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

September 10, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. Homer High School – 600 E. Fairview Ave.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Homer, Alaska

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Pete Swanson, McNeil Canyon Elementary principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting classroom activities, student learning, assessment information, staffing information, and community involvement.

Mr. Randy Creamer, Kachemak Selo Elementary principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting a new student-made sign for the school, assessment information, performance incentive payments, parental support, staffing information, student activities, the installation of new playground equipment, and an eagle rehabilitation project.

Mr. Dan Beck, Homer Middle principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting assessment information, school enrollment and configuration, staffing information, and information about Adequate Yearly Progress as mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act. Miss Katie McNary, student, narrated a slide show about the Coast Walk, CPR training, forensics meet results, ceramic art project, Homer Council on the Arts writing contest, talent show, spelling bee, geography bee, word power challenge, fund raising project, Future Farmer's of America beautification project and cross country trails, woman of distinction award, staff awards and recognitions, math meet, the Washington D.C. field trip, hobby fair, islands and oceans unit, dance workshop, husky Olympics, and a dinosaur study.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that Leadership Team Workplans, which help manage the Leadership Team workload, were included in the business packet and that changes to Board Policy Manual exhibit pages were included in the information packet. She reported that she participated in KSRM's radio show, Kenai Live. She noted that school start-up has gone smoothly.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending July 31, 2007.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 4 requested by the Student Nutrition Department, to facilitate moving the food ordering function to Tustumena Elementary ($20,000), McNeil Canyon Elementary ($10,000) and Chapman Elementary ($15,000), where food is prepared.

NONTENURE TEACHING: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments for the 2007-2008 school year for Karen Fine, Grades 3-6 teacher, Fireweed Academy; Myla Liljemark, .50 FTE social studies teacher, Seward Middle; and Lori Young, (temporary) Title I teacher, Tustumena Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teaching contracts for Aaron Geiger, school psychologist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Annarose Noelle Phillips, speech/language pathologist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Mitchell Pioch, .50 FTE Quest/.50 FTE special education resource teacher, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Peter Brazil, teacher-vocational/career and technology education, Workforce Development Program/ Secondary Curriculum; Joshua Brege, vocational education teacher, Homer High School; Joy Harper, Grades 4/5 teacher, Kaleidoscope; Rebecca Arness, (temporary) Grade 5 teacher, K-Beach Elementary; Kristin M. Davis, science/math teacher, Kenai Central High; Rosemary Owens, earth/physical science teacher, Kenai Central High; Tyler Schlung, special

education/resource, Kenai Middle School; Erica Becker, special education/resource teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Mark R. Lee, elementary music teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Peter Papura, (.50 FTE permanent, .50 FTE temporary) music teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Jan Darch, (temporary) Grade 1 teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Courtney Lambaiso, (temporary) elementary teacher, Port Graham School; Katharine Glaser, (temporary) Grade 1/2 teacher, Seward Elementary; Patricia Hamre, .50 FTE K-6 music teacher/.50 FTE K-6 reading interventionist, Seward Elementary; April MacDonald, (temporary) teacher, Grades 3/4 Seward Elementary; Michele Walker, (permanent .50 FTE) librarian/(temporary .50 FTE) Credit Recovery Language Arts, Seward High School; Frederick Talbott, science teacher, Skyview High School; Matthew Johnson, special education/resource teacher, Soldotna High School; James Knoebel, special education/life skills teacher, Soldotna High; Steve Cunningham, social studies/physical education teacher, Soldotna Middle School; and Frederick Foster, (temporary, .50FTE) teacher, Voznesenka School.

RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Barbara Croxford, school psychologist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for support employee, Marcia Boone, secretary III, Homer Middle (effective October 8, 2007).

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved an administrator contract for Peggy Arnold-Hoobler, principal/teacher, Port Graham Elementary/High.

APPROVAL OF 2007 AASB BELIEF STATEMENTS AND CORE RESOLUTIONS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2007 AASB Belief Statements and Core Resolutions with exception of Resolution 1.3, Opposition to Mandated Borough Formation. The Board unanimously approved additional AASB resolutions 2.28, Reconstitution and Active Management of the Public School Land Trust and Permanent Fund and 5.8, Encourage Districts to Adopt the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 1, 2007, 7:00 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward**, Alaska.

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