

**Kenai Peninsula Borough
School District
Board of Education
2022-2023**



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PREFACE

This brochure is to assist you in your decision to run for the Board of Education. After the filing deadline, the superintendent and/or the board president will hold a brief orientation session for the candidates. The board administrative secretary will contact you with an invitation. The orientation will provide you with additional information about the school district and help inform you during your campaigning.

ELIGIBILITY

Alaska Statute 14.12.080 states, “To be eligible to be a member of a school board, a person must have the same qualifications as are necessary to be a municipal voter in the school district.” That means you must be 18 years of age and maintain legal residence within the boundaries of the appropriate election district and the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

TIME COMMITMENT

Serving as a Board of Education member requires a significant time commitment. Board members are elected for staggered three-year terms. Business meetings are held approximately 12 times a year, normally last one to three hours, and are generally on the first Monday of each month. Work sessions are usually held prior to each regular meeting, quarterly as needed and last between two to four hours. When necessary, the Board will also hold special meetings, e.g. when considering the budget or high priority needs. In addition, members serve on various Board and District committees and attend special school activities. These are not necessarily held on board meetings days. Additional time commitments may be required.

The board packets, which contain materials to be considered or acted on during formal business meetings, are posted on the District’s BoardDocs portal <http://www.boarddocs.com/ak/kpbsd/Board.nsf/public>. Reading this material can take between one to four hours. In addition, you will spend time reading email messages and listening to constituent concerns.

TRAVEL

The Board holds most regular board meetings at the Borough Administration Building in Soldotna. However, the Board holds one meeting per year in Homer and one in Seward. Board members are encouraged to visit each school in their district at least once during the school year.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Select a district superintendent and appoint all certified school employees upon the recommendation of the superintendent or designee.
- Develop and adopt policies that govern the operation of the District.
- Provide leadership in establishing current and long-range educational plans and programs.
- Adopt an annual budget.
- Serve as the citizen's link to the school district.

COMPENSATION

Board members receive a salary of \$300 per month. The board president receives a salary of \$400 per month.

Board members are eligible for coverage by the school district health and accident insurance and, possibly, the State of Alaska Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). If you are interested in determining your eligibility for PERS, contact the District's finance department.

Travel expenses for all Board meetings and functions are covered. Mileage is currently reimbursed at the rate of \$.625 per mile and is based on the government standard rate.

REWARDS

The rewards for serving in an elected position differ from person-to-person. However, the following might pertain to you:

- the enjoyment of working for children,
- the service provided for your community,
- the sense of accomplishment when District schools receive outstanding recognition,
- the experience of making decisions that have a positive impact on the education of thousands of students.

CHALLENGES

- Pressures from special interest groups.
- The impossibility of being all things to all people.
- The necessity of making decisions that may be unpopular.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

The KPBSD is comprised of 42 school programs in 21 communities. School size varies from the small schools at Hope and Cooper Landing to over 500 students at Soldotna High School. The district encompasses 25,600 square miles and serves close to 8,500 students.

