. Ms. Teresa Elmore reported on the Read 180 program. Mrs. Shana Kolipano reported on the new art program and displayed a table of student artwork during the meeting. Mr. Ted Riddall reported on the leadership class. Students, Mr. Tyler Payment and Mr. Joel Ribbens, reported that the leadership class has been well received by the students and that it has improved morale.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that on November 10 she attended the Challenger Learning Center Gala in Anchorage that raised approximately \$300,000. She reported that she attended the AASB Annual Conference November 9-12. She reported that she attended the Anti-Gang Summit in Anchorage and will serve on the Task Force. She reported that School Board meeting audio is now available on the website for meetings that are held in the Borough Administration Building.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending October 31, 2006.

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the FY06 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

SIX-YEAR ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS: Mrs. Douglas presented the Six-Year Enrollment Projections (2007-08 through 2012-13) that reflects 9,167 students for FY08.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved teaching assignments for Theronn King, (temporary) math/business teacher, Seward High School; Anthony Walfoort, middle school language arts/social studies, Seward Middle School; and Rene Hobbs, art teacher, Skyview High School.

SIX-YEAR PLAN AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed Six-Year Plan and List of Major Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects through FY14.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS OF FIREWEED ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSAL: The Board approved an administrative recommendation for the Fireweed Academy Charter School to use four (4) classrooms at West Homer Elementary and increase Fireweed's enrollment at WHE to 90 students.

PORT GRAHAM ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL GRADE CONFIGURATION: The Board approved a recommendation to reconfigure grade levels at Port Graham School from a K-10 school to a K-12 school beginning in the 2007-2008 school year.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of various policy revisions in Section 7000, New Construction. The Board also heard a first reading of revisions to BP 0430, Community Schools, AR 0430, Community Schools; BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs; BP 5141.21, Administering Medication; AR 5141.21, Administering Medication; and AR 6146.82, High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 4, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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