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

June 5, 2006 – 7:00 p.m. Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Soldotna, Alaska

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that she recently gave a presentation at the Kenai Chamber of Commerce meeting. She reported that high school graduations and retirement ceremonies have been concluded. She announced that principal check out meetings began on June 5 and includes a 30-minute visit with each administrator to discuss personal and school goals. She reported that June 13 through 15 District staff members will attend the ACSA Summer Leadership Academy titled, Systemic Change: Achieving Large-Scale Reform at the School, District and State Levels, with Michael Fullan. She reminded the Board of the Annual Planning Session on June 6 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Soldotna Council Chambers. Dr. Peterson presented the End of the Year Report, which included a summary of Board action for the 2005-2006 school year as well as progress on administrative work plans and Board goals.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Dr. Peterson presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2006.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:** The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Number 401 by Kaleidoscope Charter School to pay for long-term certified substitute wages ($11,000) and instructional aide wages ($16,100); Numbers 440 and 460 by the administration to pay for long-term wages and benefits for substitutes who were hired for extenuating circumstances, such as maternity leave, leave of absence or extended sick leave at Tustumena Elementary ($46,962), Kenai Youth Facility ($10, 852), K-Beach Elementary ($16,051), and Voznesenka School ($17,500); and Number 452 by Aurora Borealis Charter School to pay for travel costs to the International Future Problem Solving Competition ($14,000).

**RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR KPSAA MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBOOK:** The Board unanimously approved proposed middle school handbook changes recommended by the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association member schools for the 2006-2007 school year.

**RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR KPSAA HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK:** The Board unanimously approved proposed high school handbook changes recommended by the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association member schools for the 2006-2007 school year.

**2006-2007 NONTENURE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS:** The Board unanimously approved a nontenure teacher assignment for the 2006-2007 school year for Lisa Morris, primary Grades K-3, Moose Pass Elementary; Bonnie Stangl, teacher, Grades K-10, Port Graham; Jennifer Dowd, Grade 1, Sears Elementary; Stephanie Cox, art teacher, Soldotna High; Alissa Mattson, language arts, Soldotna High; Robert Shively, language arts, Soldotna High; and Tamra Wear, (temporary) math .75 FTE, Soldotna High.

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Sherry Dillon, special education, resource, K-Beach Elementary; Kelley Smith, librarian, Mountain View Elementary; and Ann Fantz, math, Seward High School.

**2005-2006 NONTENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENT:** The Board unanimously approved a nontenure teacher assignment for the 2005-2006 school year for Elizabeth Lennon, (temporary) speech language pathologist, Districtwide/Central Peninsula.

**2006-2007 NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:** The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2006-2007 school year for Linda M. Farnham, special education, intensive needs, K-Beach Elementary; Annette E. Knofel, school psychologist, Seward Elementary; David L. Justice, special education, resource, Soldotna High School; and Douglas O'Brien, special education, resource, West Homer Elementary.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations for Tim McFarland, music/art, Aurora Borealis Charter School; Paula Christensen, director of Elementary Education/Curriculum; Breanna Bloom, special education, intensive needs, K-Beach Elementary; Louise Heite, speech therapist, Kenai Middle School; Michelle Graves, science/computers, Nikiski Middle/High; Karen Budge, music, Ninilchik School; Sharon Stevens-Ganser, Grade 5/6, Seward Elementary; Loretta Swanson, Grade 2, Seward Elementary; Mark Woodward, language arts/social studies, Seward Middle School; Jenny Brockman, art, Skyview High School; Ann Wilson, art, Soldotna High School; M. Jayne McFarland, speech pathologist, Soldotna Middle School; and Ronanda Liberty, generalist, Susan B. English.

**CHANGE TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE:** The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to change the October 16, 2006 Board meeting to Monday, October 23, 2006 to accommodate administrative staff and Board member travel schedules.

**NEW ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS:** The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Rayna Neumiller as the assistant principal of Homer High and Ginger Lee Blackmon as principal of Seward High.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING A REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT:** The Board unanimously approved the administrative recommendation regarding an unpaid request for leave of absence for John Standifer, custodian, Tebughna Elementary/High School.

**KALEIDOSCOPE CHARTER SCHOOL REQUEST:** The Board approved a request by the Kaleidoscope Charter School administration and APC to increase student enrollment to 166 students.

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

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