
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held a worksession prior to the business meeting to discuss the 2008-2009 Board goals.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Dr. Peterson thanked the Kenai Peninsula legislative delegation for their work in developing and supporting an increase in funding and equitable adjustments for the District and the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson presented the 2007-2008 Site Council Evaluation Reports from each school and noted that the schools will receive follow-up training requested. She noted that a copy of the annual report information submitted by each school has been compiled for the Board's information. She noted that Miss Jenny Neyman has resigned and that the communication specialist vacancy has been advertised. She introduced Mr. Steve Atwater, Assistant Superintendent and noted that she and Mr. Atwater will attend a meeting with the new Commissioner of the Department of Education and Early Development on August 4 in Juneau. She announced that Mrs. Douglas will serve as the representative from the administration during the August 4 Board meeting.

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

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 598 through 1043 for various schools and departments within the District.

2008-2009 BOARD GOALS: The Board unanimously approved four goals for accomplishment during the 2007-2008 school year in the areas of student high school graduation/drop out rates, parent/community engagement, and Individual Learning Pathways for each student.

2008-2009 ANNUAL AGENDA GUIDELINE: The Board unanimously approved the 2008-2009 Annual Agenda Guideline.

NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for Bonnie Jason, reading teacher, Homer Middle; Maria Calvert, .50 FTE physical education, Kaleidoscope; Douglas O'Brien, Grades 4 through 8 teacher, Moose Pass School; Kellie Davidson, Grade 1 through 2 teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Brittney Johnson, Grade 5 teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Lyndi Miller, Grade 2 teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Karma Sherk, intensive needs teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Darilynn Caston, (permanent .50 FTE/.50 FTE temporary) kindergarten teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Elizabeth Sowers, Grade 4 teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Susan Pfeifferberger, (temporary) Title I teacher, Seward Elementary; Michele Walker, (temporary) alternative education teacher, Seward High School; and Benjamin Stephens, Grade 5 teacher, West Homer Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Lila Lee Little, Grade 5/6 teacher, Chapman School; Melinda Michener, K-6 teacher, Chapman School; Wendi Dutcher, generalist teacher/advisor, Connections; Susan A. Hawker, .50 FTE resource/.50 FTE Quest, Kaleidoscope/Mountain View Elementary; Christina Granger, .50 FTE librarian, K-Beach Elementary; Stacia Rustad, physical education/health Teacher, Kenai Central High; Jennifer Scott, language arts/social studies teacher, Kenai Central High; Megan O'Neill, temporary .50 FTE math teacher, Kenai Middle School; Kendall Dellasperanza, Grade 4 teacher, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Mark Wackler, (temporary) .50 FTE alternative education teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Gary Wiebel, Jr., school counselor, Nikiski Middle/High; Raven D. Puente, (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary), first grade teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Wade White, special education/resource teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Kathryn Baum Fjelstad, social studies/physical education, Ninilchik School; Miriam McKay, music teacher, Ninilchik School; Brandon Young, Grade 1, Paul Banks Elementary; Justis Riley,

generalist teacher, Port Graham School; Jennifer M. Shinew, (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary) generalist teacher, Port Graham School; Shaya Straw, (temporary), intermediate grade teacher, Soldotna Elementary; Michelle Naujeck, (temporary), language arts teacher, Soldotna High School; Sherry Roach, special education/resource teacher, Sterling Elementary; Linda Vroman, (temporary) Title I teacher, Sterling Elementary; and John D. Yordy, (temporary) Grade 6 teacher, West Homer Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effectives at the end of the 2007-2008 school year from D. Shane Hill, behavior transitions, Pupil Services, and Luanne Nelson, statewide mentor.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved the administration's recommendation to deny a request for an unpaid leave of absence from Vicki Abraham, migrant teacher, Homer Middle.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 957 for \$40,000 to pay for summer school and curriculum development organization projects; Number 964 for \$16,500 to pay for Kaleidoscope Charter electricity costs; Number 1071, 1146, 1147, 1148 and 1164 to pay for additional substitute salary costs due to long-term employee absences at Mountain View Elementary (\$16,881), Soldotna High (\$21,432), Nanwalek (\$37,022), Nikiski Jr./Sr. (\$15,545 and \$13,497) and Homer High (\$25,977); Number 1155 to pay for the purchase of science curriculum materials (schools where the transfer exceeded \$10,000 were Nikiski Jr./Sr. \$15,661 and Seward Middle \$10,018); Number 1170 to pay for costs related to the preliminary software implementation (transfers exceeding \$10,000 were in temporary salaries \$29,934, overtime salaries \$34,378, PERS benefits \$14,016 and employee travel \$19,140); and Number 1174 for \$10,889 to pay for fuel for warehouse deliveries to schools.

STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES MEAL PRICE INCREASE: The Board unanimously approved an increase for all full paid meal charges by \$0.25 for the FY 09 school year.

POLICY REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 1100, Communication with the Public; BP 1112, Media Relations; BP 1120, Public Involvement in Board Meetings; BP 1140, Responsibilities of the Board; BP 1150, Commendations and Awards; AR 1150, Commendations and Awards; BP 1220, Advisory Committees; BP 1230, Organizations Supporting Student Activities; AR 1230, Organizations Supporting Student Activities; BP 1240, Volunteer Assistance; E 1240, Volunteer Questionnaire; BP 1250, Visits to the Schools; BP 1312, Public Complaints Concerning the Schools; BP 1312.1, Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel; AR 1312.1, Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel; AR 1312.2, Challenges to Instructional Materials; BP 1312.3, Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination; AR 1312.3, Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination; BP 1313, Willful Disruption of the School; BP 1321, Solicitation of Funds From and By Students; BP 1325, Advertising and Promotion; AR 1325, Advertising and Promotion; BP 1330, Use of School Facilities and Properties; AR 1330, Use of School Facilities and Properties; E 1330a, Room/Building Use Application; E1330(b), Conditions of Use; E 1330(c), Application for Community Possession of a Firearm or Deadly or Defensive Weapon on School Grounds; BP 1340, Access to District Records; AR 1340, Access to District Records; BP 1700, Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools; BP 3110, Transfer of Funds; AR 3343, Travel and Per Diem; E 3343, Statement of Expenses; E 3343, Statement of Mileage Expenses; BP 3491, Equipment Reserve Fund.

The Board unanimously approved revisions to BB 9271, Code of Ethics and E 9271, Code of Ethics.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.
