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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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April 2, 2007 – 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  
Mr. Marty Anderson, Treasurer  
Mrs. Liz Downing, Clerk  
Dr. Nels Anderson  
Mrs. Debbie Brown  
Ms. Lynn Hohl  
Mr. Bill Hatch  
Mrs. Sunni Hilts  
Miss Lydia Ames, Student Representative

### 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. Tim Peterson	Mr. Mark Robinson
Mrs. Becky Jackson	Ms. Laura Norton
Ms. Barb Ralston	Mr. Dale Dolifka
Mrs. Kimb Remsen	Mrs. Norma Holmgaard
Mr. Jim Montgomery	Ms. Lori Moon
Mrs. Lassie Nelson	Mr. John Cook
Ms. Korina Ortiz	Mr. Al Hull
Mrs. Jamie Harper	Mrs. Molly Hull
Mrs. Doris Cannon	Mr. Mike Navarre
	Mrs. Laurie Olson

Others present not identified.

### CALL TO ORDER:

(7:00:35 PM)

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

(7:00:48 PM)

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

### ROLL CALL:

(7:01:14 PM)

Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mr. Marty Anderson	Absent/Excused
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Debbie Brown	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mr. Bill Hatch	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Miss Lydia Ames	Absent/Excused

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

(7:01:58 PM)

The agenda was approved as written.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***(7:02:27 PM)*

The School Board Minutes of March 5, 2007 were approved with a correction.

**SCHOOL REPORT:***(7:04:14 PM)*

Mrs. Sharon Conley, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School principal, introduced Anna Gordeev who reviewed student accomplishments, the teaching staff, enrollment information, and student activities. Mrs. Conley gave a computer generated report highlighting the community, the school facility, school staff, classroom activities at all grade levels, school activities, the school carnival, student academic competitions, the DARE Program, the Artists-in-the-Schools Program, swimming classes, Project GRAD, sports activities, community involvement and activities, and parent volunteers. Mrs. Conley introduced four students (Anna Gordeev, Jonah Yakunin, Christopher Kalugin, Valerie Yakunin) who sang a Russian folksong titled Kalina, that is traditionally sung at weddings and was taught to them by Pavla Tyson, Russian teacher.

**RECESS:***(7:20:40 PM)*

At 7:20 p.m. Mrs. Mullins called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER****RECESS:***(7:22:41 PM)*

At 7:22 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:***(7:23:42 PM)*

Ms. Rhonda Crawford, Kenai resident, thanked the administration for appointing Mr. John Cook as principal of the new combined school in Kenai.

Mr. Mike Navarre, Kenai resident, questioned the hiring process used to appoint Mr. Cook as the principal of the new combined school in Kenai and requested that Dr. Peterson reconsider the appointment. He cited AS 14.14.130(c) regarding hiring of school district administration subject to approval by the school board.

Mr. Tyler Chappell, Kenai student, spoke in support of Mr. Dawson and listed the many ways Mr. Dawson has impacted his life and others.

Mr. Jim Montgomery, Kenai resident, reviewed his past support for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. He spoke in support of Mr. Dawson and asked the Board to direct the administration to bring forward a principal recommendation for the new combined school for Board consideration.

Mr. Jim Beeson, Kenai Central High teacher, spoke in support of Mr. Dawson and commended him for his leadership and coaching abilities.

Mr. Daniel Gustkey, Kenai Central High student, described Mr. Dawson and spoke in support of his leadership skills. He announced that students at KCHS signed a petition asking the administration to appoint Mr. Dawson as the administrator of the new combined school.

Mrs. Donna Anderson, Kenai parent and staff member, stated that Mr. Cook will put kids first and stated the reasons he was selected was for his K-5 work experience, relationship with outside agencies, and his vision for the new school. She encouraged those present to focus on the work ahead.

Ms. Barb Ralston, Sears Elementary teacher, explained that the Board votes on administrator contracts but not individual assignments. She told those present that the community and school staffs need to work on the consolidation into a new school. She stated that she supports Dr. Peterson's decision.

