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

April 2, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL REPORT: 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 that is traditionally sung at weddings and was taught to them by Pavla Tyson, Russian teacher.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: 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 and that the Administrator Meeting will be held on April 12 and that the agenda will include school improvement planning.

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

2007-2008 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board approved a calendar of Board meeting dates for the 2007-2008 school year. The Board approved an amendment to hold two meetings per year each in Homer and Seward instead of one (as was originally recommended).

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved 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: The Board unanimously approved the adoption of AR 4117.6, Informal Hearing for Nonretention of Nontenured Staff.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board approved 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: The Board unanimously approved 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: The Board unanimously approved 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: The Board unanimously approved 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: The Board unanimously approved 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: The Board unanimously approved Timothy Winters, a nontenure teacher, for tenure.

SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a substitute teacher contract be issued for Cassandra Czarnezki, Grade 5, K-Beach Elementary and Roger Steinbrecher, special education, Seward High School.

2007-2008 BUDGET: The Board approved a FY08 general fund budget of $113,434,399 and a budget of $ $131,136,419 for all funds.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP and AR 6153, School Sponsored Trips.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 16, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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