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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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April 14, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included a student discipline briefing; a Level III Grievance Hearing; an update on Standards Based Report Card; a report on proposed Policy Manual Revisions; an update regarding Student Nutrition Services; a review of the District's Student Nutrition and Wellness Policy and a review of proposed changes to Board Bylaws and Protocols.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** On behalf of the Spirit of Youth Foundation, the Board presented a nomination certificate for the Spirit of Youth Award to representatives of the Skyview High School Student Council for their involvement in organizing a food drive. The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to representatives from Frontier Community Services for providing early intervention services to District children.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mrs. Melissa Stavola, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary principal, presented a "human PowerPoint" that featured staff and students. The presentation highlighted headlines from the school newspaper, *The Caribou News*, including student summer reading goals, a poster contest, math skills improvement, spelling bee information, winners of the Elks Club Essay contest, and the school play. The students concluded the report with a song from *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:** Mr. Kevin Turnbough, a representative from the University of Alaska Fairbanks provided information about the Upward Bound Program that is offered at Seward High School, Nikiski Middle/High School, and Nanwalek Elem/High. He highlighted the new Pathway-2-College Program, which is a college bridging program to be initiating during the summer of 2008.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Donna Peterson reported that interviews will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 3:45 p.m. at Homer High for the assistant principal position; the Masonic Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m., the Caring for the Kenai competition judging will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m., and that there is no school on Friday, April 18. She reported that interviews will be held on Monday, April 21 at Homer Middle School for the principal position, a public briefing will be held on Tuesday April 22 at Skyview High for the assistant principal position. She noted that she attended the Drop Out Symposium in Anchorage and noted that actions plans were developed for boys in crisis. She reported that during the upcoming weekend District staff will attend the Anchorage Job Fair and she will attend the Performance Based Teacher Education Program for Alaskan Native Students. She reported that the state audit of all federal programs was successful and that auditors complimented District program staff.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mrs. Douglas presented District financial reports for the periods ending February 29 and March 31, 2008.

**QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT:** Mrs. Douglas reported on third quarter budget transfers Numbers 140 through 596 for various schools and departments within the District.

**BOARD WORKSESSION REPORT:** Mrs. Crawford reported that prior to the business meeting three Board members attended the Policy Review Committee meeting. She noted that the Board participated in a student discipline briefing; a Level III grievance hearing; an update on

Standards Based Report Card; a report on proposed Policy Manual revisions; an update regarding Student Nutrition Services; a review of the District's Student Nutrition and Wellness Policy and a review of proposed changes to Board Bylaws and Protocols.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:** The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Numbers 362 for \$114,627 and Number 514, for \$119,282 to adjust the Summer School Program budget to reflect costs of employee salaries and benefits and other services; Number 407 and 411 for \$15,506 and \$17,096, respectively, to purchase Smart Boards and projectors for classroom use; Number 515 for \$218,708 to pay for salaries and benefits of 3.50 FTE occupational and physical therapists; Number 629 which includes \$11,397 for Homer High, \$10,395 for Kenai Alternative High, \$15,647 for Kenai Central High, \$19,555 for Skyview High and \$34,226 for Soldotna High to pay for health and science curriculum materials; (Number 628 was also processed for curriculum materials at Chapman, Cooper Landing, Homer Flex, Homer Middle, Hope, Kachemak Selo, K-Beach, Kenai Middle, McNeil Canyon, Moose Pass, Mountain View, Nikiski Middle/Senior, Nikiski North Star, Nikolaevsk, Ninilchik, Paul Banks, Peninsula Optional, Port Graham, Razdolna, Redoubt, Seward Elementary, Seward High, Seward Middle, Soldotna Middle, Spring Creek, Sterling, Susan B. English, Tebughna, Tustumena, Voznesenka and West Homer Elementary, but it did not include any individual amounts of \$10,000 or more); and Number 635 for \$15,000 to purchase K - 3 math curriculum materials, including textbooks, teacher edition books and consumables.

