
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 2, 2009 – 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 superintendent vacancy, Response To Intervention, and the World Language Curriculum. The Board also participated in a conference call with Kenai Peninsula Legislators to discuss education legislation.

SCHOOL REPORT: Ms. Sharon Mook, Soldotna Middle School principal, gave a computer-generated report, highlighting AYP, community and parent involvement, the new school mission statement, a summary of staffing, programmatic staffing, parent survey results, and the future vision. She introduced Mrs. Sheila-Margaret Pothast who explained the new Spanish Program. Mrs. Pothast distributed cascarones – confetti filled eggs made by the students and invited students, Miss Eden Flake and Miss Sarah Mokracek to lead those present in a song called *La arana pequenita* (or *Eensy, Weensy Spider*).

Mr. Todd Syverson, Soldotna High School principal, thanked the Board for their legislative lobbying efforts that brought additional funding to the District. He explained the Adopt-a-Star Program. Mrs. Jeanna Carver, Mr. Matt Walton, Ms. Cindy Hayes, and Miss Josephine Daniels each explained their involvement in the Freshman in Transition Program. The Soldotna High School Swing Choir concluded the presentation by singing *Harriet Tubman*.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater provided the report on Dr. Peterson's behalf. He reported on five items: 1) Project GRAD would be receiving \$10,000 from Wal-Mart; 2) community presentations have been scheduled for four administrative vacancies (Soldotna High assistant principal, West Homer Elementary School principal, Nanwalek School principal/teacher, Tehughna School principal/teacher); 3) Parent Group Training was held on Thursday, January 29; 4) the District is on high alert and information is ready for the local radio stations and the website should there be a volcanic eruption from Mt. Redoubt; and 5) Governor Palin has appointed Mr. Dave Jones to be a member of the Education Funding District Cost Factor Commission.

HSGQE WAIVER: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2009-07.

TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS 2009-2010: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative tenure teacher contracts for the 2009-2010 school year.

ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS 2009-2010: The Board unanimously approved a list of administrator contracts for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year from Donna Peterson, ED.D., superintendent; Cheryl Schweigert, principal/teacher, Nanwalek Elementary/High; Elisabeth Feeley, resource, Soldotna Elementary; Allan Howard, assistant principal, Soldotna High School, and Charlie Walsworth, principal, West Homer Elementary,

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute contract for Ed Frink, Kachemak Selo.

2009-2010 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART: The Board unanimously approved the 2009-2010 District organizational chart that identifies the lines of primary responsibility and relationships between administrative positions.

FY09 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved FY09 budget revisions to the general fund amount of \$120,377,796 and \$20,036,324 for special revenue funds for a total for all funds of \$140,414,120.

POLICY REVISIONS: The Board approved 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.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: The Board approved the establishment of a committee of three Board members to be appointed by the president of the Board. The charge of the Committee shall be to monitor the superintendent search process, report to the Board regarding that process, participate as appropriate in initial applicant screenings, make recommendations to the Board relative to the process, and return Board wishes and direction to guide administrative activities relative to the search process.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 16, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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