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

January 15, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Mr. Wally Hufford, speech pathologist and Mr. Travis Moore, community volunteer with Golden Apple Awards in recognition for their service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Charlie Walsworth, West Homer Elementary principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting student test scores, grade level themes, programs, professional development, activities, community participation and future plans.

Mr. Michael Sellers, Port Graham Elementary/High School principal, introduced Mr. Mike Peterson, Project GRAD academic coach, who gave an overview of the program and accomplishments. Mr. Mike Kvasnikoff, 7th grade student, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the school staff, student configuration and grade levels, class schedule, the facility and equipment, community and parent support, course offerings, activities, cultural events and arts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Donna Peterson presented the 2006-2007 Mid-Year Progress on Goals. The report includes current progress on goals, current progress on work plans, a list of other unanticipated priorities, and an outlook of the District Office workload for the second semester. She announced that Miss Lydia Ames, School Board Student Representative, has been named a Commended Student in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending November 30, 2006 and December 31, 2006.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on quarterly budget transfers Numbers 52 through 127 for various schools and departments within the District.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 122 in the amount of $30,000 to pay for student lessons, such as driving, art, music, dance and swimming through the Connections Program; Numbers 124, in the amount of $120,000 to pay for teacher and aide salaries and health care costs for Kaleidoscope Charter School staff; Number 125 for $36,600 to adjust the TRS account for Kaleidoscope Charter School; Number 140 in the amount of $129,662 to cover the cost of upgraded internet access at Nanwalek, Port Graham and Voznesenka; and Number 141 in the amount of $39,000 to cover the cost of heating system changes from fuel oil to natural gas at Ninilchik and Tustumena schools.

HSGQE WAIVER: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2007-04.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for Jan B. Spurkland, (temporary) generalist, Homer Middle School and Susan A. Hawker, (temporary) Grade 4, teacher, Soldotna Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved the resignations of Linda Farnham, Intensive Needs, K-Beach Elementary (effective January 16, 2007) and Curtis Liberty principal/teacher, Susan B. English School (effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year).

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Ed Frink, math, Homer Middle School; Kelly Johnson, Grade 5, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; and Dan Hill, special education, Soldotna High School.

TENURED TEACHER ASSIGNMENT: The Board unanimously approved a tenured teacher assignment for Michael F. Boyle, districtwide curriculum/assessment.

REVISIONS TO THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR: The Board unanimously approved revisions to the 2007-2008 District calendar. The proposed revision changes the end of the semester from January 14, 2008 to December 21, 2007 and makes December 21, 2007 a minimum student day; changes the inservice day from January 14, 2008 to January 21, 2008; and changes the vacation day from April 11, 2008 to April 18, 2008.

POLICY REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs and BP and AR 5141.21, Administering Medication. The Board unanimously approved amendments to both policies.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 5, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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