
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

April 3, 2006 – 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 Mr. Tony Cloud, K-Beach Elementary community member; Mr. Dennis Spindler, Soldotna High Custodian; Ms. Debbie Falk, Nikiski Middle/High career and guidance assistant; and Mrs. Holly Zwink, KCHS Special Education teacher; for their service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Todd Syverson, Soldotna High School principal, commended the school staff and explained the school “Acceleration-Plan”. He praised the 12 music students who were selected to the state honor band. Mr. Vernel Schneider’s percussion band students concluded the report by playing two songs.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Dr. Ellen Harrison, Project GRAD USA senior director of academics, explained that the purpose of the program is to support students in all grades in the seven partner schools through high school graduation to the completion of college. She provided information on the Project GRAD’s activities to date, funding information, and highlights and successes.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that interviews have been held for Homer Middle School principal, Kenai Middle School assistant principal, and K-Beach Elementary principal. A public meeting will be held in Seward on April 4 to discuss the Seward High School principal vacancy. She announced that the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam and state mandated standardized tests will be given beginning April 4 through April 6.

TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2006-2007: The Board unanimously approved the schedule for Board meetings for the 2006-2007 school year.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request from Shona DeVolld, English, Kenai Central High.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Laurie J. Decker, special education/resource, Homer High School; Cassandra Large, band, Homer Middle and Homer High School; Elizabeth Burck, science, Kenai Central High; Thomas Burck, vocational education, Kenai Central High; James P. Bennett, Quest, Mt. View Elementary; Darlene E. Gehrke-Conright, music, Nikiski Middle/High School; Ingrid Avril, kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Kim M. Blommel, Grade 4, Seward Elementary; Jennifer W. Carr, Grade 2, Seward Elementary; Neldon Gardner, physical education, Soldotna Middle School; Letitia Hallett, science, Soldotna Middle School; Carol Dallman, librarian, Skyview/Soldotna High Schools; Neal Dallman, special education/resource, Soldotna High; Millie Lewis, special education, West Homer Elementary; and Scott Linner, school psychologist, West Homer Elementary.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a substitute teacher contract for Dan Hill, Soldotna Elementary principal.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 320 requested by the Curriculum Department to purchase Language Arts Curriculum materials.

2006-2007 BUDGET: The Board unanimously approved a FY07 general fund budget of \$92,951,047 and a budget of \$112,315,918 for all funds.

REVISIONS TO MISCELLANEOUS BYLAWS, POLICIES AND REGULATIONS: The Board approved various revisions to 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; and AR 6145, Cocurricular Activities.

POLICY AND REGULATION ADOPTION: The Board postponed the adoption of BP 5141.6 and AR 5141.6, Student Nutrition and Physical Activity. The policy is required by Federal regulation as part of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Section 204: Local Wellness Policies) and must be in place in all school districts nationwide by June 30, 2006.

REVISIONS TO CHARTER SCHOOL POLICY AND REGULATION: The Board approved proposed revisions to BP 6187 and AR 6187, Charter Schools.

RESOLUTION 05-06-4: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 05-06-4 Declaring Children as Alaska's Top Priority.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 17, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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