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

August 6, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Soldotna, Alaska

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that the Legislative Education Task Force met on August 1 and 2 and that additional information can be found on the Task Force website. She noted that the Task Force meeting dates have changed and that the next meeting will be August 16 in which public testimony will be taken with a specific time slot reserved for school districts. She noted that the District calendar reflects many start up activities including employee trainings and administrator meetings. She noted that the Mt. View Elementary K-5 Opening Ceremony will be August 21 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the Port Graham Reconfiguration Ceremony will be August 22. She announced that most schools begin August 22. She announced that Seward High School football team will play against Barrow High School in Barrow, on newly installed artificial turf, and the event will receive national media coverage.

SUBSTITUTE AND TEMPORARY PAY SCHEDULE: The Board unanimously approved the pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 2007-2008 school year. The Board unanimously approved an amendment increasing the amount for substitute teacher salary.

NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contracts for the 2007-2008 school year for Pavla Tyson, .50 FTE temporary Title I/.50 FTE permanent K-6 Teacher, Chapman; Gabe Evins, generalist-teacher/advisor, Connections; Jennifer Haugh, Grades 4-8, Moose Pass Elementary; Heather Pancratz, language arts/social studies, Ninilchik Elementary/High School; and Lyndi Miller, Grade 3, Redoubt Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Tracy E. Brown, school psychologist, District-wide Pupil Services; Linda Schopp, special education resource teacher, Nanwalek School; Dan R. Adair, science teacher, Nikiski High School; Darilynn Caston, kindergarten teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Mary Zika, .75 FTE special education resource teacher/.25FTE K-12 teacher, Susan B. English School; and Granger H. Nyboer, .50 FTE permanent special education, resource/.50 FTE temporary Title I teacher at Tebughna School.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved a request for an unpaid leave of absence–support for Dawn Daris, administrative secretary III, district office-Pupil Services.

ADDITIONS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS LIST: The Board unanimously approved additions to the capital improvement projects list.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT: The Board approved an administrator appointment for Mr. Dave Jones, assistant superintendent, District Office.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved a request for an unpaid leave of absence–certified for Katie Blossom, kindergarten, Tustumena Elementary (effective August 15 through October 19, 2007).

2007-2008 BOARD GOALS: The Board unanimously approved four goals in the areas of Board Bylaws, long-range planning, site councils, and delivery of education to be accomplished during the 2007-2008 school year. The Board unanimously approved amended language detailing objectives for each goal.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, September 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer**, Alaska.

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