
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

December 1, 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 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and proposed policy revisions. The Board participated in a demonstration of the District's professional development software and conducted interviews for the Kenai Board Seat 2 vacancy.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY REPLACEMENT FOR DISTRICT SEAT 2: Mr. Gregory R. Gabriel, Jr. was selected as the replacement Board member for Seat 2 (Kenai).

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Boardsmanship certificates were awarded to Ms. Hohl, Mr. Anderson, Ms. Downing, and Mrs. Hilts.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Alex Trout, Voznesenka School principal, gave a student-created PowerPoint presentation highlighting the school facility and playground, classroom activities, club activities, extracurricular activities, and an out-of-state Close Up field trip to Washington D.C. and New York.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: In order to be in compliance with Alaska Statute 23.40.235 the Board provided an opportunity for public comment on the issues to be addressed in the collective bargaining process before commencing bargaining. There was no public comment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that she recently spoke at the Soldotna Rotary Club meeting, attended the Department of Education and Early Development Education Summit, and attended the U.S. Senator Murkowski hearing on student drop outs. She commended the school staff for their magnificent response regarding the critical incident at the Central Peninsula General Hospital involving a gunman and noted that the administration will debrief with the Soldotna Police Department. She wished those present a Happy Holidays and noted that the District Office will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Years Day.

CLASS SIZE REPORT: Mr. Atwater presented the 2008-2009 Class Size Enrollment Report that included a comparison of pupil-teacher ratios throughout District schools.

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

NEW TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a new teacher contract for Megan L. Smith, (temporary) language arts teacher, Nanwalek School.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute contract for Laurie Kempf, Kenai Alternative School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year from Susan Moore, counselor, Homer Middle; Elizabeth Hufford, Grade 3, Nikiski North Star Elementary; and Charlie Stephens, physical education, Soldotna Middle School.

PENINSULA OPTIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NAME CHANGE: The Board approved a request from Peninsula Optional High School staff, students and parents to officially change the school name to River City Academy.

SIX-YEAR PLAN AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed Six-Year Plan and list of major maintenance and capital improvement projects for FY11.

KENAI PENINSULA STUDENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION OUTSOURCE APPLICATIONS: The Board unanimously approved outsourced activity applications for Homer High School softball and baseball; Soldotna High School softball and baseball; Skyview High School softball and baseball. Also approved was a request from Voznesenka School for an 8-man football program at no expense to the District for the first year.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: The Board unanimously approved the acceptance of the FY08 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

APPROVAL OF 403(B) RETIREMENT PLAN DOCUMENT: The Board unanimously approved the 403 (b) written plan document including Resolution 08-09-3, Adopting Restatement and Amendment of Kenai Peninsula Borough School District 403(b) Retirement Plan.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions and the renumbering of various Policies, Regulations and Exhibits in Section 3000.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 12, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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