
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

October 6, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the FY09 Legislative Priorities, Career and Technical Education and a demonstration of the One Stop Portal. The Board heard a presentation by representatives of United Way.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Crawford presented plaques of appreciation for Board service to Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Hatch.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Lee Young, Connections Home School Program principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting student enrollment, program growth, AYP achievement, assessment scores and dispelled myths about homeschool students. Miss Haiden Perkins read the testimony provided by Mrs. Sheri Perkins, Site Council Chairperson, regarding the reasons to choose homeschooling.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Mr. Joe Gallagher, 2008 United Way Campaign Chair, thanked Dr. Peterson and Mrs. Druce for their cooperation and announced that the group will visit each school to talk to all staff. He summarized the assistance provided to 29 non-profit agencies by the Kenai Peninsula United Way and noted that the 2009 Goal is \$750,000.

Ms. Sasha Lindgren, Kenaitze Indian Tribe director, explained the services provided to District youth by the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and their focus on healthy life styles and cultural programs. She reported that Title VII funds provided a week-long summer art camp at Spirit Lake. She hoped to expand the program to include more students and invited the Board to visit and participate in the Tribe's programs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson provided an update regarding the certification issues with the Department of Education and Early Development and urged those who are seeking recertification to keep copies of everything submitted, use certified mail, and apply six months in advance. She reported that the Districtwide Student Government Conference was held on September 22 and that Miss Ramponi was selected to serve as the student representative to the Board. She reported that the September 24 Administrator Meeting included a webinar with Robert Marzano and was very successful. She reported that she and other District staff have conducted many school visits. She reported that she recently attended the Alaska Superintendents' Conference in Sitka and that she will accompany the United States Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Nancy Montanez Johner, while she visits several locations throughout the District.

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

RESOLUTION 08-09-1, PRIMARY SPONSOR OF GAMING PERMITS: The Board unanimously approved a list of primary and alternative members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for FY09.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Miss Theresa Ramponi, a Skyview High School student, as the student representative to the Board of Education.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teaching assignments for Ingrid K. McKinstry, temporary migrant teacher Grades K-12, Homer Middle; Ranada Hassemer, elementary interventionist teacher, Redoubt Elementary; Marya Tyler, temporary facilitator gifted teacher, Seward Area; Kimberly J. Anderson, permanent .50 FTE/temporary, .50 FTE Grade 5 teacher, Seward Elementary; and Amanda J. Brendtro, .50 FTE elementary interventionist teacher, Sterling Elementary.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teaching contracts for Cas Czarnecki, Grade 6, K-Beach Elementary; Alice Porter, Grade 1, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Lenore Swanson, special education resource, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Paul Zobeck, physical education, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Zada Friedersdorff, home economics, Soldotna Middle School; and Suzanne Goodwill, Grade 6, Sterling Elementary.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS: The Board approved the administration's recommendation to deny the resignations of Sarah Ford, intermediate grade teacher, Tebughna School, and Wanda Griechen, migrant teacher, Homer Middle School.

RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Peter A. Papura, music, Nikiski Middle/High.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVER REQUEST NUMBER 2009-1: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2009-1.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVER REQUEST NUMBER 2009-2: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2009-2.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVER REQUEST NUMBER 2009-3: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2009-3.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVER REQUEST NUMBER 2009-4: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2009-4.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM WAIVER REQUEST NUMBER 2009-5: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2009-5.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION (MR. HATCH): The Board unanimously approved Mr. Hatch's resignation and declared the District 2 seat as vacant.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request from Olia Basargin, Bilingual/ELL tutor, Razdolna Elementary (effective October 7 through October 31, 2008).

AASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION: The Board unanimously approved the nomination of Mrs. Hilts to the Association of Alaska School Boards Board of Directors.

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AASB OUTSTANDING BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to nominate Mrs. Crawford for AASB's Outstanding Board Member award.

FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: The Board approved the 2009 list of federal and state legislative priorities as recommended, with the following modifications: the administration will update the rational language, particularly on early learning and health care, and the addition to state priorities of intensive needs and the area cost differential as the number one priority.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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