
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

August 4, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held two worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the graduation/drop out rate goal and the proposed FY09 Association of Alaska School Board resolutions.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Dale and Rhoda Dolifka for their volunteer service to Skyview High School students and staff.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Ms. Brenda Ahlberg, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, reported on the Nikiski Boys and Girls Club and noted that they are the only club in Alaska to receive the 21st Century Learning Grant. She noted that the amount of the grant has increased to \$200,000. She provided statistics on the Nikiski North Star School club attendance and added that there are three other school-based sites (Kenai, Soldotna and Seward). She reported that the Seldovia Club is located on school grounds but in a separate building. She compared after-school club attendance statistics to academic success. She reported on the Kinder Club summer program. She provided copies of the Boys and Girls Club Annual Report for Board review.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported that McNeil Canyon Elementary has received assurances that they now have drinkable water. She reported that the District is moving forward with background checks for school volunteers pilot project at four schools. She reported that teachers begin work on August 13 and students are in school on August 20 at most schools. Mrs. Douglas presented the 2007-2008 Superintendent's Annual Report.

SUBSTITUTE AND TEMPORARY PAY SCHEDULE: The Board unanimously approved the pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests from Kellie Steiner Kelso, secretary, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Susan J. Lamb, school nurse, Seward Elementary, and Mary Ferguson Bell, school nurse, West Homer Elementary.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for M. Jane McFarland, speech language pathologist, Districtwide, Central Peninsula area; Erin Briscoe, speech language pathologist, Districtwide, Homer area; Chad Hinders, social studies teacher, Seward High School; Belinda Espy, intermediate grade teacher, Sterling Elementary; and Kurtis M. Schoenberg, kindergarten through second grade teacher, Voznesenka School.

NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contracts for Jennifer Swander, language arts teacher, Spring Creek School; and Robyn M. Walls, .50 FTE elementary interventionist teacher, West Homer Elementary.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, September 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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