
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 5, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Mr. Jim Legner, Pupil Services technology coordinator, and Mr. Jerry Byrne, Ninilchik Elementary/High teacher, with Golden Apple Awards in recognition for their service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Joe Mooney, Kenai Youth Facility teacher, and Mr. Steve Kiefer, Juvenile Justice Superintendent, gave a computer-generated presentation showing the facility, the classrooms, resident area, and exercise equipment. Mr. Mooney told the Board about the Work Experience Program, summer program, student expectations, curriculum, grade levels, length of stay, number of students served, assessments, placement and high school graduation, discipline. Mr. Mooney read a statement from a student expressing appreciation for the help received while at the facility. Mr. Kiefer invited those present to tour the facility.

Mr. Wayne Young, Spring Creek High principal/teacher, gave a computer-generated presentation highlighting the facility, mission statement and goals, program objectives, the organization of the administration of the Youth Offender Program, discipline of students, teaching staff, course offerings, Youth Offender Program intervention team members, participant information, educational goals, reasons for the program success and success rates, and graduation rates.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that meetings will be held throughout the District with various parent groups regarding administrative changes for the next school year. She reported that the leadership teams for the District and the Kenai Peninsula College will meet to discuss the future of Pre-K through Grade 16 education on the Peninsula. She reported on the Tri-Borough Anti-Gang Task Force and noted that she will give a presentation regarding the work of the Task Force during the upcoming Tri-Borough Mayor's Conference. She noted that the District is featured in the most recent issue of Board and Administrator in an article titled, *Prevent Student Technology Abuse from Making Your District Look Bad*.

REVISIONS TO AR 6187: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 6187, Charter Schools.

KPSAA OUTSOURCE AGREEMENTS: The Board unanimously approved new outsource applications for the 2006-2007 Alaska State Activities Association (ASAA) spring activity season for Girls' fast-pitch softball at Nikiski High School and Boys' baseball at Soldotna High School. He further recommended that renewal outsource applications be approved for the 2006-2007 ASAA spring activity season for Girls' fast-pitch softball at Homer High School, Boys' baseball at Homer High School, Girls' fast-pitch softball at Seward High School, Boys' baseball at Seward High School, and Girls' fast-pitch softball at Soldotna High School.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Ibtihal M. Marey, special education aide, K-Beach Elementary (effective January 2 until February 16, 2007).

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Steve Pautz, Seward Middle/Moose Pass principal (effective at the end of the 2006-07 school year) and Darcia Dierick, elementary teacher currently on unpaid leave of absence (effective immediately).

2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR: The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2008-2009 school calendar.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENT: The Board unanimously approved a teaching assignment for Scott Ruch, (temporary) Grades 5/6, Seward Elementary

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 120 for \$11,765 to pay for computers to be used in the science, library, and Reconnecting Youth programs; Number 159 for \$15,916 and \$10,555 to pay for teacher salary monies to the pro-tech services account for consulting fees, and to the employee travel account for training of District employees in the start-up of the proposed Kenai Performance High School, respectively; and Number 174 for \$24,000 to pay for Kenai Peninsula Community College classes (fall/spring) for Connections students.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute contract for Lenore Swanson, speech, McNeil Canyon.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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