
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

May 5, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Quality Schools/Quality Students Update, Project GRAD Update, Professional Development Plan, and Board Bylaws and Protocols.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Ruth D'Amico, Moose Pass Community for her volunteerism and to Ginger Blackmon, Seward High School principal for her service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Ken Halverson, Hope Elementary/High School administrator, introduced Augusta Lind and recognized several students in the audience. He gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the facility, students, academics, distance education, classroom activities, art appreciation lessons, online classes, physical education and sports activities, community partnerships, graduation, and field trips.

PROJECT GRAD: Bonnie Powell explained the partnership between Project GRAD and the District and provided statistics on the number of graduates who have taken advantage of the college scholarship incentives provided by Project GRAD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reminded those present that teacher appreciation week begins May 5. She announced that the Alaska Association of Elementary Principals has selected Christine Ermold the 2008 Alaska Distinguished Principal. She announced the British Petroleum Teachers of Excellence Recognition dinner will be May 12 at 6:00 p.m. and that the teachers who have been selected are Laura Beck, Amy Budge, Diane McBee, Karen Murdock, Tim Sandahl, and Mathew Walton. She announced that graduation ceremonies begin May 19 through 22. She presented an engraved plaque and bell to Sally Tachick and Melody Douglas in recognition of 30 years of service to the District.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Patricia Hansen, Grade 3, Redoubt Elementary; Herb Wottlin, Grade 5/6, Seward Elementary; and Irene Hegwer, Resource, Soldotna High School.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved leave of absence requests from Teresa Goff, custodian, Nikiski Middle/High (effective April 29, 2008 until April 29, 2009) and Susan E. Evans, intensive needs aide, West Homer Elementary (effective for the 2008-2009 school year).

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Johanna Tennant, grade 6 through 8, Chapman Elementary; Cheryl L. Illg, resource, Homer High School; Pepper Pond, science, Kenai Alternative; Linda Schopp, resource, Nanwalek Elementary/High; Kate Biegert, resource, Nikiski Middle/High; and Clark Fair, English, Skyview High.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for the 2008-2009 school year for Stephen G. Atwater, assistant superintendent, District Office; David E. Larson, assistant principal, Homer High School; Lisa M. Nissly, principal, Homer Middle School; and Steven W. Kenrick, principal/teacher, Port Graham School.

NONTENURE TEACHER FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher Mary Margaret Hicks, for tenure.

NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contracts for Heather Pancratz, language arts/social studies, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; and Kristine Berrios, special education/intensive needs, Paul Banks Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for the 2008-2009 school year for Breta Brown math/interventionist teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; and Denise Romans, elementary interventionist teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 709 for \$50,000 to purchase playground equipment for Aurora Borealis Charter School.

FY 08 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved an increase of \$5,284,929 to revise the general fund budget from \$117,272,948 to \$122,557,877; and Special Revenue funds have increased \$1,415,231 from \$17,702,020 to \$19,117,251 for a total School District FY08 Revised Budget of \$141,675,128.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of new regulations and policies and/or revisions to Section 9000, Board Bylaws and BP 1140, Responsibilities of the Board; BP 1312, Public Complaints Concerning the Schools; E 1312 (b), Public Complaints Concerning the Schools; AR 2122 (a) (b), Superintendent of Schools – Job Description; E 9000, Role of Board and Members; BB 9010, Public Statements; E 9110, Student Representative on KPBSD Board of Education – Job Description; BB 9120, Officers and Auxiliary Personnel; BB 9121 (a) (b), President; BB 9130, Board Committees; E 9130, Board Committees; BB 9200, Board Members; BB 9223 (a) (b), Board Vacancies; BB 9230, Orientation; BB 9240, Board Development; BB 9250, Compensation, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits; AR 9250, Compensation, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits; BB 9271, Code of Ethics; E 9271 (a) (b) (c), Code of Ethics; BB 9310, Policy Manual; BB 9311, Board Policies; BB 9313, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits; BB 9320 (a) (b), Meetings; BB 9321, Executive Sessions; BB 9322, Agenda/Meeting Materials; E 9322 (a), Order of Business; AR 0520 School Improvement Plan – Development, Approval and Implementation; BP 3580, District Records; BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety; BP 6164.3, Student Mental Health – Medication and Services; BP 6164.4, Child Find; BP 6172, Special Education; BP and AR 3541.1, School Related Trips; BP 6156.1, High School Graduation; BP 5116, School Attendance Boundaries; and E 5116, Out-of-Area Attendance Request.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 2, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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