
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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

Homer High School
600 E. Fairview, Homer, Alaska

SCHOOL REPORT: Ms. Kiki Abrahamson, Fireweed Academy lead teacher, gave a short video presentation highlighting students participating in classroom activities, literacy activities, science lessons, guest speakers in the classroom, Reader's Theater, applied mathematics, music and dance activities, hands on science, and Artists-in-the-Schools. Three students concluded the report with an invention presentation and an invitation to the Invention Convention.

Ms. Karen Wessel, Homer Flex High School principal/teacher, explained the concept of the standards-based performance model which is used at the high school. Mr. Jeff Szarzi explained how the standards-based concept is used in his classroom. Miss Brionna Campbell, Miss Katrina Kearney, Miss Megan Anderson, Miss Jess Franklin, Mr. Broc Whetter, and Mr. Patrick Payne explained that they like the standards-based teaching method because students teach each other, help each other, and can work at their own pace.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson announced that principal interviews will be held in Seward for Seward Middle School on Thursday, March 8, in Nikolaevsk for Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School on Monday, March 12, and in Seldovia for Susan B. English Elementary/High School on Thursday March 15. She reported that she will attend the Alaska Superintendent Association Legislative Fly-In in Juneau, March 18 through 23.

FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET: Mrs. Douglas presented the 2007-2008 Preliminary Draft School District Budget. She announced that action is scheduled for the April 2 Board meeting.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Paul Zobeck, Jennifer Carr, Linda Vroman, and Deborah Michael.

2007-2008 SPECIAL EDUCATION TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenured Pupil Services teacher assignments for the 2007-2008 school year for Tammy Flanders, resource, Districtwide Pupil Services; Deidre Jenson, behavior transitions, Districtwide Pupil Services; Joel Jenson, primary, behavior teacher, Districtwide Pupil Services; Hope Kmetz-Casseri, intensive needs, Homer High; Paul Gutzler, resource, Homer High; Elizabeth Lennon, speech, Homer Middle; Anne Peel, emotionally handicapped, Homer Middle; Barbara Croxford, school psychologist, K-Beach; Lisa Ferguson, resource, K-Beach; Jacob Munyer, resource, Kenai Central High; Mary Glynn, occupational therapist, Mt. View Elementary; Jason Steadman, speech, Mt. View Elementary; Robanne Stading, resource, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Ben Alexander, Resource, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Katherine Van Saun, speech, Ninilchik Elementary/High;

Amy Alexander, intensive, Paul Banks Elementary; Joanne Frey, intensive, Seward Elementary; Ann Knofel, school psychologist, Seward Elementary; Kathy Sandoval, behavior teacher, Seward Elementary; Nicole Lyon, resource, Seward High; Robin Castleman, resource, Skyview High; Tammy Elyea, resource, Skyview High; Elisabeth Feeley, resource, Soldotna Elementary; Stephanie Burns, resource, Soldotna High; David Justice, resource, Soldotna High; Shannon Riley, resource, Susan B. English; Douglas O'Brien, resource, West Homer Elementary; and Kriste Simonson, school psychologist, West Homer Elementary.

2007-2008 SPECIAL EDUCATION NONTENURED TEACHERS FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved Jennifer Harvey-Kindred, Lucinda Holland, Katie Biegert, Terese Kashi, Judy Graham, Donna Huguelet, Daniel Kaasa, and Nell Denny, nontenure teachers, for tenure.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Herb Wottlin, elementary teacher, Seward Elementary and Jennifer Chapple, McNeil Canyon Elementary (on sabbatical for the 2006-2007 school year).

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 2, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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