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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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June 4, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Mrs. Jane Stein, Community Volunteer and Mrs. Debbie Carroll, Parent Volunteer, in appreciation for their service to the District. The Board presented thirty-year service awards to District employees Regina Banas, Sam Peter, and Jon Lillevik. Ms. Chris Normandin also received recognition for thirty years of service but was not in attendance.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson presented the End of the Year Report, which included a summary of Board action for the 2006-2007 school year as well as progress on administrative work plans and Board goals. She clarified that the District was unaware of the Alaska/Shield/Northern Edge 2007 homeland security drill. She noted that the District is involved with the E-rate selective review. She noted that the Information Services Department has started working on technology throughout the District. She announced that the Board Planning Retreat will be held June 5 at the Soldotna City Council Chambers beginning at 9:00 a.m. She thanked Miss Ames for her service on the Board as a student representative. She announced that Mr. Sam Stewart has resigned from the District and accepted a position at Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS REPORT:** Mr. Szymoniak presented a report of leases and agreements for the 2007-2008 school year.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2007.

**RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR KPSAA HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK:** The Board postponed action on the high school handbook changes recommended by the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association member schools for the 2007-2008 school year.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS, 2007-2008:** The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for the 2007-2008 school year for Cheryl Wambach, special education resource teacher, Homer High; Pepper Pond, 9-12 math/science teacher, Kenai Alternative; and James R. Reinseth, (.50 FTE temporary/.50 FTE permanent) Grades K-2 teacher, Nanwalek School.

**REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Marcy Simpson, Zada Friedersdorff, Lori Garrison, and Tish Hallett.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:** The Board approved budget transfer Number 423 for \$13,000 to pay for substitute salaries and temporary salaries for employees hired to help with testing throughout the district; Number 445 for \$13,400 to pay for software licenses for E-ducate, an online Content Management System, for the Peninsula Optional High School and Homer Flex High School; and Number 456 to pay for math curriculum materials at Ninilchik (\$13,863), Skyview High (\$40,108), Homer High, (\$42,328), Kenai Central High (\$42,568), Seward High (\$25,853), Soldotna High (\$55,943), and Nikiski Middle/Senior High (\$28,165).

**NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contracts for the 2007-2008 school year for Andrew Rothenberger, generalist, Kachemak Selo; Steve Schoessler, Vocational teacher and technology education, Kenai Central; and Cindy Robertson, (temporary) Grades 3/4 Teacher, Voznesenka School

**NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved an administrative contract for the 2007-2008 school year for Sargeant Truesdell, assistant principal, Soldotna Middle.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-SUPPORT:** The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Mary-Ellen Johnson, special education aide, Soldotna Middle.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-CERTIFIED.** The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Patricia Jay, history and government, Homer High.

**FY07 BUDGET REVISION:** The Board unanimously approved a decrease to the FY07 budget of \$9,373 which would revise the general fund budget from \$100,266,381 to \$100,257,075.

**FY08 BUDGET REVISION:** The Board approved an increase to the FY08 budget by \$3,838,549 which would revise the general fund budget from \$113,434,399 to \$117,272,948.

**STUDENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PENINSULA OPTIONAL AND HOMER FLEX:** The Board approved the 2007-2008 Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Student Performance Standards as presented.

**STUDENT EXPULSION HEARINGS:** The Board approved expulsion recommendation Number 2006-07-002 for violation of AR 5144, Discipline; BP and AR 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion; and BP 3520 School Safety and Security. The Board approved expulsion recommendation Number 2006-07-001 for violation of BP 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments and AR 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP and AR 1230, Organizations Supporting Student Activities.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 16, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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