
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

March 3, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.

Homer High School

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Regular Meeting - **600 E. Fairview, Homer, Alaska**

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Spirit of Youth Award to Miss Halley Moak for volunteer service at the Youth of the Nation Teen Center in Homer. The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Ms. Lolita Brache, Homer Flex volunteer, and Mrs. Amy Budge, McNeil Canyon teacher, for their service to the District. Ms. Sharon Whytal, Homer Flex volunteer, was not in attendance but also received a Golden Apple Award.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Benny Abraham, Paul Banks Elementary School principal, gave a PowerPoint school report with the assistance of Wendy Todd, physical therapist, and Jill Kriens, special education/resource teacher. The report included the school mission statement, a history of the school, information on academic activities, an introduction of staff and community/ parent volunteers, a list of special programs (special education, physical therapy, Bully-Proofing Program, etc.), information regarding specials (music, art, physical education, and library), assessment and achievement information, intervention team and staff collaboration meeting information, a summary of field trips and visits by special guests, and an audio demonstration of a first grade student reading.

Mr. Ray Hillman, Voznesenka School principal, gave a PowerPoint school report with the assistance of Jill Showman, teacher. The report included information on the school location and facility, class size, student language transition from Russian-only to English, a visit to the Challenger Space Center, an increasing number of high school graduates, the student reward program, assessment scores and student progress, contests and special classroom activities, field trips, club sports activities, and the incorporation of state standards into the curriculum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that students will take the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam and benchmark tests beginning March 3. She reported that the Blue Ribbon Vocational Education Task Force final meeting will be held March 11.

2003-2004 BUDGET PRESENTATION: Mrs. Melody Douglas presented the

2003-2004 preliminary School District budget. She noted that the administration recommends that \$2,919,193 in adjustments be made to reconcile the FY04 general fund expenditure budget to available revenue totaling \$72,509,508.

Year 3 Technology Report: Mr. Jim White presented the Year 3 Technology Plan Report which included a summary of the accomplishments and an explanation of how the six-year project was completed in three years.

Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 2003-2004 school year for Marina Bosick, Penny Tinker, Joseph Trujillo, and Tracy Wimmer.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contracts: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teaching contracts for Beverly Edwards, Grade 2-3, K-Beach Elementary; Gordon Griffin, English, Skyview High School; Marylil Spady, science, Skyview High School; Tamara Passe, special education/resource, Redoubt Elementary; and Sherry Friedersdorff-Dillon, kindergarten, Redoubt Elementary.

Request for Leave of Absence-Certified: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence for the 2003-2004 school year for Thomas Barnard, teacher of visually impaired, District-wide Pupil Services.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Liana Bigham, Kenai Central High social studies teacher, currently on year's leave of absence (resignation effective March 3, 2003); Russell Lewis, Tustumena Elementary sixth grade teacher, currently on year's leave of absence, (resignation effective March 3, 2003); and Mary Beth Nearing, physical therapist, District-wide, Pupil Services, (effective at the end of the 2002-2003 school year).

Fine Arts Curriculum: The Board unanimously approved the fine arts curriculum.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 7, 2003, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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