
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

May 4, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included an update on the Federal Stimulus Funding, the education endowment, and next steps regarding the Borough and Assembly relationship.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Daniel Krier, Seward High School athletic director/teacher and Roger Steinbrecher, former Seward High School coach, for their service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Larry Nauta, Aurora Borealis Charter School administrator, gave a student-created PowerPoint presentation highlighting the lottery procedures and the assembling of new playground equipment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson announced that the School District's budget will be introduced at the May 5 Borough Assembly meeting in Seward. She reported the topic for the April 29 Administrator Meeting was the Global Achievement Gap and explained that students need to be "jury ready" when they graduate from high school. She reported that the administrative team from Alaska Performance Excellence (APEX) will visit the District Office to analyze opportunities for improvement. She announced that May 3 through 9 is National Education Week and commended District staff for their dedication and commitment to students.

NONTENURE TEACHING CONTRACTS: The Board approved nontenure teacher contracts for the 2009-2010 school year for Lila Little, Grades 5/6, Chapman Elementary; Melinda Michener, Grades 3/4, Chapman Elementary; Heidi Stokes, generalist .50 FTE, Chapman Elementary; Wendi Dutcher, secondary generalist, Connections; Reubin Payne, generalist, Connections; Peter Brazil, vocational education, Curriculum; Jamie Meyers, Professional Development Coordinator (temporary), Curriculum; Joshua Brege, construction/welding, Homer High; Katherine Kysar, language arts, Homer High; Diane Warner, history, Homer High; Bonnie Jason, language arts/reading, Homer Middle; Daniel Olson, social studies/language arts, Homer Middle; Maria Calvert, physical education .50 FTE, Kaleidoscope Charter; Joy Harper, Grades 4/5, Kaleidoscope Charter; Jeff Baker, physical education .50 FTE, Kenai Central; Kristin Davis, biology/math, Kenai Central; Rosemary Owens, Earth science/physical science, Kenai Central; Stacia Rustad, physical education/health, Kenai Central; Jennifer Scott, social studies/language arts, Kenai Central; Emily Sims, home economics, Kenai Central; Steve Fischer, vocational education, Kenai Middle; Margaret Gilman, language arts, Kenai Middle; Kendall DellaSperanza, Grade 4, McNeil Canyon; Maureen Wilkinson, interventionist .50 FTE, McNeil Canyon; Caitlin Caffall, Grade 2, Mountain View; Brittney Johnson, Grade 5, Mountain View; Sarah Kantrud, Grade 3, Mountain View; Timothy McFarland, music, Mountain View; Megan Smith, language arts, Nanwalek; Dan Adair, chemistry/physics/geology, Nikiski Middle/High; Adam Anders, physical education/health, Nikiski Middle/High; Shana Butler, art .50 FTE, Nikiski Middle/High; Mark Wackler, alternative education/Title VII, (temporary), Nikiski Middle/High; Gary Wiebel, counselor, Nikiski Middle/High; Jan Darch, Grade 1, Nikiski North Star; Tricia Young, Title I teacher, (temporary), Nikiski North Star Elementary; Kathryn Baum-Fjelstad, language arts, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Barbara DenBoer, language arts, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Bryan Hickey, math, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Miriam McKay, music, Ninilchik Elementary/High; David Patat, science, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Marsha Bailey, kindergarten, Paul Banks

Elementary; Kimberly Degard, Grade 1, Paul Banks Elementary; Erin Oxford, kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Jennifer Reinhart, kindergarten, Paul Banks Elementary; Brandon Young, Grade 1, Paul Banks Elementary; Shonna Bilyeu, language arts, Razdolna; Laura Jacobsen, Grades 2-5, Razdolna; Timothy Whip, Title 1 teacher (.75 FTE temporary, migrant teacher .25 FTE temporary), Razdolna; Ranada Hassemer, interventionist, Redoubt Elementary; Joseph Taylor, Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary; Katherine Glaser, kindergarten, Seward Elementary; April MacDonald, Grade 4, Seward Elementary; Susan Pfeiffenberger, Title I Teacher, (temporary), Seward Elementary; Kyle Schneider, music, Seward Elementary; Erin Sterley, intermediate, Seward Elementary; Chad Hinders, social studies, Seward High; Naomi Karlin, art, Seward High; Michelle Walker, language arts/social studies (.50 FTE temporary, .50 FTE permanent), Seward High; Margaret Griffin, counselor, Skyview High; Barry Hartman, vocational education, Skyview High; Rhonda Neill, library .50 FTE, Skyview High; Elizabeth Reiter, credit recovery, Skyview High; Byron Weeks, science, Skyview High; Darlene Port, music, Soldotna Elementary; Cindy Schlung, interventionist .50 FTE, Soldotna Elementary; Shaya Straw, Grade 3, Soldotna Elementary; Meggean Bos, home economics, Soldotna High; Dana Edwards, math, Soldotna High; Tamra Wear, library .50 FTE, Soldotna High; Nicholas Christensen, science, Soldotna Middle; Steve Cunningham, social studies, Soldotna Middle; Patrick Dwyer, science, Soldotna Middle; Richard Forcum, vocational education, Soldotna Middle; Sheilah-Margaret Pothast, Spanish .50 FTE, Soldotna Middle; Jennifer Swander, language arts, Spring Creek; Amanda Brendtro, interventionist (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary), Sterling Elementary; Belinda Espy, Grades 3/4, Sterling Elementary; Jason Evans, Grade 6, Sterling Elementary; Linda Vroman, Title II teacher, (.73 FTE temporary), Sterling Elementary; Frederick Foster, social studies/secondary generalist, Voznesenka; and Kurtis Schoenberg, kindergarten through Grade 2, Voznesenka.

RECOMMENDATION FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved a contract and tenure for Donny Joachim, intermediate, K-Beach Elementary, a nontenured teacher.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Marianne Kasch, intermediate grade teacher, Kaleidoscope Charter; Michelle Scott, (temporary), intermediate grade teacher, Tebughna; and Jennifer Keil, (temporary), language arts teacher, Voznesenka.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute contract for Denaya DeVolld, Kaleidoscope Charter.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year from Lucas Peless, language arts, Nikiski Middle/High; Denise Romans, interventionist, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Tamara Elyea, resource, Skyview High; and Terry A. Day, interventionist, Tustumena Elementary.

ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved an administrator contract for the 2009-2010 school year for Phillip A. Graham, Soldotna High School assistant principal; Kevin Downs, Pupil Services, program coordinator; and Jamilyn Harper, Pupil Services, program coordinator.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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