
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 18, 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, health and science curriculum and a review of Board bylaw and protocols.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Mrs. Chris Thorne, parent volunteer, for her service to Sterling Elementary.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Christine Ermold, Sterling Elementary principal, introduced Miss Courtney Barker and Miss Kendra Currier, student council representatives. Miss Currier reported that prior to the beginning of the school year Sterling Elementary teachers completed training regarding multi-grade classroom instruction. Mrs. Boehmler led several students in a percussion rap song written by the school's teachers. Miss Barker and Miss Currier gave a computer generated presentation highlighting staff, PTA activities, the Head Start Program, community activities, guest speakers, special classes and clubs, assessment information, the Title I Program, the Special Education Program and Quest Program, field trips, the purchase of new playground equipment, the purchase of equipment and special speakers offered through the NASA Explorer Schools Program, and the school's music program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that there are three separate job-alike meetings for administrators during the next upcoming week. She noted that administrator selection meetings will be held for Voznesenka on February 19 at 3:30 p.m.; for Cooper Landing Elementary on February 20 at 3:15 p.m.; and for Nanwalek Elementary/High on February 28 at 6:30 p.m. She noted that the Kenai Chamber of Commerce meeting on February 20 will feature the District's partnership with the Caring for the Kenai competition. She reported that the West Homer Elementary/Fireweed Charter School community informational meeting will be held at West Homer Elementary on February 26. She announced that the new software conversion went live on February 6 and expressed appreciation to District employees for the extra work and effort in making the transition a success.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending January 31, 2008.

2008-2009 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART: The Board approved the 2008-2009 District organizational chart that identifies the lines of primary responsibility and relationships between administrative positions. The Board added a notation of "public" on the chart.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Cheryl Schweigert, principal/teacher at Nanwalek Elementary/High; Sally Sonnichsen, secondary generalist at Nanwalek Elementary/High; DeEtta Scarborough, Grade 4 at Seward Elementary; and Candy Rohrer, special education/resource at Voznesenka/Kachemak Selo.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year from Raniece Sutton-Gamache, school psychologist, Paul Banks Elementary and Ken Halverson, principal, Tustumena/Hope.

2008-2009 ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a list of administrator contracts for the 2008-2009 school year.

TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS, 2008-09: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative tenure teacher contracts for the 2008-2009 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved a one-year unpaid certified leave of absence request for Glen Szymoniak, assistant superintendent District Office.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 281 for \$18,000 to pay for Kenai Peninsula College class fees for Connections students and for revisions to the database that is used for Individual Learning Plans for Connections students.

POLICY REVISIONS AND ADOPTIONS: The Board approved revisions to 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; BP and AR 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion; BP 6164.2 – Guidance and Counseling Services; BP 7511 – Naming a Facility and the adoption of AR 5141 – Health Care Emergencies and BP 6164.3 – Student Mental Health–Medication and Services. The Board approved an amendment to BP 7511 that changed the number of years required before naming a District facility from five years to two years.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer**, Alaska.

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