
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

April 4, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL REPORT: Ms. Mo Sanders, Soldotna Montessori Charter School administrator, provided a history of the establishment of the charter school and explained that the school gives parents another choice for free public education. She explained the differences between regular schools and the Montessori School. Three students explained several community service projects that have been accomplished this year and a quilt project using math and art skills. Mrs. Overturf and her students concluded the report by demonstrating a China and continental studies lesson with a dragon parade.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that interviews have tentatively been scheduled for the Homer Middle School principal on April 13, and for the Nikiski assistant principal position on April 14. She reminded the Board that testing is being conducted for Grades 3 through 10 and noted that the dates have been selected by the state. Some flexibility is being made for tests that fall on Russian holy days.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending February 28, 2005.

TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2005-2006: The Board approved the schedule for Board meetings during the 2005-2006 school year. The Board approved an amendment to add a second meeting in November 2005 and April 2006. The Board approved an amendment to change the January 9 meeting to January 16, 2006.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2005-2006 school year for Anne E. Peel, (temporary) Special Education emotionally handicapped teacher at Homer Middle School; Katherine A. Van Saun, (temporary) speech language pathologist, Central Peninsula Area, Pupil Services; and Kimberly D. Knecht, .50 FTE (temporary) 21st Century Grant Teacher/Manager at K-Beach Elementary.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence for Lourdes Link, Resource, Ninilchik Elementary/High School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Glenn Haupt, secondary education/curriculum and assessment director; Loraine Murphy, Language Arts, Homer High School; Lance Petersen, .75 FTE Theater, Homer High School; William B. Searle, Band, Homer High School/Homer Middle School; Mark H. Tobin, Grades 7/8 Math, Kenai Middle School; Ed Frink, Generalist, Kachemak-Selo; Connie S. Tobin, Grade 4, K-Beach Elementary; Janet G. Miller, Language Arts, Nikiski Middle/High School; Kent Sanders, Science, Nikiski Middle/High School; Darrell Johnston, Principal, Port Graham/Nanwalek; David R. Carey, Social Studies, Skyview High School; and Alice Porter, Grade 4, West Homer Elementary (all effective at the end of the 2004-2005 school year).

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved substitute teacher contracts for Mary Bailey, Speech, Soldotna Elementary and Dan Hill, Principal, Sterling Elementary.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS: The Board approved the appointment of Glen Szymoniak as Assistant Superintendent at Central Office; Sandra M. Miller as Title I Coordinator/Administration at Central Office/Tebughna; John G. O'Brien as principal of Nikiski Middle/High School; and John Cook as principal of Sears Elementary.

HSGQE WAIVER: The Board unanimously approved a High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver from student request Number 2005-05.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved Budget transfer Number 307 that was requested by the Curriculum/Assessment Department to purchase kindergarten through Grade 8 music books.

FY05 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a revision to the FY05 general fund budget to \$82,993,209.

2005-2006 BUDGET: The Board unanimously approved the FY06 Budget in the amount of \$88,536,469 for operating funds with a total for all funds of \$105,867,945.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved revisions to the Career and Technical Education Curriculum.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 18, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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