Mr. Bob Counts stated that the majority of the Kenai community and students want Mr. Dawson.

Mrs. Melinda Cox, Nikiski North Star Elementary staff person, explained that she experienced the consolidation of Nikiski Elementary and North Star Elementary three years ago and added that it has been a success. She asked those present to trust the administration's decision.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

*(7:47:00 PM)*

Dr. Peterson reported that items included in the General Information packet includes information regarding revisions to the field trip policy, class and schedule changes as a result of the proposed FY08 Budget, selection of the new combined school, career development reports from administrators and the usual and customary correspondence from legislators for this time period.

Mrs. Brown gave Mrs. Mullins a compilation of letters from Kenai area parents and students regarding the administrator selection of the new combined school.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

*(7:51:13 PM)*

Dr. Peterson reported that April 2 begins student testing week throughout the District. She announced that the Masonic Outstanding Student Awards ceremony will be April 11 at Kenai Central High, that the Administrator Meeting will be held on April 12, and that the agenda will include school improvement planning.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

*(7:51:57 PM)*

Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending February 28, 2007.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

*(7:52:28 PM)*

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the Project GRAD Committee meeting and noted that 13 graduates are participating in the program. She announced that the program has a new executive director. She reported that Project GRAD participated in a successful audit and is making Summer Institute plans.

**BOARD WORKSESSION REPORT:**

*(7:54:02 PM)*

Mrs. Mullins reported that the Board reviewed the proposed AR 4117.6, Informal Hearing for Nonretention of Nontenured Staff; heard information about the Public School Land Trust in Alaska; and conducted a one-year review of the Student Nutrition and Wellness Policy. She stated that Board members reported on their assigned visits to schools and heard an update from Mr. Joe Arness on the Kenai School Consolidation Steering Committee progress. She reported that the Board conducted a teleconference call with Kenai Peninsula legislators to discuss education-related legislation.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*(8:04:23 PM)*

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 2007-2008 Tentative Board Meeting Dates; Resignations; Adoption of AR

4117.6, Informal Hearing for Nonretention of Nontenured Staff; Budget Transfer; New Teacher Assignments, 2006-2007; New Teacher Assignments, 2007-2008; New Administrator Appointments; Nontenured Teacher Assignments, 2007-2008; Nontenured Teacher for Tenure, 2007-2008; and Substitute Contracts.

**2007-2008 TENTATIVE  
BOARD MEETING DATES:**

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the schedule for Board meetings for the 2007-2008 school year.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve resignations from Harold Rasmussen, government/special education, Homer Flex; Cindy Rasmussen, special education/resource, Homer High; Tonia Parlow, language arts, Homer Middle; Connie Meyer, speech pathologist, K-Beach Elementary; Kimberlie Foley, family and consumer science, Kenai Central High; Susan Hatch, special education, emotionally handicapped, Kenai Central High; Breta Brown, 7-8 math, Kenai Middle; Dave Brown, special education/resource, Kenai Middle; Debra Page-O'Connell, Quest, Mountain View/Kenai Middle; Elizabeth Kirby, kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Sandra McDaniel, Grade 1, Paul Banks Elementary; Daphne Honn, librarian, Seward Elementary; Robin Castleman, special education/intensive needs, Skyview High School; David Schmidt, science, Skyview High School; Kenneth Hepner, science/math, Soldotna Middle; Edward Seims, Grade 3-4, Sterling Elementary; and Virginia Bucher, Grade 3, West Homer Elementary.

**ADOPTION OF AR 4117.6:**

Mr. Stewart recommended the Board adopt AR 4117.6, Informal Hearing for Nonretention of Nontenured Staff.

**BUDGET TRANSFER:**

Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve budget transfer Number 292 in the amount of \$19,000 to pay for the consolidation of aging District Office stand-alone servers into a rack of virtual servers with a large shared disk file storage system.

**NEW TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS, 2006-2007:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended that the Board approve 2006-2007 teacher assignments for Kelly D. Johnson, (temporary) intervention teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary and Lindsay A. Sackman, (temporary) generalist, Port Graham School.

