
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

March 20, 2006 – 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Homer High School – 600 E. Fairview Ave.
Homer, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Golden Apple awards to Mrs. Deborah Piper, McNeil Canyon teacher and Mrs. Vicky Peters, McNeil Canyon tutor/library aide for their service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Benny Abraham, Paul Banks Elementary School principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the school early intervention process, assessment information, Title I program, parent involvement, resource program, full-day kindergarten, PTA support, after-school activities, strong parent and community volunteers,

Mr. Ray Hillman, Voznesenka School principal, reported that the school staff was featured at the No Child Left Behind Conference in Anchorage. With the assistance of Ms. Elaine Chalup, Grade 3/4 teacher, and Ms. Krista Etzwiler, K-2 teacher, Mr. Hillman gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the facility, school staff, assessment information, Project GRAD, an increase in the number of graduations, Consistency Management and Cooperative Discipline Program, Success for All Literacy Program, full-day kindergarten program, salmon project, marine safety program, wrestling program, and the Close Up Program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that the Community Action Coalition reported that they received 764 surveys with parental permission out of a total 1861 students in the target grades. She noted that the completed surveys were forwarded for analysis. She announced that the staff involvement and the number of community volunteers during the Arctic Winter Games was incredible and the stories being reported have been positive.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending February 28, 2006.

FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET: Mrs. Douglas presented the 2006-2007 Preliminary School District Budget.

TENTATIVE TENURED TEACHING ASSIGNMENT: The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenured teaching assignment for the 2005-2006 school year for Ken Felchle, Grade 7, Kenai Middle School.

2006-2007 NONTENURED PUPIL SERVICES TEACHERS FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved Lois Bisset, David "Chris" Standley, Stephanie Coolman, Angela Nelson, Mary Roed, Steve Evans, Tina Skaalerud, John Clare, and Elizabeth Lennon, nontenure teachers, for tenure.

2006-2007 NONTENURED PUPIL SERVICES TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenured pupil services teacher assignments for the 2006-2007 school year for Hope Kmetz-Casseri, intensive needs, Homer High; Jason Steadman, speech, Homer Middle; Breanna Bloom, intensive needs, K-Beach Elementary; Lisa Ferguson, resource, K-Beach Elementary; Lana Putman, school psychologist, K-Beach Elementary; Paul Gutzler, resource, Kenai Central High; Katherine VanSaun, speech, Mountain View Elementary; Shannon Riley, resource, Nanwalek; Kate Biegert, resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Gerald Olson, resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Ben Alexander, resource, Ninilchik; Tammy Flanders, resource, Redoubt; Jennifer Harvey-Kindred, resource, Sears Elementary; Lucinda Holland, resource,

Sears Elementary; Robert Vernon, occupational therapist, Sears Elementary; Nicole Lyon, resource, Seward High; Amy Williams, resource, Skyview High; Judy Graham, emotionally handicapped, Soldotna Middle; Donna Huguelet, intensive needs, Soldotna Middle; Daniel Kaasa, assistive technology specialist, Soldotna Middle; Kristie Simonson, school psychologist, Soldotna Middle; Jennifer Tyler, intensive needs, Soldotna Middle; Therese Amos, school psychologist, Soldotna High; Stephanie Burns, resource, Soldotna High; and Neil Denny, emotionally handicapped, West Homer Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year from Mary Alice Durman, Grade 3/4, Chapman Elementary; Duncan Wanamaker, science/health, Homer Middle School; Barbara N. Lodge, kindergarten, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Gloria J. Hensen, Grade 2, Paul Banks Elementary; Jerry Olive, special education resource, Seward Elementary; Janet Holdt, music, Seward Middle/Elementary; Maureen Stoner, Grades 1/2, Sterling Elementary; Catherine A. O'Neil, intervention teacher, Tebughna Elementary/High; John W. O'Neil, generalist, Tebughna Elementary/High; and Caroline Venuti, Grade 3, West Homer Elementary. Mr. Szymoniak also recommended the Board approve a resignation effective immediately from Dale Moon, vocational education (currently on unpaid leave of absence for the 2005-2006 school year).

REQUESTS FOR SABBATICAL LEAVE: The Board unanimously approved unpaid sabbatical leave requests from Allan Miller, Grade 6, Sterling Elementary, and Jennifer Chapple, Grade 1, McNeil Canyon Elementary.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a substitute teacher contract for Reubin Payne, Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary.

PERMANENT RETURN OF NIKISKI ELEMENTARY TO BOROUGH: The Board unanimously approved the permanent return of the Nikiski Elementary School building to the Borough, as of August 31, 2006.

FORMER SEWARD MIDDLE FACILITY RECOMMENDATION: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to surplus the former Seward Middle School facility and turn over control to the Kenai Peninsula Borough effective June 30, 2006.

APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved the Elementary Language Arts/Reading Curriculum as presented at the February 20 worksession.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of AR 0420, School Based Management/Site Councils; BP 0530, Criteria for Closing Schools; BP 6162.71 and AR 6162.71, Internet Use; BB 9130, Board Committees; BB 9310, Policy Manual; AR 6145, Cocurricular Activities, BP 5141.6 and AR 5141.6, Student Nutrition and Physical Activity and BP 6187 and AR 6187, Charter Schools.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 3, 2006, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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