
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 16, 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 Social Studies Curriculum, superintendent vacancy, and FY10 Budget.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Mrs. Carole Nolden, Kenai Middle School secretary, for her service to the school and the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Paul Sorenson, Kenai Middle School principal, gave a computer generated report highlighting leave a legacy, choir and band programs, school history and demographics, student population, assessment information, and programmatic staffing. Mrs. Dixon reported on the school culture, Character Counts Program, Club Program, mini courses, leadership class, Kossak Korner, student celebrations, tutoring program, intervention program, mentor program and the Read 180 Program. Mr. Dave Fischer reported on Smart Board technology and gave a demonstration with the assistance of Mrs. Downing. Mr. Dosko provided some thoughts on internet teaching. The choir concluded the presentation by singing a folk song from Zambia.

The Kenai Central High School report was postponed to a later meeting.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: The Teens Against Tobacco Use presentation was postponed for a later meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. Jones is currently on approved medical leave. She reported that parent-teacher conferences went well. She reminded the Board of the joint Borough Assembly and School Board budget worksession on February 17. She reported that principal selection process meetings have been held and that interviews have been scheduled for the first week of March.

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Arness provided an update on the progress of the superintendent search and then invited the public to provide comments, either verbal or written.

WORLD LANGUAGE CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved the proposed World Language Curriculum.

HSGQE WAIVER 2009-08: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Examination Waiver Number 2009-08.

TENTATIVE NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for Ray Archuleta, special education-resource, Homer High; Matthew Tucker, special education-resource, Homer High; Erin Briscoe, speech, Homer Middle; Susan Hawker, special education-resource, Kaleidoscope; Cynthia Detrow, speech, Kenai Middle; Tyler Schlung, special education-resource, Kenai Middle; Noelle Phillips, speech, K-Beach Elementary; Marcy True, special education-intensive needs, Mountain View; Karma Sher, special education-intensive/life skills, Nikiski North Star; Robert Ernst, special education-resource, Nikiski/Middle High; Tony Jackson, special education-resource, Nikiski/Middle High; Kristine Berrios, special education-intensive, Paul Banks; Riley Justis,

secondary generalist, Port Graham; Jennifer Shinew, .50 FTE generalist/.50 FTE Title II (temporary), Port Graham; Holly Abel, school psychologist, Soldotna Elementary; Jayne McFarland, speech pathologist, Soldotna Elementary; Matthew Johnson, special education-intensive needs, Soldotna High; Kimberly Jordan, special education-intensive needs, Soldotna High; James Knoebel, special education-resource, Soldotna High; Tracy Brown, school psychologist, Sterling; Sherry Roach, special education-resource, Sterling; Holly Alston, generalist, Susan B. English; Ruth Sensenig, language arts, social studies, Susan B. English; Robin Zinszer, .75 FTE special education-resource/.25 FTE Title II (temporary), Susan B. English; Granger Nyboer, .50 FTE special education-resource/.50 FTE Title I (temporary), Tebughna; Camille Hill, school psychologist, Tustumena; and Rebecca Paul, special education-resource, West Homer Elementary.

RECOMMENDATION FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved Mindy Hunter, special education-gifted, Fireweed Academy; Mary Glynn, occupational therapist, K-Beach Elementary; Jacob Munyer, special education-resource, Kenai Central; Karen Weston, special education-gifted, McNeil Canyon; Susan Connor, special education-resource, Mountain View; David Brown, special education-resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Wendy Moseley, special education-resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Robanne Stading, .50 special education-resource/.25 FTE Title I (temporary)/.25 FTE migrant (temporary), Nikolaevsk; Joanne Frey, special education-intensive, Seward Elementary; Ann Knofel, school psychologist, Seward Elementary; Kathy Sandoval, special education-behavior teacher, Seward Elementary; Tammy Elyea, special education-resource, Skyview; Mitchell Pioch, special education-resource, Skyview; David Justice, special education-resource, Soldotna High; and James Perzechino, generalist, Tebughna, nontenure teachers for tenure.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Susan Whipp, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Peter Gundunas, Pupil Services; and Suzanne Goodwill, Sterling Elementary.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid one-year leave of absence request for Sharon R. Thompson, science, Homer High School, effective for the 2009-10 school year.

RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved a resignation effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year from Audrey Gray, Grades K-2, Tebughna School.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer**, Alaska.

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