**HSGQE WAIVER NUMBER 2008-06:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-06 for a Nikiski Middle/High School student.

**HSGQE WAIVER NUMBER 2008-07:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-07 for a Soldotna High School student.

**HSGQE WAIVER NUMBER 2008-08:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2008-08 for a Connections Program student.

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Jennifer Riddall, Grade 5, Aurora Borealis Charter; Susan Whipp, resource, Nikiski Middle/High and Cindy Bedingfield, resource, Voznesenka.

**2008-2009 NONTENURE TEACHERS FOR TENURE:** The Board unanimously approved nontenure teachers Suzanne Phillips, Kim Johnson, Michael Hanson, Andrea Joachim, Karen Fine, Sean Campbell, Mark Casseri, Marcia Lee, Matthew Stineff, Vicki Abraham, Alison Larson, Michelle Bayes, Shannon West, Jennifer Haugh, Lisa Morris, Catherine Bethune, Derek Bynagle, Katharine Bynagle, Jennifer Dowd, Teresa Elmore, Michelle Burnett, Kersten Osborn, Tina Moore, Marylynn Barnwell, Robert Barnwell, Elizabeth Jones, Theresa Zabala, Stephanie Cox, Jeana Hayes, Staci Wells, Lisa Gosset, Lori Young, Tammy Flanders, Hope Kmetz-Casseri, Paul Gutzler, Anne Ridgely, Lisa Ferguson, Jason Steadman, Ben Alexander, Katherine Van Saun, Nicole Lyon, Stephanie Burns, and Kriste Simonson, for tenure for the 2008-2009 school year.

**2008-2009 NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contracts for the 2008-2009 school year Mindy Hunter, Grades 3-4 at Chapman Elementary; Johanna Tennant, middle school at Chapman Elementary; Pavla Tyson, K-6 .50 FTE and .50 FTE Title I (temporary) at Chapman Elementary; Gabe Evins, Grades 9-12, Connections Program; Paul Story, .50 FTE ATOSS facilitator and .50 FTE counselor (temporary), Connections Program; Jamie Meyers, professional development coordinator (temporary), Curriculum and Assessment Departments; Steve Schoessler, Work Force

Development teacher, Curriculum and Assessment Departments; Peter Brazil, vocational education, Curriculum and Assessment Departments; Joshua Brege, construction, welding at Homer High; Maygen Jannetta, art at Homer High; Katherine Kysar, language arts at Homer High; Jason Nissly, band at Homer High; Jan Spurkland, math at Homer High; Andrew Rothenberger, generalist at Kachemak-Selo School; Sara Boersma, kindergarten at Kaleidoscope Charter School; Joy Harper, Grade 4/5 at Kaleidoscope Charter School; Pepper Pond, science, Kenai Alternative; Justin Carr, language arts at Kenai Central; Kristin Davis, science/math at Kenai Central; Rosemary Owens, earth science, physical science at Kenai Central; Scott Peek, algebra, computers at Kenai Central; Emily Sims, home economics at Kenai Central; Mark Lee, music at Mountain View; James Reinseth, K-2 at Nanwalek School; Dan Adair, physics, physical science, geology at Nikiski Middle/High; Adam Anders, physical education, athletic director at Nikiski Middle/High; Shana Butler, art .50 FTE at Nikiski Middle/High; Tony D. Jackson, special education, resource at Nikiski Middle/High; Peter Papura, music .50 FTE (permanent), .50 FTE (temporary) at Nikiski Middle/High; Jan Darch, Grade 1 at Nikiski North Star Elementary; Kim Hays, Grade 5/6 at Ninilchik Elem/High; Lisa Nissly, music/reading at Ninilchik Elem/High; Jennifer Reinhart, kindergarten at Paul Banks Elementary; Dina Marion, Title I (temporary), Paul Banks Elementary; Laura Jacobsen, Grades K-6 .50 FTE (permanent), .28 Title I (temporary), .22 FTE Title II (temporary) at Razdolna School; Tanya Erwin, Title I (temporary) at Redoubt Elementary; Katharine Glaser, kindergarten at Seward Elementary; April MacDonald, Grade 4 at Seward Elementary; Angela Brown, math at Skyview High School; Rene Hobbs, art at Skyview High; Steve Cunningham, social studies at Soldotna Middle; Patrick Dwyer, science at Soldotna Middle; Jeff Moore, music at Soldotna Middle; Deanne Pokryfki, math .50 FTE at Soldotna Middle; Darci Drury, Grades  $\frac{3}{4}$  at Sterling Elementary; James Perzechino, .50 FTE generalist, .50 FTE (temporary) business education at Tebughna Elementary/High; Shonia Werner, Grade 6 at Tustumena Elementary; Susan Connor, Grade K-2 at Voznesenka; and Frederick Foster, .50 FTE geography, history, government at Voznesenka.

