
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Martha Fleming, Seward High School counselor, for her service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Steve Pautz, Seward Middle School principal, gave a Powerpoint presentation highlighting the school configuration of 93 students and 4.85 FTE regular education teachers, exploratory programs, the remediation/tutoring program, assessment information, activities in mathematics, language arts, social studies, science, physical education, athletics, and future plans for the school including a new principal, staffing and enrollment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson explained that administrative services are provided at Moose Pass Elementary, Cooper Landing Elementary and Hope Elementary for 1 day a week, instead of having a full-time principal. She reported that the Soldotna Middle School briefing regarding the assistant principal position was held with site council on April 30 and that the interviews will be held May 14. She reported that interviews for Kenai Alternative were held with the decision pending. She announced that the legislative session ends on May 16. She announced that the British Petroleum Teachers of Excellence recognition dinner will be held on May 17. She announced that closing ceremonies will be held for Sears Elementary on May 18. She announced that Ginger Blackmon, Seward High School principal, has received a doctorate in education. She presented a gold pan to Mr. Steve Pautz in recognition for his years of service to the District.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Numbers 367, 396 and 397 by Kaleidoscope Charter School in the amount of \$11,760 for teacher salaries, \$25,160 to cover the librarian salary increase due to full time employment, \$17,370 to pay for an additional part time secretary salary, \$17,800 for additional custodial salary, \$59,950 for administrator salary, \$11,270 and \$15,960 for unused administrator salary and retirement benefits; Number 390 in the amount of \$39,950 for summer school instructional aide salaries, and \$18,840 and \$51,202 for aide employee benefit costs.

2007-2008 NONTENURE TEACHERS FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved Nancy Kleine, Robert Shively, Gordon Pitzman, Lucas Peless, Barbara Baldwin, Kathleen Holt, Michael Audette, nontenure teachers, for tenure.

TENTATIVE NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS, 2007-2008: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher contracts for 2007-2008 for Suzanne Phillips, Grade 8, Aurora Borealis; Kim Johnson, Grade 2/3, Chapman; Mary Margaret Hicks, Seward Area, Connections; Paul Story, Districtwide counselor, Grants Instruction; Sean Campbell, language arts, Homer High; Mark Casseri, algebra, Homer High; Jason Nissly, band, Homer High; Matthew Stineff, chemistry, Homer High;

Alison Larson, math, art, computer science, Kenai Alternative; Michelle Bayes, Alaska studies, government, social studies, Kenai Central; Justin Carr, language arts, Kenai Central; Scott Peek, algebra, computers, Kenai Central; Jennifer Dowd, 7/8 science, Nikiski Middle/High; Kathryn Baum-Fjelstad, language arts, Ninilchik; Krista Holman, science, Ninilchik; Tina Wise, music, Paul Banks; Marylynn Barnwell, Grade 5/6, Seward Elementary; Robert Barnwell, Grade 6, Seward Elementary; Theresa Zabala, Grade 3/4, Seward Elementary; Theronn King, math, business, Seward High; Carlyn Nichols, science, Seward High; Rene Hobbs, art, Skyview High; Richard Metcalf, science, woodworking, Skyview High; Jeff Moore, music (.50 FTE), Soldotna Middle; and Karen Weston, special education/Quest, West Homer.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved leave of absence requests for the 2007-2008 school year from Mariah Thomas-Wolf, language arts, Homer High and Leanne Mahalak, Grade 3/4, Seward Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS, 2007-2008: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for the 2007-2008 school year for D. Shane Hill, behavior transitions teacher, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; and Wendy Moseley, special education/resource teacher, Districtwide.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Matt Widaman, workforce development, Curriculum & Assessment; Deidre Jenson, behavior transitions, District wide-Pupil Services; Joel Jenson, behavior teacher, District wide-Pupil Services; Jill DuFloth, Grade 6, Kenai Middle; Stephanie Jez, music, Seward Elementary; Ben Eveland, assistant principal, Soldotna Middle; and Shannon Riley, special education/resource, Susan B. English.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVER NUMBER 2007-05: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Number 2007-05.

MATH CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved revisions to the math curriculum.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVER NUMBER 2007-06: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Number 2007-06.

AR 3342, PAYROLL – TAX SHELTERED ANNUITIES: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 3342, Payroll – Tax Sheltered Annuities, that will allow employees to have access to 457 plans in planning for their retirement needs.

RESOLUTION 06-07-2: The Board approved Resolution 06-07-2, Support for Partnership to Improve Student Achievement through the Quality Schools/Quality Students (QS2); a comprehensive school improvement service offered by the Association of Alaska School Boards that assists school districts and their local communities in raising student achievement to meet or exceed state standards.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 4, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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