**NEW TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS, 2007-2008:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended that the Board approve 2007-2008 teacher assignments for Barton R. Archuleta, special education teacher/intensive needs, Districtwide; Kimberly Jordan, special education, intensive needs/life skills, Districtwide-Central Peninsula; and Karma Sherk, special education resource or intensive needs, Districtwide.

**NEW ADMINISTRATOR  
APPOINTMENTS:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended that the Board approve administrator appointments for Trevan Walker, principal/teacher, Seward Middle School and Sheryl A. Hingley, principal/teacher, Susan B. English School.

**NONTENURED TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS, 2007-2008:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended that the Board approve 2007-2008 tentative nontenure teaching assignments for Elizabeth Jones, Grades 4-8, Moose Pass Elementary; Lisa Morris, Grades K-3, Moose Pass Elementary; Derek Bynagle, secondary generalist, Nanwalek School; Katharine Bynagle, secondary generalist,

Nanwalek School; Andrea Joachim, elementary generalist, Tebughna; and Donny Joachim, elementary generalist, Tebughna School.

**NONTENURED TEACHER  
FOR TENURE, 2007-2008:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended that the Board approve Timothy Winters, a nontenure teacher, for tenure.

**SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve a substitute teacher contract for Cassandra Czarnecki, Grade 5, K-Beach Elementary and Roger Steinbrecher, special education, Seward High School.

Mrs. Julie Lindquist, Moose Pass resident, expressed concern that according to the proposed meeting schedule the Board will only meet in Seward once during the school year. She expressed concern for budget transfer Number 292 and asked the Board to deny the request.

**MOTION**

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 10. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Mrs. Brown requested the Board remove item Numbers 1, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Items Number 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 approved unanimously.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Brown moved the Board postpone action of Number 1. Ms. Hohl seconded.

VOTE:

NO – N. Anderson, Crawford, Downing, Hilts, Mullins

YES – Brown, Hatch, Hohl

Motion failed.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Brown moved the Board limit debate.

VOTE:

NO – Hatch, Crawford, Downing, Hilts, N. Anderson, Hohl,  
Mullins

YES – Brown

Motion failed.

**MOTION**

Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve an amendment to add a second meeting each in Homer and Seward for a total of 15 meetings per school year. Mrs. Brown seconded.

VOTE:

NO – Hilts, Brown, Crawford

YES – N. Anderson, Downing, Hatch, Hohl, Mullins

Amendment carried.

**MOTION**

VOTE ON AMENDED 10a(1):

NO – Brown

YES – Hatch, Crawford, Downing, N. Anderson, Hilts, Hohl, Mullins

Amended motion carried.

**RECESS:**

*(8:44:00 PM)*

**RECONVENE AFTER**

**RECESS:**

*(8:56:53 PM)*

At 8:44 p.m., Mrs. Mullins called a recess.

At 8:56 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

VOTE ON 10a(4):

NO – Brown

YES – N. Anderson Crawford, Downing, Hatch, Hilts, Hohl, Mullins

Motion carried.

Item 10a(5) carried unanimously.

Item 10a(6) carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Brown moved the Board table Item 10a(7).

Motion died for lack of a second.

Item 10a(7) carried unanimously.

**2007-2008 BUDGET:**

*(9:27:35 PM)*

Mrs. Douglas recommended approval of a FY08 general fund budget of \$113,434,399 and a budget of \$131,136,419 for all funds.

Mrs. Jenny Hammond, Nikiski area resident, thanked the Board for the additional teacher at Nikiski North Star Elementary. She stated that she is discouraged with the FY08 budget because the school will lose two teachers unless the District receives funding help from the legislature. She urged those present to speak to the legislature regarding SB1 on April 3 at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Julie Lindquist, Moose Pass resident, stated that she would like to keep the Board from having to cut teachers. She asked questions about the Human Resources budget, the Curriculum and Assessment Department budget, the Administrative Services budget, and Information Technology budget.

