Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

June 2, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the Community Scholarship program, Policy Revisions, FY 09 Budget revisions and at-the-cap funding by the Borough.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Shelia Garrant, parent volunteer, for her service to Tustumena Elementary School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson presented the End of the Year Report, which included a summary of Board action for the 2007-2008 school year as well as progress on administrative work plans and Board goals. She reported that the Project GRAD Summer Institute begins June 2 with 14 scholarships to be awarded to participating students She reported that Failure Is Not An Option Training will be held on June 9 through 11 and that the Leadership Team Retreat will be held in the afternoon of June 11. She noted that Mr. Szymoniak has taken a superintendent position in McCall, Idaho and invited the public to a reception in his honor on June 4 at the Borough Administration Building. She announced that Alan Fields has been selected as Region III Principal of the Year.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Mr. Jones presented a report of leases and agreements for the 2008-2009 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2008.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, from Glen Szymoniak, assistant superintendent, District Office; Patricia Jay, history teacher (currently on unpaid leave of absence), Homer High; Erica Becker, special education resource, Mountain View Elementary; Mark R. Lee, Jr., music, Mountain View Elementary; Jerry Byrne, physical education/history, Ninilchik School; Stephanie Lockman, special education emotionally handicapped, Nikiski Middle/High; Theresa Zabala, Grade 3/4, Seward Elementary; and Jennifer McDonald, history, Seward High.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for the 2008-2009 school year for Cynthia K. Detrow, speech language pathologist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula; Raymond M. Bailey, Grade 4/5 teacher (permanent .50FTE/temporary .50 FTE), Kachemak-Selo School; David J. Brown, special education resource teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Jeff C. Baker, .50 FTE Physical Education/Health Teacher, Kenai Central High; Barbara G. Den Boer, language arts teacher, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Bryan Hickey, math teacher, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Marsha A. Bailey, primary grade teacher, Paul Banks Elementary; Erin M. Oxford, primary grade teacher, Paul Banks Elementary; Shonna Bilyeu, language arts teacher, Razdolna School; Timothy J. Whip, (temporary .50 FTE) Title I/Migrant teacher, Razdolna School; Tamra Wear, .50 FTE librarian, Soldotna High School; Margaret Griffin, school counselor, Skyview High School; Kevin Freedman, language arts teacher, Skyview High School; Byron T. Weeks, science teacher, Skyview High School; Darlene Port, music teacher, Soldotna Elementary/Soldotna Montessori; Dana Edwards, math teacher, Soldotna High School; Meggean L. Bos, home economics teacher, Soldotna High School; SheilahMargaret Pothast, .50 FTE Spanish teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Jason S. Evans, intermediate grade teacher, Sterling Elementary; Holly Alston, Grades 5 to 8 generalist teacher, Susan B. English Elementary/High; and Robyn E. Zinszer, special education resource teacher, Susan B. English Elementary High.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Numbers 900, 901 and 902 to adjust fuel account budgets because of increased cost of fuel for Home-to-School bus routes and the addition of Extended School Year summer programs ($13,840 for the Seward area, $32,000 for the Homer area and $125,000 for the Central Peninsula). Budget transfer Number 904 for $114,900 to pay for the addition of two Special Services busses for the 2007-2008 school year; and Numbers 918 and 919 to pay for substitute salary costs due to long-term employee absences ($10,659 for Seward Elementary and $11,992 for Tustumena Elementary).

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Sherry Nauta, Grade 1, K-Beach Elementary.

NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contracts for Donny Joachim, intermediate grade, K-Beach Elementary; Cheryl Romatz, elementary interventionist, K-Beach Elementary; Penny Connealy, Grade 2/3, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Kimberly DeGard, primary grade, Paul Banks Elementary; Naomi Karlin, art, Seward High; Carlyn Nichols, science, Seward High; Cary Calvert, math, Skyview High; Ruth Sensenig, language arts/social studies, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Cindy Robertson, Grade 3/4 (temporary), Voznesenka School; and Rebecca Paul, special education resource, West Homer Elementary.

NONTENURED TEACHERS FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teachers Kelly Balise, Myla Liljemark, Maryvonne Guillemin, and Sandra Lyons, for tenure.

2008-2009 KPSAA HANDBOOK CHANGES: The Board approved proposed middle school handbook changes recommended by the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association member schools for the 2007-2008 school year.

FY09 BUDGET REVISION: The Board approved expenditure budget changes to the FY09 budget with the general fund budget to remain at $120,209,256, the special revenue funds of $16,888,975 for a total FY09 budget for all funds of $137,098,231.

POLICY REVISIONS: The Board approved proposed adoptions and revisions to 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 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; and E 9322 (a), Order of Business. The Board approved amendments to BB 1140, E 9000 (a) and (b), BB 9200, and BB 9250. The Board rescinded the approval of BB 9271 and approved a motion to forward BB 9271 and E 9271 to the administration for further work.

The Board unanimously approved proposed adoptions and revisions to 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 6146.1, High School Graduation; BP 5116, School Attendance Boundaries; and E 5116, Out-of-Area Attendance Request.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to Section 1000 of the Policy Manual and various other policies and administrative regulations.

COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: The Board approved a request to review options for students attending schools in Russian Old Believer villages that would allow them to participate in cocurricular activities at other schools if the activity is not offered at their own schools.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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