
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

January 12, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held a worksession on proposed policy revisions, heard a briefing from the District Instructional Team regarding the content of the January 19 Districtwide inservice and reviewed the 2008-2009 Board goals.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Hilts awarded The Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Certificate of Achievement to Miss Theresa Ramponi.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Jim Dawson, Cooper Landing Elementary principal, introduced Mr. Kyle Milne, student, who gave a brief introduction of the school and then a computer slide show highlighting individual students and staff, a typical day at the school that included activities, lessons, recess, lunchroom, and art lessons. He reported on field trips, fund raising activities, a fishing trip and fish hatching project provided with grant funding, a foreign language lesson, a fire department demonstration, a fly tying activity and science experiments.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Ms. Marnie Olcott and Mr. Larry Porter, Alaska Challenger Learning Center representatives, provided a brief history of the facility, summarized the programs available for students beginning in fourth grade, and asked the Board and administration to encourage district schools to take advantage of the center which is funded with donations and corporate sponsorship.

Mr. John Pothast, Soldotna Rotary Club representative, provided an overview of the club's local activities that mainly focus on youth. The programs include the Summer Reading Program, student of the month lunches, Interact High School Program, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, Youth Exchange, Digital Photography Project, ABC Help (backpack program), Dictionary Project, Scholarships, Reading Carnival participation, Empty Stocking Fund, 4-H Auction, and Jr. T Sled Dog Race sponsorship.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater, acting superintendent, reported that negotiations have begun and the administration is pleased with the positive beginning. He reported that the Districtwide Inservice will be held on January 19 at Kenai Central High School and the No Child Left Behind Conference will be held in Anchorage on January 15-16. He reported that the FY10 budget process has been adjusted so that a Draft will be available at the March meeting. He reported that during the recent extremely cold weather, district facilities fared well with only a few incidents and that school bus service was good.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending November 30, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on quarterly budget transfers Numbers 210 through 474 for various schools and departments within the District.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Jamie Harper, Pupil Services Director (effective March 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009).

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Bea Klaich, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High and Marsha Gustkey, Seward Elementary.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved an administrative recommendation to not grant an unpaid leave of absence for Effimia Litvin, Kachemak Selo School bilingual aide, who is requesting an additional year's leave of absence (2009-2010 school year).

RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Sheryl Kaye, Tebughna School principal/teacher, effective June 8, 2009.

HSGQE WAIVER NUMBER 2009-06: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2009-06.

POLICY REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved the renaming of Section 3000, Business and Noninstructional Operations. The Board unanimously approved the renumbering of BP 3316 Conflict of Interest; E 3316 Request to do Business with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District; BP, AR and E 3342 Payroll; AR and E 3343 Travel; BP 3411 Checking Accounts; BP 3490 Reserves; BP 3510 Maintenance; BP and AR 3513.4 Pest Management; BP 3520 School Safety and Security; BP and AR 3521 Critical Incident Plan; BP 3521.1 Hazardous Substances; BP 3515.2 Intruders on Campus; BP and AR 3522.5 Campus Disturbances; BP 3522.6 Violent and Aggressive Conduct; BP and AR 3531 Recovery for Property Damage; BP 3541.2 Transportation for Special Education Children; and BP 3550 Food Service. The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP and AR 3100 Budget; BP 3280 Return, Sale or Lease of School Facilities or Real Property; BP 3290 Gifts, Grants and Bequests; BP 3300 Expenditures/Expending Authority; AR 3310 Purchasing Requisitions/Purchase Orders; BP 3342 (3350) Payroll; AR 3342 (3350) Payroll; BP 3400 Management of District Assets/Accounts; BP 3411 (3410.1) Checking Accounts; BP 3452 Student Activity Funds; BP 3512 Equipment; BP and AR 3515.5 Critical Incident Plan; AR 3522.1 (3515) Access and Keys; BP 3530 Risk Management; BP 3550 Food Service; BP 3580 District Records; BP and AR 3522.5 (BP and AR 5131.4) Campus Disturbances; and BP 3522.6 (BP 5131.41) Violent and Aggressive Conduct.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to BP and AR 1330, Use of School Facilities and Properties, E 1330, Room/Building Use Permit; AR 2122, Superintendent of Schools – Job Description; E 2240, Management and Communication Systems; E 2250, Absence from Buildings; BP 3311, Bids; and BP 3316, Conflict of Interest.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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