SCHOOLS

CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY

Eric Hart, Principal/Teacher

P.O. Box 1109, Anchor Point, AK 99556

235-8671

COOPER LANDING ELEMENTARY

Vacant, Principal

19030 Bean Creek Rd., Cooper Landing, AK 99572

595-1244

HOMER FLEX

Chris Brown, Principal/Teacher

4122 Ben Walters Lane, Homer, AK 99603

235-5558

HOMER HIGH

Doug Wacławski, Principal

600 East Fairview Ave., Homer, AK 99603

235-4600

HOMER MIDDLE

Meghan Redmond, Principal

500 Sterling Hwy., Homer, AK 99603

235-5700

HOPE SCHOOL

Vacant, Principal

P.O. Box 47, Hope, AK 99605

782-3202

KACHEMAK SELO SCHOOL

Mike Wojciak, Principal

P.O. Box 15007 Fritz Creek, AK 99603

235-5552

KALIFORNSKY BEACH ELEMENTARY Janae Van Slyke, Principal 1049 Poppy Lane, Soldotna, AK 99669	260-1300
KENAI ALTERNATIVE Kyle McFall, Principal/Teacher 705 Frontage Road, Suite C, Kenai, AK 99611	335-2870
KENAI CENTRAL HIGH Dan Beck, Principal 9583 Spur Hwy., Kenai, AK 99611	283-2100
KENAI MIDDLE Vaughn Dosko, Principal 201 Tinker Lane, Kenai, AK 99611	283-1700
MARATHON SCHOOL Melissa Linton, Principal 405 Marathon Road, Kenai, AK 99611	335-3343
McNEIL CANYON ELEMENTARY Peter Swanson, Principal/Teacher 52188 East End Road, Homer, AK 99603	235-8181
MOOSE PASS ELEMENTARY Matthew Potter, Principal Box 46, Moose Pass, AK 99631	288-3183
MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY Karl Kircher, Principal 315 Swires Road, Kenai, AK 99611	283-8600
NANWALEK SCHOOL Penny Bearden, Principal/Teacher Box 8007, Nanwalek, AK 99603	281-2210
NIKISKI MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH Shane Bostic, Principal Box 7112, Nikiski, AK 99635	776-9400
NIKISKI NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY Jenna Fabian, Principal 45600 Holt Lamplight Rd., Kenai, AK 99611	776-2600
NIKOLAEVSK SCHOOL Matthew LaHue, Principal Box 5129, Nikolaevsk, AK 99556	235-8972

NINILCHIK SCHOOL Matthew LaHue, Principal P.O. Box 39010, Ninilchik, AK 99639	567-3301
PAUL BANKS ELEMENTARY Sean Campbell, Principal 1340 East Road, Homer, AK 99603	226-1801
PORT GRAHAM SCHOOL Jimmy Hayes, Principal/Teacher P.O. Box 5550, Port Graham, AK 99603-5550	284-2210
RAZDOLNA SCHOOL Michael Sturm, Principal P.O. Box 15098, Homer, AK 99603	235-6870
REDOUBT ELEMENTARY William Withrow, Principal 426 W. Redoubt Ave., Soldotna, AK 99669	260-4300
RIVER CITY ACADEMY Shea Nash, Principal/Teacher 46188 Sterling Highway, Soldotna, AK 99669	714-8945
SEWARD ELEMENTARY Alan Haskins, Principal P.O. Box 247, Seward, AK 99664	224-3356
SEWARD HIGH Henry Burns, Principal Box 1049, Seward, AK 99664	224-3351
SEWARD MIDDLE Matthew Potter, Principal Box 1149, Seward, AK 99664	224-9000
SKYVIEW MIDDLE Shonia Werner, Principal 46188 Sterling Highway, Soldotna, AK 99669	260-2500
SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY Austin Stevenson, Principal 162 E. Park Ave., Soldotna, AK 99669	260-5100
SOLDOTNA HIGH Sarge Truesdell, Principal 425 W. Marydale Ave., Soldotna, AK 99669	260-7000

STERLING ELEMENTARY Denise Kelly, Principal Drawer 89, Sterling, AK 99672	262-4944
SUSAN B. ENGLISH SCHOOL Scott Jonsson, Principal P.O. Box 171, Seldovia, AK 99663	234-7616
TEBUGHNA SCHOOL Christy Gomez, Principal/Teacher P.O. Box 82010, Tyonek, AK 99682	583-2291
TUSTUMENA ELEMENTARY Devin Way, Principal P.O. Box 749, Kasilof, AK 99610	260-1345
VOZNESENKA SCHOOL Mike Wojciak, Principal/Teacher P.O. Box 15336, Fritz Creek, AK 99603	235-8549
WEST HOMER ELEMENTARY Eric Waltenbaugh, Principal 995 Soundview Ave. Suite 1, Homer, AK 99603	235-5750
<u>CORRESPONDENCE/HOME SCHOOL</u>	
CONNECTIONS PROGRAM Doug Hayman, Principal 143 E. Park, Soldotna, AK 99669	714-8880
<u>CHARTER SCHOOLS</u>	
AURORA BOREALIS Cody McCanna, Principal 705 Frontage Road, Suite A, Soldotna, AK 99669	283-0292
FIREWEED ACADEMY Kyle Darbonne, Principal 995 Soundview Ave. Suite 2, Homer, AK 99603	235-9728
KALEIDOSCOPE SCHOOL Dawn Grimm, Principal 549 N. Forest Drive, Kenai, AK 99611	283-0804
SOLDOTNA MONTESSORI CHARTER John DeVolld, Principal 162 E. Park Avenue, Soldotna, AK 99669	260-9221

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Zen Kelly, President	235-9700
Debbie Cary, Vice President	398-8308
Jason Tauriainen, Clerk	398-1024
Penny Vadla, Treasurer	262-7249
Jennifer Waller	741-2234
Matt Morse, Member	252-0573
Patti Truesdell, Member	394-4497
Tim Daugharty	399-7816
Virginia Morgan, Member	598-3094

SENIOR MANAGEMENT



Clayton Holland
Superintendent
Phone: 714-8836
cholland@kpbsd.k12.ak.us



Kari Dendurent
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DECISION TIME

Hopefully this information will be useful as you are making your decision. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/> or call Nikkol Sipes at 714-8888.