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

February 6, 2006 – 7:00 p.m. Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL REPORT: To begin the Board meeting Mr. Tony Bannock, Kenai Central High School student, sang the *Star Spangled Banner*. A small group of students representing the KCHS Choir sang, *Weep O Mine Eyes*, directed by Ms. Renee' Henderson. Mr. Alan Fields, KCHS principal with the assistance of Mr. Loren Reese, assistant principal, gave a computer generated presentation highlighting the school mission statement, assessment and cocurricular accomplishments to date, and the results from the My Voice Survey (survey of students). He concluded his comments by thanking the Board for their service in observance of Board Appreciation Month.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson thanked the Board for the expression of sympathy. She reported that the Seward boy's baseball team has met requirements of selecting a head coach by the deadline. She reported that she received 352 survey responses from community members, parents, and students and noted that the surveys are used during the school administrator evaluation process. She reported that several hundred surveys were received for teachers. She noted that highly qualified letters were sent to parents regarding 126 teachers and noted that 4 parent responses were received. She reported that parents and community members representing 15 schools attended the January 24 Parent Training meeting. She announced that the District made national news coverage for the grounded oil tanker, the eruption of the Mt. Augustine volcano, and for the first female wrestler in the nation to win a state wrestling championship (Miss Michaela Hutchison, a Skyview High School student). She reported that Miss Melinda Haring, former student School Board representative, is now the director for the Center for Religious Freedom.

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

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved the resignations of Susan Byrne, home economics/social studies/English, Ninilchik School; Jill Wright, English, Chapman School; Catherine Kibling, special education/resource, Kenai Youth Facility (currently on LOA); Lourdes Link, special education/resource, Ninilchik School (currently on LOA).

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENT: The Board unanimously approved a teaching assignment for Dana Morrell, (temporary) elementary teacher at Ninilchik School.

SEWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY RECOMMENDATION: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation that the Board of Education take action to vacate the former Seward Middle School and return the facility to the Borough.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Linda Farnham, special education/intensive needs, K-Beach Elementary.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Numbers 229, 230 and 231 requested by Aurora Borealis Charter School to pay for a teacher position ($24,513), health care benefits for that position ($11,000) and purchased services for sanding and sweeping the playground and cleaning in the building ($18,000), respectively.

RESOLUTION 05-06-3: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 05-06-3, Proclaiming National School Counseling Week.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 20, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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