Mrs. Cathy Carrow, KPEA President, expressed concern for the reduction of teachers. She reminded those present that in past years the District increased class sizes in order to balance the budget.

Mr. Mike Navarre, Kenai resident, recommended that the Board pass the budget and added that he feels confident that the legislature will support education. He stated that he will lobby legislators on behalf of public education during his upcoming trip

to Juneau.

Mr. Jim Beeson, Kenai Central High teacher, expressed concern for increased enrollment, decreased teaching staff, No Child Left Behind requirements, and decreased elective course offerings.

### **MOTION**

Mrs. Hilts moved the Board approve the 2007-2008 budget in the amount of \$113,434,399 in the general fund, and for a total of all funds of \$131,136,419. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

VOTE:

NO – Brown

YES – N. Anderson, Crawford, Downing, Hatch, Hilts, Hohl, Mullins

Motion carried.

### **FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:**

*(10:06:26 PM)*

The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP and AR 6153, School Sponsored Trips.

Mr. Mark Robinson, Homer High School teacher, spoke in support of school sponsored field trips and expressed concern for the proposed revisions to BP and AR 6153, School Sponsored Trips because the changes are too broad and too large to fix problem with field trips outside of the United States. He asked the Board to seek further comments from the community.

Ms. Laura Norton, Homer resident, reported that she has participated in past school sponsored field trips and noted that the entire Homer community supported the recent trip. She pointed out that field trips are valuable because students are provided an opportunity to interact with adults they might not normally come in contact with.

Mrs. Melissa Frates, Kenai Central High School teacher, noted that she recently participated in the school choir trip to Europe and asked the Board why community members will be eliminated from future trips and to reconsider the proposed policy revision.

Dr. Anderson left the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Mrs. Cathy Carrow, KPEA President, provided objections to the increase of prior approval time for proposed field trips, and use of the purchasing department to plan and purchase tickets for field trips, which causes organizers to have less voice in which company provides the travel service.

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/ COMMENTS:**

*(10:19:37 PM)*

Ms. Jill Gronin, Kenai resident, spoke in support of the impact Mr. Dawson, Mt. View Elementary principal, has had on her children and the community. She stated that she has worked as a tutor at Mt. View Elementary. She noted that Mr. Cook is a fine administrator as well. She asked the Board to consider Mr. Dawson as principal of the new combined school.

Dr. Anderson returned to the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Mrs. Rhonda Crawford, Kenai resident, spoke in support of Mr. Cook and noted that he is as involved with students as Mr. Dawson. She reminded those present that the administration has information about both administrators that the public does not have which has formed their decision.

Ms. Joan Bennett Schrader, Ridgeway resident, expressed concern for the 2007-2008 budget and asked the Board review the status of charter schools to make sure that equal opportunity is available to all students. She asked the Board to compare the number of students enrolled in vocational education classes in 1985 with current numbers.

Miss Samantha Navarre, Kenai Central High student, spoke in support of Mr. Dawson and listed his qualities as a principal and stated that he has the best vision for a new school. She asked the Board to consider Mr. Dawson as principal of the new combined school in Kenai.

Mrs. Joyce Woodcock, grandmother, former teacher, and substitute teacher, stated that Mr. Dawson is concerned for all students. She asked the Board and Dr. Peterson to retain Mr. Dawson as the principal of the Mt. View Elementary School.

Mr. Zack Beeson, Kenai Central High School student, spoke in support of Mr. Dawson and the attention he gives to all students regardless of their abilities. He thanked Mrs. Brown for her response to his email message.

Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds, community member and former administrator, spoke in support of Mr. Dawson and noted his accomplishments, years of experience in education, knowledge and involvement in the community, and coaching abilities.

Ms. Jeanna Kiel, Kenai resident, spoke in support of Mr. Dawson's leadership abilities and commended him on the dedication to his job. She stated that the community is already divided over the consolidation of Sears Elementary and Mt. View Elementary, and that the new school needs consistency in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Mrs. Gwen Johnson, Kenai resident, expressed concern for the hiring process used for the selection of the principal for the new combined school.