**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT:** The Board unanimously approved support staff leave of absence requests from Esther Eagle Richeson, nurse, Kenai Central High School (effective the 2008-09 school year); and Olga M. Fomin, school secretary, Port Graham School (effective May 5 to May 30, 2008).

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS, 2007-2008:** The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for the 2007-2008 school year for Tony D. Jackson, special education/resource, Districtwide, Central Peninsula area; Susan Pfeiffenberger, (temporary) .50 FTE reading interventionist K-6, Seward Elementary; and Jennifer Swander, (temporary) language arts teacher, Spring Creek School.

**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED:** The Board unanimously approved certified leave of absence requests from Lesley "Lee" Murphy, Grade 6, K-Beach Elementary (August 13, 2008 through January 4, 2009); and Richard Kelso, physical education, Nikiski North Star Elementary (effective August 13, 2008 through December 19, 2008).

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, from Daniel J. Beck, Principal, Homer Middle School; Elizabeth H. Lennon, speech-language/pathologist, Homer Middle School; Kathleen E. Clark, library, K-Beach Elementary; Jon G. Lillevik, counselor, Kenai Central High; Laraine Hanson, Grade 2, Mountain View Elementary; Peggy Arnold-Hoobler, principal/teacher, Port Graham School; Priscilla Shaw, assistant principal, Skyview High School; Jennifer Tabor, home economics, Soldotna Middle School; John Tabor, vocational education, Soldotna Middle School; Leonard Ball, generalist, Sterling Elementary and from Leanne Mahalak, (effective immediately) who is currently on a leave of absence.

**NEW ADMINISTRATORS:** The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for the 2008-2009 school year for Cheryl Schweigert Principal/Teacher, Nanwalek School; Robert VanDerWege Principal, Tustumena Elementary; and Alexander A. Trout, Principal, Voznesenka School.

**2008-2009 BUDGET:** The Board approved of a general fund budget of \$120,209,256 and special revenue funds totaling \$16,888,975 for a total FY09 budget of \$137,098,231 for all funds.

**POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board approved revisions to BP 6153 and AR 6153–School Sponsored Trips.

**STUDENT EXPULSION:** The Board approved the permanent expulsion (Number 2007-08-001) for a Nikiski Middle/High School student for violation of BP 3522.6, Violent and Aggressive Conduct, and AR 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion.

**2008-2009 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES:** The Board approved tentative Board meeting dates for 2008-2009. The Board approved an amendment changing the September 8 Board meeting to Homer High School and the October 20 Board meeting to Seward High School.

**LONG RANGE PLAN:** The Board approved the Long Range Plan for 2007 to 2012. The plan includes a mission statement guiding principals and four goals (organizational excellence, organizational improvement, organizational responsiveness, organizational sustainability) and related steps that will direct the District’s work through 2012.

**NSBA AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP:** The Board approved a recommendation for the Board to consider a one-year trial NSBA Affiliate membership.

**PROGRAMMATIC STAFFING REPORT REQUEST:** The Board approved a request for the District administration to provide a report on programmatic staffing to ensure a core schedule of offerings with additional courses in key agreed upon areas with the intent of bringing recommendations to reduce disparities, if any, back to the Board for resolution.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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