
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

May 3, 2004 - 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

Awards and Presentations: Mrs. Laura Beck was presented with the 2003 Inspirational Teacher Award given by Eastern Oregon University. Mrs. Beck was nominated for the award by a former student.

School Reports: Mr. John Cote, principal Seward Middle School, announced that last year the school made Annual Yearly Progress as part of the No Child Left Behind Act mandate. He noted that the new Seward Middle School will be completed next year. He announced that the school has converted to a five-period day focusing on core classes and allowing teachers a common prep period to be used to coordinate the curriculum around the state standards, review test scores and other planning. Mr. Cote introduced students Mr. Peter Fleming and Mr. Mitchell Moore who concluded the report by each presenting an oral English project.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Peterson presented the "Caring for the Kenai" third place award to Miss Brittany Dahlberg, Seward High student, who was unable to attend the awards ceremony. Miss Dahlberg reported that she wrote a book telling students why they should care about the environment titled, *A Teen's Guide to Caring for the Planet*. Dr. Peterson introduced Ms. Donna Foxley, Regional Representative to the U.S. Department of Education. She announced that the Board will conduct a Level III grievance hearing on May 17 at 3:00 p.m. She reported that before the last school day the District must notify all coaches and others who are paid from cocurricular funds that they will not have a contract next year and added that those notifications will be sent beginning May 10. She announced that the District achieved a 94% pass rate for seniors who took the HSGQE.

Tentative Tenured Teacher Assignment: The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenure teacher assignment for the 2004-2005 school year for Richard Redmond, Seward High School.

Nontenure for Tenure: The Board approved Karen Ruebsamen and Millie Lewis, tentative nontenured teachers, for tenure.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Holly Alston, math, Seward High School.

Correction to Board Tentative Meeting Dates: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to change the May 9, 2005 School Board meeting to May 2.

Administrator Appointment: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Terry Martin as Ninilchik School Principal for the 2004-2005 school year.

Leave of Absence-Certified: The Board unanimously approved a request for an unpaid leave of absence for the 2004-2005 school year for Charlotte Records, Grades 5/6, Ninilchik School.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Cathy Baber, Grades K-8, Cooper Landing (effective April 27, 2004) and Gary Kirby, Grade 5, West Homer Elementary (effective at the end of the 2003-2004 school year).

FY04 Budget Revision: The Board unanimously approved a Revised FY04 Revenue Budget of \$75,667,914 and a total FY04 District Budget of \$91,522,129.

Revisions to Policy manual (Section 3000): The Board unanimously approved various revisions to Section 3000, Business and Noninstructional Operations.

Revision to policy manual (BB 9320): The Board unanimously approved a revision to BB 9320, Board Meetings.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 7, 2004, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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