
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

November 3, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board discussed the Board vacancy (Seat 2 – Kenai) and enrollment projections.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY REPLACEMENT: It was determined that the current applicants for the Board vacancy were not residents of the Kenai Seat 2 area. The Board will readvertise the vacancy and accept applications until noon on November 21. Interviews will be held on December 1 and a selection made during the meeting.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Gregg Wilbanks, Peninsula Optional High School principal, presented a video that introduced the Peninsula Optional High School, provided information on enrollment, grade levels, graduation information, classroom activities, school staff, how the 2008-2009 Board goals are being met, student projects in the community, and student progress towards graduation. He also shared a PowerPoint that answered the four questions posed by Robert Marzano that are essential for schools. He demonstrated Educate Program which is web-based software that keeps track of student academic progress.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson commended Peninsula Optional High School for their work on standards-based performance and noted that Educate is the best software available to keep track of student progress. She announced that the Senior Management will continue monthly meetings with the new Borough Mayor to discuss issues of mutual interest. She noted that the Education Summit will be November 13 and 14 in Anchorage. She reported on the Women in Leadership Conference she attended on October 30, 31 and November 1.

SIX-YEAR PUPIL ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS: Mrs. Douglas presented the Six-Year Enrollment Projections (2009-10 through 2014-15) that reflects 9,047 students for FY10.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR: The Board unanimously approved the proposed calendar for the 2010-2011 and 2011-12 school years.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teaching assignments for Peter Papura, music teacher, vocal and instrumental, Nikiski Middle/High; Cindy M. Schlung, (temporary) elementary interventionist teacher .50 FTE, Soldotna Elementary; and Carmelo Martin, Spanish teacher, Seward High School.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Susan Whipp, Tebughna School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year from Tim Delaney, athletic director/health teacher, Kenai Central High and Kathy Thompson, Grades 1/2, Soldotna Elementary.

RECOMMENDATION TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH KPEA AND KPESA: The Board unanimously approved an administrative recommendation that a formal opportunity for public input be provided on contractual issues under the public presentation and that the District prepare to open negotiations with Kenai Peninsula Education Association and Kenai Peninsula Education Support Association no later than February 15, 2009.

POLICY REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 1325, Advertising and Promotions; BP 2300 and BP 3316, Conflict of Interest; BP 4141/4142, Negotiated Agreement; BP 4156.2/4256.2/4356.2, Awards and Recognition; BP and E 5125.1, Release of Directory Information; and BP 6146.3, High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. The Board approved an amendment to BP 1325.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 1, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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