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

February 7, 2005 – 7:00 p.m. Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Jean Gdula, K-Beach Elementary School Secretary, and Connie Miller, Bilingual Program Coordinator, for their service and dedication to the District. Dr. Peterson announced that Laureen Wentz, Homer Flex Special Education Aide, has been recognized by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Education with the 2004-05 Paraprofessional Outstanding Performance Award and Lauri Lingafelt, Soldotna Elementary parent volunteer, has received the 2004-05 DEED Community Volunteer Outstanding Performance Award.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Jim Dawson, Mt. View Elementary principal, as well as Mt. View student council members introduced the school's mission statement and shared a computer generated presentation, "A Kid's Guide to Mt. View."

Mr. Darrell Johnston, Nanwalek Elementary/High principal gave a report on new staff, the relationships between the community and the school, Project GRAD and overwhelming student attendance to after school programs. Johnston also relayed a positive message from the village chief; the village feels that they have joint ownership with the school district in local education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson presented a report of the progress to date on the 2004-2005 Board goals and provided information of interest regarding superintendent activities. She announced that this is National Counseling Week. Dr. Peterson reported that training for PTA, Site Councils and concerned parents was held on January 20. Six meetings have been held regarding new principal selection; 25-40 people have attended each meeting. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held this Thursday and Friday. Dr. Peterson also reported that Whatever It Takes: The Project GRAD Story has been published by Teacher's College Press. The book's forward was written by Dr. Peterson.

Financial Report: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending December 31, 2004.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on quarterly budget transfers Numbers 47 through 146 for various schools and departments within the District.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2004-2005 school year for Sandra M. Lyons, (temporary) Title I teacher at Sterling Elementary and Holly Alston, (temporary) Middle School language arts/social studies teacher at Seward Middle School.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Roger Steinbrecher, social studies/physical education, Seward High School.

Termination: The Board unanimously approved a teacher termination for expiration of Alaska Teaching Certificate.

2005 State Legislative Priorities: The Board unanimously approved a revised fiscal note for the 2005 state legislative priorities.

Section 4000: The Board unanimously approved various changes to Section 4000 of the Board Policy Manual as part of its scheduled routine review.

BP 3311: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3311, Bids. The revisions bring the District in line with FCC regulations regarding E-Rate Purchases.

Resolution 04-05-3: The Board approved a revised Resolution 04-05-3, Funding for Education.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 21, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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