

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

January 21, 2002

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SCHOOL REPORTS:** Mr. Ken Meacham, Redoubt Elementary principal, provided the Board with enrollment, testing, and student transient information. He stated that one of the school goals is to provide a K-6 math performance assessment that will help determine the needs of students as they prepare for benchmark tests and the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. He commended Mrs. Diane Bush for her volunteer work in organizing a breakfast program, supported totally by donations, that provides over 800 meals monthly. Mr. Meacham reported on the After the Bell Program and Title I Program. He presented a computer-generated video highlighting student interviews and the Alaska State Standards. Miss Rachel Goldstein, Soldotna High School student, assisted several students in presenting a play in Russian called, *The Turnip*, with Mrs. Zada Friedersdorff interpreting in English. Mrs. Cyndi Romberg facilitated a presentation by students of historical facts about the City of Rome. The students concluded their presentation with a demonstration of their German language skills.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** Students from the Kenai Central High School Student Council Executive Board presented the Board with a pin and a card in observance of School Board Recognition month.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that the second semester began Monday, January 21. She thanked the Board and presented each member with a key chain in honor of School Board Recognition month.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending December 31, 2001. She noted that the year-to-date health care costs are exceeding FY01 costs by 9% on an annual basis and utilities costs will exceed the amount budgeted if the current trend continues.

**BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT:** Mrs. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 38 through 170 for various schools and departments within the District.

**Resignation:** The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Jacqueline D. Bock, special education/preschool, Sears Elementary.

**Warehouse Truck Replacement:** The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to request the Kenai Peninsula Borough to amend the Equipment Replacement Fund Policy to include equipment acquisitions for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, and request the Kenai Peninsula Borough to appropriate funds in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 for the acquisition of a tandem axle truck for local deliveries between the district warehouse and schools.

**New Teacher Appointment:** The Board unanimously approved a teacher assignment for the 2001-2002 school year for Elizabeth DeVold, (temporary) librarian/third grade, Sterling Elementary.

**POLICY REVISION:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 6146 (Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency - The Certified Diploma). The revisions bring the District in compliance with state statutes.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board heard a first reading of AR 5141.4 (Students – Child Abuse and Neglect). The revision clarifies the reporting and filing procedures for suspected child abuse or neglect.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 4, 2002, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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