Ms. Garnett Sarks, Kenai resident, stated that she did not support the Board's decision to consolidate Sears Elementary and Mt. View Elementary. She spoke in support of Mr. Cook and added that he has been an excellent principal for her children and is pleased with the administration's decision.

Mrs. Jenny Hammond, Nikiski resident, asked the public to use their energy to speak to the legislature about adequate funding for education and convince them that the District does not need to consolidate its small schools.



Mr. Al Hull, Kenai resident, acknowledged that the selection of the new combined school principal was difficult and asked the Board to reconsider the hiring process that was used.

Mrs. Ginger Dennison Kaona, Kenai resident, spoke on behalf of her grandson and asked the Board to reconsider the decision not to appoint Mr. Dawson as principal of the new combined school.

Mrs. Julie Lindquist, Moose Pass resident, asked the Board to reconsider the teacher reductions at small schools and noted that the reductions had not been made equally throughout the District. She suggested that two of the three large Central Peninsula Schools be consolidated in order to save money.

Mrs. Shirley Henley, Kenai resident, asked the Board to keep Mr. Dawson employed by the District. She provided historical information about a former principal who was reassigned to another school.

Dr. Anderson left the meeting at 11:03 p.m. and returned at 11:04 p.m.

Mr. Don Dormady, Kenai resident, spoke in support of the Kenai community and the District. He asked the Board to appoint Mr. Dawson as the principal of the new combined school and assign Mr. Cook elsewhere.

Mrs. Jill Gronin, Kenai resident, noted that Mr. Dawson works beyond the expectation of the work day.

Dr. Anderson left the meeting at 11:06 p.m.

Mr. Travis Pierce, Kenai Central High student, read a letter from Miss Jamie Montgomery, former District student, who wrote about her positive experiences with Mr. Dawson as a teacher and principal.

Mr. Mark Kromrey, Moose Pass resident, stated that Moose Pass Elementary School is special and added that he does not want the middle school students transferred to the Seward Middle School.

Ms. Kate Carmody, Sears Elementary staff, noted that many letters have been sent in support of Mr. John Cook as principal of the new combined school.

Mr. Ross Hart, Kenai resident, spoke in support of Mr. Dawson and added that he does not feel that the right decision was made regarding the administrator selection for the new combined school in Kenai.

Mrs. Joyce Woodcock stated that she does not consider Mt. View Elementary a new school but rather a continuation of the same school. She stated that Mr. Dawson will ensure the smooth transition and adjustment of Sears Elementary students to Mt. View Elementary.

Mr. Jim Beeson, Kenai Central High teacher, stated that he does not have anything negative to say about Mr. Cook but expressed concern for the administrative hiring process.

Ms. Barbara Ralston, Sears Elementary teacher, stated that she wished those present would have followed the Kenai Conversation process and suggested that the Board revisit the decision to consolidate the two schools.

Dr. Anderson returned to the meeting at 11:27 p.m.

Ms. Rebecca Corbielle, Nikiski resident, stated that she was relieved to hear that Mr. Cook was selected as the principal of the new combined school because of his positive relationship with outside agencies.

Mr. Ted Navarre, Kenai resident, spoke in support of Mr. Dawson.

Mr. Al Hull read a letter from his son AJ supporting Mr. Dawson.

Dr. Peterson responded to questions of the FY08 budget noting that increases to the base student allocation have gone directly back into classrooms and programs and reflected in District Office budgets. The FY08 budget includes the new TRS and PERS employee rates causing the average teacher cost to increase. She explained that the 70/30 breakdown means that 70% is spent on instruction and 30% is spent on all other expenses such as custodians, utilities, and administration. She reported that the idea of closing any of the District's small schools is a long-term discussion for the Board and would be similar to the Kenai Conversation process. She reported that cocurricular cost is \$1.4 million which is less than 1 percent of the budget. She commented that the principal selection for the new combined school posed an incredible problem since there were two outstanding candidates. She reviewed the Kenai consolidation process and noted that it was the same process used in the Nikiski North Star consolidation. She explained that there are situations where administrators transfer schools after their contract has been issued. She reported that she met with Mr. Dawson and Mr. Cook individually and then together. She explained that she followed the Protocol Sheet which was developed by the Board and used at every hiring situation. She stated that the protocol was shared with the staff and public and reviewed in detail. She reported that the public was informed that the position would only be available to Mr. Dawson and Mr. Cook and that the interviews would be private. She told the Board that once the selection was made, the candidates were notified as well as each of the school site councils. She asked the Board to adjourn into an executive session if they wished to discuss the reasons for the selection in detail because it is a personnel matter. She stated that if the Board chooses to change the administrative decision, that legal council be requested to advise them regarding the scope of authority. She stated that the administration followed the process, past practice, and believes it made the right decisions for the right reasons.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

