
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 4, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included policy revisions, FY09 budget, Fireweed Charter School space request, administrative services for Cooper Landing School and Hope School, and Board bylaws and protocols review. The Board conducted a conference call with Kenai Peninsula legislators.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: On behalf of the Spirit of Youth Foundation, the Board presented a nomination certificate to Miss Adrianna Garcia for her work as a Board member for D.A.R.E. America and D.A.R.E. Alaska. The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Mrs. Katrina Cannava, Soldotna Elementary Title I tutor and Ms. Mercedes Gibbs, Soldotna Montessori Charter School and Soldotna Elementary custodian, for their service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Ms. Mo Sanders, Soldotna Montessori Charter School administrator, provided a brief school history, assessment information, information regarding literacy instruction, and the vision for each student. Five students gave an oral report on their trip to visit the United Nations during the last school year and the fund raising efforts to pay for another trip to the U.N. in April 2008.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that parent-teacher conferences and inservices will be held on February 7 and 8. She noted that the administration will meet on February 5 with Homer High School Site Council and Homer community to discuss the replacement for Dr. Ron Keffer, principal. She reported on upcoming meetings of the Title VII Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee and the Federal Programs Advisory Committee. She reported that the Battle of the Books competition begins during the week of February 4. She announced that the Anchor Point Chamber of Commerce selected Mrs. Carolyn Window, Chapman Elementary music teacher, as the Employee of the Year.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year from Ron Keffer, Homer High School principal; Erin Southwick, Soldotna Elementary/Soldotna Montessori Charter music teacher; Aaron Geiger, Soldotna Middle School psychologist; and Ray Hillman, Voznesenka School principal. The Board unanimously approved a resignation effective on January 29, 2008, from Christopher Lau, Spring Creek School teacher.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Mary Perry, intensive needs, Paul Banks Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Mitch W. Posey, (temporary) vocational education/science, Homer High; Cheryl Romatz, (temporary) Title I interventionist, K-Beach Elementary; Kristine Berrios, (temporary) special education/intensive needs, Paul Banks Elementary; Margaret Testarmata, (temporary) Title I interventionist, Seward Elementary; and Ruth E. Sensenig, (temporary .50FTE) language arts, Soldotna High School.

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE: The Board unanimously approved a change to the School Board meeting calendar from April 7 to April 14.

RESOLUTION 07-08-04: The Board approved Resolution 07-08-04, Supporting Changes to No Child Left Behind/HR 648.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP and AR 0510, School District Report Card; BP and AR 4119.11, Sexual Harassment; BP 5112.2, Exclusions from Attendance; BP 5141, Health Care Emergencies; AR 5141, Health Care Emergencies (New); BP and AR 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion; BP 6164.2, Guidance and Counseling Services; BP 6164.3, Student Mental Health – Medication and Services (New); and BP 7511, Naming a Facility.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 18, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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