
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

June 6, 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 Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, Soldotna United Methodist Church, and Diane Bush for providing breakfast programs at various District schools, to Mim Updike for her volunteer service at K-Beach Elementary School; and Scott Earsley, Marlys Verba, and Thelma Antila for their service as ASPIRATION mentors. The Board presented a gift to Mr. DJ Tyson in appreciation for his service on behalf of District students.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Ms. Bridget Paule, Homer Soil and Water Conservation District education director along with two Homer area students, reported on the natural resources technology program and the after-school natural resources class.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson presented the End of the Year Report, which included a summary of Board action for the 2004-2005 school year as well as progress on administrative work plans and Board goals. She reported on various community, school and program meetings and conversations. She reported that to date, there have been 52 certified resignations or retirements in the District.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2005.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: By memorandum, Mr. Guy Fisher presented a report of leases and agreements for the 2005-2006 school year.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 423 to move Quality School Grant funds for summer school into summer school teacher salary and benefit accounts.

RESOLUTION 04-05-6: The Board unanimously approved Resolution Number 04-05-6 designating Mr. Tim Peterson as the 504 coordinator for District staff and Mrs. Jamie Harper as the 504 coordinator for students.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Mary Estes, library, Kenai Central High; David Justice, English, Kenai Central High; Jennifer Dowd, science/health, Nikiski Middle/High; and Tammy Flanders, Grade 3, Tustumena Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective the end of the 2004-2005 school year from Erling Hofseth, principal, Connections; Amy Stalmaster, intensive needs, Homer Middle School; David Larson, English, Kenai Central High; William Hatch, reading/math, Kenai Middle School; Satorene Jackson, Grade 4, Mountain View Elementary; Christopher J. Towne, music, Paul Banks/West Homer Elementary; Mim McKay, music, Soldotna Middle/Soldotna High; Michelle Gormanous, school psychologist, Sterling Elementary; Craig Johnson, principal/teacher, Susan B. English School; Tamara Johnson, middle school, Susan B. English School; Kristen Peless elementary generalist, Tebughna School; and Lucas Peless, secondary generalist, Tebughna School.

NONTENURED TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments for the 2005-2006 school year for Kristine Barnes Grade 6, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Mary M. Hicks, .50 FTE generalist elementary, Seward Area Connections; Luanne Bressler, Grades 3-4, Soldotna Elementary; Karlene Meyers, Grade 6, Soldotna Elementary.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2005-2006 school year for Michael L. Hanson, (temporary) itinerant professional development coach, Central Peninsula; Kriste Simonson, (temporary) school psychologist, Districtwide, Pupil Services; Christine M. Kemp, primary grades teacher, Kaleidoscope Charter School; Perry G. Corsetti, science teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School; Timothy J. Helvey, social studies teacher, Ninilchik Elementary/High School; Shannon Riley, special education resource teacher for Susan B. English, Nanwalek and Port Graham; Shannon K. West, intermediate grades teacher, Soldotna Montessori Charter School; John W. O'Neil, secondary generalist, Tebughna School; Catherine A. O'Neil, teacher/intervention, Tebughna School; Bonnie S. Stangl, (temporary) itinerant literacy coach, for Voznesenka School, Razdolna School, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High, Port Graham Elementary/High, Nanwalek Elementary/High, Kachemak Selo School, Ninilchik Elementary/High, and Tebughna Elementary/ High.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved a one-year unpaid leave of absence request for the 2005-2006 school year for Paula Patterson, school psychologist, Seward Elementary.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVER: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver request Number 2005-07.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Lee Young as principal at the Connections School; Sharon Conley as the regional principal at Nikolaevsk Elementary/High and Chapman Elementary; and John Pothast as principal at Redoubt Elementary.

NON-TENURED TEACHERS FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved Breta Brown, Ned Clooten, and Lisa M. Rolph, nontenure teachers, for tenure.

STUDENT EXPULSION: The Board approved the one-year expulsion of a Kenai Middle School student for violation of BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

KPSAA HANDBOOK RECOMMENDED CHANGES: The Board approved proposed changes to the KPSAA High School Handbook.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 11, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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