
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Debra Mullins, President
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Vice President
Mr. Marty Anderson, Treasurer
Mrs. Liz Downing, Clerk
Dr. Nels Anderson
Mrs. Debbie Brown
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. Bill Hatch
Mrs. Sunni Hilts

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Melody Douglas, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Glen Szymoniak, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Mr. David Kingsland | Miss Jenny Neyman |
| Ms. Ginger Blackmon | Mr. Jim White |
| Mrs. Laura Beck | Mrs. Julie Lindquist |
| Mr. Dan Beck | Mr. Trevan Walker |
| Mrs. LaDawn Druce | |

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Mullins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Mullins invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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| Mrs. Debra Mullins | Present |
| Mrs. Sammy Crawford | Absent/Excused |
| Mr. Marty Anderson | Present |
| Dr. Nels Anderson | Present |
| Mrs. Debbie Brown | Present |
| Mrs. Liz Downing | Present |
| Mr. Bill Hatch | Present |
| Ms. Lynn Hohl | Present |
| Mrs. Sunni Hilts | Absent/Excused |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of the Moose Pass Elementary School Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of September 10, 2007 were approved as printed.

**AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:**

The Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Laura Beck, Seward Middle School teacher, for being selected as the Wal-Mart Alaska Teacher of the Year.

SCHOOL REPORT:

Mr. David Kingsland, Seward Elementary principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting enrollment, student activities, assessment scores, partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, and field trips.

Mr. Wayne Young, Moose Pass Elementary administrator, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting teaching staff, support staff, assessment information, reasons for school success, challenges, and teaching and learning activities.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Julie Lindquist, Moose Pass resident, asked for a progress report on work regarding the pupil/teacher ratio in multi-grade classrooms.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Dr. Peterson reported that the Board was provided with the complete version of the Joint Legislative Education Task Force Report. She reported that she recently received notice that the federal government will audit all of the District's No Child Left Behind (NCLB) programs. She reported that she received recognition from US Senator Lisa Murkowski for achieving Adequate Yearly Progress.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

Katie Turnbull, KPEA member, explained the Response to Intervention process (RTI) is working well at Seward Elementary but that the teachers are spread too thin trying to implement the process and are requesting more staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson announced that High School Graduation Qualifying Exams are being given beginning October 2. She reported that administrator training was recently held and that she has conducted pre-evaluation conferences for all school principals. She announced that regular trainings are being held for new administrators and that they are also submitting monthly journals to her. She announced that several administrators are also receiving training through the state mentor project. She reported that the Boroughwide student government conference was held at Nikiski Middle/High on October 1.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending August 31, 2007.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Hatch reported that discussions held at the recent Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association (KPSAA) meeting centered around how coaches are selected and where to hold the spring borough track meet.

Mrs. Mullins reported that she attended the two-and-a-half day state Wellness Institute in which trainings were held regarding student health and wellness.

BOARD WORKSESSION REPORT:

Mrs. Mullins reported that the Board reviewed Board Bylaws and Protocols, discussed possible 2008 state and federal legislative priorities, and heard updates regarding principal/teacher progress and Title VII.

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| CONSENT AGENDA: | Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resolution 07-08-1, Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permits; New Teacher Contracts; Nontenure Teaching Contract; Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contracts; Resignations; Budget Transfers; Resolution 07-08-2, Support for the Findings of the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force; High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-01; High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-02; High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-03; and High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-04. |
| RESOLUTION 07-08-1: | Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve a list of primary and alternative members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for FY08. |
| NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: | Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve teaching assignments for Bonnie Jason, (temporary) .70 FTE middle school language arts, Homer Middle; Brittney Johnson, (temporary) Grades 1/2, Mountain View Elementary; and Jenro Brody Lambaiso, secondary generalist, Port Graham Elementary/High. |
| NONTENURE TEACHING CONTRACT: | Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve a nontenure teaching contract for Penny Connealy, middle school math/technology education, Ninilchik Elementary/High. |
| LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: | Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve long-term substitute teacher contracts for Holly Boyle, art/generalist, Kenai Middle; and Cynthia Smalley, kindergarten, Tustumena Elementary. |
| RESIGNATIONS: | Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve resignations from Linda S. Watters, kindergarten, Montessori Charter (effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year); Henry C. Anderson, Grade 2, Nikiski North Star Elementary (effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year); and Krista E.H. Slemmons, science, Ninilchik School (effective October 19, 2007). |
| BUDGET TRANSFERS: | Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve budget transfers Number 51 from the Information Services Department to pay for software at Mountain View (\$30,450), Nikiski North Star (\$20,850) and Soldotna Elementary (\$13,650); and Number 53 from the Kaleidoscope Charter School in the amount of \$22,600 to purchase additional instructional supplies. |
| RESOLUTION 07-08-2: | Resolution 07-08-2 was presented at Board request supporting the findings of the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force. |
| HSGQE WAIVER 2008-01: | Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-01. |
| HSGQE WAIVER 2008-02: | Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-02. |

HSGQE WAIVER 2008-03:

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-03.

HSGQE WAIVER 2008-04:

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-04.

MOTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 11. Mr. Hatch seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOMINATION:**

Mrs. Crawford submitted a request for approval from the Board for nomination to the Association of Alaska School Boards Board of Directors.

MOTION

Mrs. Downing moved the Board approve the nomination of Mrs. Sammy Crawford to the AASB Board of Directors. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/
COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Julie Lindquist, Moose Pass resident, thanked the Board for conducting their October 1 meeting in Seward.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Hatch stated that it is a pleasure to come to Seward.

Mr. Anderson expressed appreciation for the two school reports. He reminded those present to vote on October 2.

Ms. Hohl stated that she attended the Wellness Institute as a representative of PTA and reported on several conference activities including the walk to school activity and Recess at 40 Below. She reported that she attended the post conference workshop conducted by a representative from AASB about improving school climate which positively impacts school graduation rates. She thanked the High School Travel Club for catering the School Board dinner.

Mrs. Brown stated that it is good to be Seward. She expressed concern for the change in direction in the Title VII Program. She stated that she wished the Board Bylaws and Protocol review would be discontinued until after the election and new Board members are seated. She asked that the Review committee include community members and allow more community involvement.

Mrs. Downing reported that she attended the school assembly recognizing Laura Beck for the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award. She thanked Katie Turnbull for the RTI comments.

Dr. Anderson expressed appreciation for the scenery on the drive over to Seward from Soldotna. He reminded those present to vote on October 2. He stated that he is personally opposed to the term limits propositions because it will result in the superintendent spending a great amount of time training Board members.

BOARD COMMENTS:

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Mrs. Mullins thanked the High School Travel Club for catering the Board's dinner. She expressed appreciation for comments from the audience. She welcomed Mr. Dave Jones to the administration. She asked those Board members who wish to attend the AASB State School Board Conference to notify Mrs. Tachick. She appointed Mr. Hatch to the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Committee, Dr. Anderson to the Science Curriculum Review Committee, Mrs. Hohl to the 2008-2009 Budget Review Committee and noted that she would serve on the Health Curriculum Review Committee. She reported that the Calendar Committee still has a Board member vacancy.

ADJOURN:

At 8:09 p.m., Mr. Hatch moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Debra Mullins, President

Mrs. Liz Downing, Clerk

The Minutes of October 1, 2007,
were approved on October 15, 2007
as written.