
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

November 5, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSIONS: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Board Bylaws and Protocols Review; Homer High Graduation Waiver Request; FY 07 Equipment Fund Update; Software Implementation Update; and Seatbelts on Buses.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Officer Tony Garcia, Soldotna Police Department, for his service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Ken Halverson, Tustumena Elementary principal, introduced three teachers Ms. Shonia Werner, Grade 5/6 teacher, Ms. Cathleen Rolph, Quest teacher, and Ms. Gail Knopf, Grade 5/6 teacher. Miss Demery Garrant and Miss Makayla Wong introduced students Mr. Austin Kruse, Mr. Walter Baxter, Mr. Jeremy Hinz, Miss Abby Cook, and Miss Rachel Blossom who helped with the Powerpoint presentation. The presentation highlighted outdoor classroom activities, student awards, poetry contest participants, forensics, a pumpkin carving activity, cross country skiing, the Tustumena Mars Mission, music, math activities, a fire station field trip, the Buddy Reading Program, the Grade 5/6 Space Project, Future Problem Solving competition, and the Mind A-Mazes competition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that the Community Action Coalition administers the Youth At-Risk Behavior Survey and explained that students must have active parent permission in order to participate in the survey. She noted that many District grants require the survey information as part of the application process. She reported that on October 31, she spoke to the Anchor Point Chamber and will speak to the Kenai Chamber on November 28. She reported that on November 3, the School District, Kenaitze Tribal Council and the Salamatof Tribal Council signed a formal Memorandum of Agreement cementing an ongoing partnership. She reported that the District online calendar includes many committee meetings which are all linked agendas for the meeting. She reported that an "intent to award" has been received for the construction of teacher housing in Nanwalek.

CLASS SIZE REPORT: Mr. Glen Szymoniak presented the Class Size Enrollment Report that included a comparison of pupil-teacher ratios throughout District schools.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 2 through 61 for various schools and departments within the District.

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

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Tanya Boedeker, Grades 7-9, Connections (effective June 30, 2008); Linda Satre, Grade 1, Paul Banks (effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year); and D. Kim Verney, Preschool, Soldotna Elementary (effective June 30, 2008).

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR: The Board unanimously approved the proposed calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

KPSAA PROPOSALS FOR CLUB BASKETBALL AT PORT GRAHAM SCHOOL AND NANWALEK SCHOOL: The Board unanimously approved basketball as a club activity, at no cost to the District, for Port Graham Elementary/High and Nanwalek Elementary/High for the 2007-2008 school year. Port Graham requested the addition of only a boys' team, while Nanwalek requested both boys' and girls' teams.

NONTENURE TEACHING CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teaching contracts for the 2007-2008 school year for Holly Boyle, temporary generalist, Kenai Middle School and Julie Shaw, Grade 1 teacher, Paul Banks Elementary.

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teaching contract for Patsy Hansen, Grade 2, Mountain View Elementary

HOMER HIGH SITE COUNCIL WAIVER REQUEST: The Board unanimously approved a waiver request from the Homer High School Site Council to KPBSD Board of Education requesting a waiver from *BP 6146.1* and *AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements*. The Homer High School will require all seniors to complete a 30-hour Senior Service Project, in addition to requirements listed in *BP 6146.1* and *AR 6146.1*, prior to graduation.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 3, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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