(11:42:17 PM)

Mrs. Hilts thanked the parents for their comments. She made reference to the gentleman from Moose Pass who referred to parents being confrontational. She noted that if parents are confrontational for kids, they are on our side.

Mrs. Brown asked for a legal opinion on whether proper protocol was used at the February 19 Board meeting regarding the administrator hire decision, and whether the proper timing and proper information was provided. She stated that the Borough Attorney serves the School District and the Borough Assembly and added that the District should have legal services due because very little is asked of the Borough Attorney by the District. She asked Mrs. Mullins for a written explanation for refusing any board member from making a motion at any time during a Board meeting.

Mrs. Downing noted that there have been numerous emails and phone calls regarding the principal position at the new combined school and assured those present that the Board read all of them. She reminded those present that Sears Elementary parents and community have lost their building and their identity. She stated that two well-respected principals were candidates for the new combined school which should have been a win-win for the District. She urged the public to support the new administrator.

Mr. Hatch stated that he wished that there was as much passion for the loss of program, lack of vocational education courses, increasing class size, loss of librarians and counselors and more. He advised those present to direct their passion to the legislature.

Ms. Hohl thanked those present for their testimony and expressed special appreciation for the elders in attendance. She expressed appreciation for the sign regarding testing at the Sterling Elementary School. She announced that she will meet with the Mt. View Elementary PTA president about consolidating the Sears Elementary and Mt. View Elementary PTA groups. She announced that 8 schools in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District each received \$500 wellness grants from the Alaska State PTA.

Dr. Anderson noted that he was anguished over the new combined school principal decision and pointed out that both candidates were extremely qualified. He explained that the Board's duties are to set a budget, set policy and hire and fire the superintendent and that they are not to be involved in the internal operations of the schools. He added that it is not the Board's job to assign the administrators. He expressed concern for the controversy surrounding the new combined school principal and for the lack of unity for the consolidation of the two schools. Dr. Anderson stated that with Mr. Dawson's permission, legally, the superintendent may be able to release a much more detailed description of why the selection was made. He told those present that the new combined school will be hurt if the public does not move forward peacefully.

Mrs. Crawford stated that she received more mail and email on the administrator selection for the new combined school in Kenai than any other issue and assured those present that she read each message. She thanked the public for their comments and clarified that administrators are not chosen by seniority and that much of the information given to the selection committee is confidential. Mrs. Crawford asked the administration to bring the school sponsored trip policy revisions back to the Board at the May 7 meeting so that more community members can provide input.

Mrs. Mullins read a statement outlining the role of the superintendent. She assured those present that the choice for the principal selection was not taken lightly. She noted that it is the Board's responsibility to provide the children of the District with the best education possible with the resources that are provided. She asked the public to maintain a perspective during this difficult situation and to realize that difficult decisions are made with the best outcomes in mind for personal development, the children's education and what is best for the communities that they affect. She asked those present for support of the principal decision that has been made by Dr. Peterson. She asked for support for Mr. Dawson and Mr. Cook as they transition into their new positions and added that the public will play a role in their success or failure.

**ADJOURN:**  
(12:02:39 PM)

At 12:02 a.m. April 3, 2007, 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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Mrs. Liz Downing, Clerk

The Minutes of April 2, 2007,  
were approved as amended on  
April 16, 2007.