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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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August 7, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building  
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mrs. Debra Mullins, President  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Vice President  
Ms. Sandra Wassilie, Clerk  
Mr. Marty Anderson, Treasurer  
Dr. Nels Anderson  
Mrs. Debbie Brown  
Mrs. Liz Downing  
Mr. Bill Hatch  
Mrs. Sunni Hilts

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Melody Douglas, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Sam Stewart, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Glen Szymoniak, Assistant Superintendent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Joe Nicks	Mrs. Norma Holmgaard
Mr. Phil Hermenak	Mrs. Jamie Harper
Mr. Sean Dusek	Mrs. Sharon Moock
Mr. Jim White	Mr. Tim Peterson
Mrs. Marnie Bartolini	Ms. Terri Woodward
Mrs. Doris Cannon	

Others present not identified.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mrs. Mullins called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, Mr. Hatch, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Mullins, Dr. Anderson and Ms. Wassilie (arrived at 2:40 p.m.) were in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 2:17 p.m., Mr. Hatch moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss negotiations. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 3:15 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Hatch seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RECESS:**

At 3:16 p.m., Mrs. Mullins called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:**

At 6:59 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
(7:00:05 PM)

Mrs. Mullins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
(7:00:15 PM)

Mrs. Mullins invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**  
(7:00:39 PM)

Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Ms. Sandra Wassilie	Present
Mr. Marty Anderson	Absent/Excused
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Debbie Brown	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mr. Bill Hatch	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
(7:01:19 PM)

The agenda was approved as written.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
(7:01:39 PM)

The School Board Minutes of July 17, 2006, were approved with a correction.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**  
(7:02:45 PM)

Dr. Peterson referred to an article in the Bus Report regarding Arctic Winter Games busses; to a letter from Seldovia regarding hiring; and to an email regarding the August 15 meeting with the Borough Assembly.

Mrs. Mullins reported that a letter was received from Ms. Wassilie to all Board members announcing her resignation from the Board effective October 2, 2006.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:**  
(7:03:40 PM)

Ms. Terri Woodward, KPESA representative, stated she was also speaking on behalf of KPEA and thanked the Board and administration for a new contract. She commended all members of the team for their hard work and thanked them for building trust during the past three years of the preceeding contract. She announced that her term as KPESA president will end soon.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**  
(7:06:00 PM)

Dr. Peterson reported that she attended the summer ASAA-EED Conference in Juneau where the Department of Education trained superintendents on new laws and expectations. She noted that the Board information packet included District Office workplans, agendas for upcoming meetings, and the Parent Student Handbook. She reported that she will be in Nanwalek on August 14 to attend a six-hour fair and in Tyonek on August 15 to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new teacher housing. She reported that she will also speak at the upcoming Soldotna Rotary Club meeting and be present at other local events. Dr. Peterson presented the 2005-2006 Superintendent's Annual Report.

**BOARD REPORTS:**  
(7:09:41 PM)

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the Project GRAD meeting and noted that Project GRAD is searching for a new executive director. She reported that she attended the AASB Board of Director's meeting in Fairbanks and that the group developed a Long Range Plan and reviewed resolutions.

**BOARD WORKSESSION  
REPORT:**

*(7:11:18 PM)*

Mrs. Mullins reported that the Board conducted an executive session to discuss negotiations. She reported that the Board held worksessions regarding Board Goal 1 (Reaching for Excellence) and AASB resolutions. She reported that the Board heard an update on NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress, reviewed the Summer School Program, and heard information about the Coaching Project.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*(7:18:02 PM)*

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Nontenure Teaching Assignments; New Teacher Assignments and New Administrator Assignment.

**NONTENURE TEACHING  
ASSIGNMENTS:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended that the Board approve Nontenure Teaching Assignments for Vicki Abraham, (temporary) migrant teacher 7-12, Homer Middle; Tanya Erwin, (temporary) Grade 6 teacher, K-Beach Elementary; MaryEllen Dalberg, (temporary) Title I teacher, Seward Elementary; and Angela Brown, (temporary) .75 FTE math teacher, Skyview.

**NEW TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended that the Board approve new teacher assignments for Heather Wendt, physical education/computers, Kenai Central High; Kellie Davidson, Grade 1, Sears Elementary; Lyndi Miller, Grades K, 1, 2 or multi-grade at Sears Elementary; Kimberlie Fister, Grades 3-4, Seward Elementary; Damara Burnett, (temporary) .40 FTE Secondary language arts/English at Susan B. English; and Benjamin Stephens, (temporary) Grade 4 at West Homer Elementary.

**NEW ADMINISTRATOR  
ASSIGNMENT:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended that the Board approve an administrator assignment for Sheryl Kaye, principal/teacher at Tebughna Elementary/High.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Mrs. Downing seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

*(7:19:04 PM)*

Ms. Wassilie expressed appreciation for the reports provided by administration and for the 2006-2007 workplan information. She expressed appreciation for the District Office administration and especially Mrs. Holmgaard for working toward culturally responsive schools.

Mrs. Crawford expressed appreciation for the workplans. She stated that the 2006-2007 Board goals reflect more of what the Board is doing. She expressed appreciation for the 2005-2006 Superintendent's Annual Report. She stated that she is excited about the issue of Professional Learning Communities.

Mrs. Hilts expressed appreciation for the clarity of the workplans, especially at a time when the District has a lean administration.

Mrs. Downing thanked those involved for the negotiations process. She congratulated the IT Department staff for the successful migration to Outlook. She stated that she hopes that teacher leader learning communities meet the goals of the Coaching Program.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**  
(continued)

Dr. Anderson stated that after a review of the Board goals, he is disappointed that none of them measures student achievement. He stated that the Board needs to work on improving reading scores at Grades 1 through 3. He reported that he is struggling with the change to the Outlook email system. He commended Ms. Wassilie for her Board service and was sorry to hear that she was resigning.

Ms. Wassilie thanked Mr. Szymoniak, Mr. Spence, and Mr. Hamburg for meeting with Moose Pass residents to resolve a student meal service problem.

Mrs. Mullins referred Board members to BB 9010 (Public Statements) and read the bylaw out loud for the benefit of the public and the Board. She encouraged Board members to read an article titled, "Board Member Boot Camp" from the August issue of the School Board Journal.

**ADJOURN:**  
(7:26:34 PM)

At 7:26 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Hatch seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mrs. Debra Mullins, President

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Ms. Sandra Wassilie, Clerk

The Minutes of August 7, 2006,  
were approved on September 11, 2006  
as written.