
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

September 12, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Gregg Wilbanks, Kenai Alternative High School principal, provided information regarding the student interview and acceptance process. He provided assessment information and noted that the school made AYP during the 2004-2005 school year except for graduation rate. He invited the Board to any of the school's special events and noted that the Thanksgiving Day dinner will be held on November 17 at 12 p.m. He provided a breakdown of student demographics and stated that this year's goals will be to focus on math and graduation rates. He stated that the school tries to respond to the whole student both, emotional and academic.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson presented the 2004-2005 Superintendent's Annual Report. She reported that Competency-Based Education conversations will be held throughout District communities. She reported that a review of charter school framework, policies and roles has begun. She reported that the Kenai Middle School leadership class will coordinate the holiday card making event. She reported that the Wellness Committee will meet on September 13 at 4 p.m. at the Student Nutrition Services Office; the Site Council/Parent Training will be held Thursday, September 15 at the Soldotna Sports Center at 10:30 a.m.; Constitution Day is September 16 with various activities planned at schools throughout the District; the Curriculum Mappings Trainer of Trainers Meeting will be held September 19-23; the Borough Student Government Conference will be held September 27 at Kenai Central High School; and the District Administrator Meeting will be held on September 29 at the Sports Center. She reported that the administrator evaluation conferences have been held and that the District Office has conducted 158 school classroom visits.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending July 30, 2005 and August 31, 2005.

NONTENURE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher assignments for the 2005-2006 school year for Holly Boyle, .50 FTE Reading, Kenai Middle; Vicki Hollingsworth, Grade 6/language arts and social studies, Kenai Middle; Lucas Peless, (temporary) language arts, Nikiski Middle/High; and Kristen Peless, Grades kindergarten, 1, 2 or multi-grade Sears Elementary.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved teaching assignments for the 2005-2006 school year for Jennifer Haugh, Grade 5, Chapman School; Tamra Wear, generalist, Connections Program; Lana Putman, (temporary), school psychologist, K-12 Districtwide Pupil Services; M. Hope Kmetz-Casseri, special education intensive needs, Homer High School; Mark Casseri, math, Homer High School; Cassandra Large, band/instrumental music 7-12, Homer High/Homer Middle; Vicki Abraham, (temporary) migrant teacher 7-12, Homer Middle/Homer High School; Lisa R. Morris, (.50 FTE temporary/.50 FTE permanent) Primary Grades K-3, Moose Pass Elementary; Sheri M. Legg, (temporary), librarian/media specialist .50 FTE, Mountain View Elementary; Gerald M. Olson, special education, resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Kevin B. Budge, (temporary), social studies/migrant (after school program), Nikolaevsk; Nikole D. Lyon, special education, resource, Seward High; Scott A. Jonsson, art, Seward High; Myla Liljemark, social studies/generalist 9-12, Seward High School; Jennifer Brockman, high school art, Skyview High School; Stephanie E. Cox, (temporary), high school art, Soldotna High School; Staci Wells, K-6 reading, Soldotna

Montessori Charter School; Cheryl L. Romatz, intermediate Grades 4-6, Soldotna Montessori Charter School; Patricia Truesdell, (temporary), elementary generalist, Tebughna School; Lisa A. Gossett, (.50 FTE temporary/.50 FTE permanent), primary teacher, Tustumena Elementary; Derek J. Bynagle, secondary generalist, Nanwalek School; Karen S. Budge, music teacher, vocal and instrumental, Ninilchik School; Darlene Stoddard, K-10 generalist, Port Graham School, and Jennifer Joy Jones, (temporary) Title I teacher, Tustumena Elementary.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved a certified leave of absence request from Ann Wilson, art teacher, Soldotna High.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved support staff leave of absence requests from Tim Greene, Title VII tutor, Nanwalek Elementary/High and Patty Bennett, custodian I, McNeil Canyon Elementary/Homer High.

RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved a resignation at the end of the 2004-2005 school year from Judy Klunder, Grade 3, Tustumena Elementary.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a substitute contract for Alison Gryga, ATOSS, Federal Programs.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS: The Board unanimously approved administrator appointments for Ron Hatcher, assistant principal, Kenai Middle and Curtis Liberty, principal/teacher, Susan B. English.

NONTENURED TEACHER FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved Jennifer Wardes, a nontenure teacher, for tenure.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved a budget transfer from the Information Services department to purchase additional disk space and expand backup capabilities to include school servers during backup of information.

TENTATIVE NONTENURED TEACHING ASSIGNMENT: The Board approved a tentative nontenure teacher assignment for the 2005-2006 school year for Leah Dubber, (temporary) social studies, Kenai Middle School.

BOARD POLICY 5131.43: The Board unanimously approved the adoption of BP 5131.43 (Bullying) which reiterates the District's commitment to provide a safe learning environment for students and provides a working definition of bullying.

BOARD POLICY 0520: The Board unanimously approved the adoption of BP 0520 (School Accountability/School Improvement) which states the process for implementation of school improvement plans when schools do not make adequate yearly progress (AYP).

AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS: The Board approved the 2005 AASB Core Resolutions. The Board approved amendments to Resolutions 2.3, 2.20, and 2.21. The Board deleted Resolutions 1.2 and 1.3.

APPROVAL OF AASB FUNDING RESOLUTION: The Board unanimously approved an additional AASB resolution regarding health care funding for consideration at the annual meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 3, 2005, 7:00 p.m., **Seward High School, SEWARD**, Alaska.

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