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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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June 1, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the superintendent's evaluation and the Board's self-evaluation, the KPSAA Update and a review of proposed policy revisions.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** Representative Chenault, Representative Wagner and Representative Olsen presented Dr. Peterson with a framed Legislative Citation for her service as Superintendent of Schools for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:** Ms. Bonnie Powell, Project GRAD director, discussed Project Grad achievements throughout the school year.

Mr. Gary Turner, Kenai Peninsula College director, discussed the increase in numbers of students attending KPC and the positive partnership between KPBSD and KPC.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson presented the End of the Year Report, which included a summary of Board action for the 2008-2009 school year as well as progress on Long Range Plan and Board goals.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Mr. Jones reviewed the report of leases and agreements for the 2009-2010 school year.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2009.

**REVISIONS TO THE KPSAA HANDBOOK:** The Board approved revisions to the Participation Guidelines for Activities section of the KPSAA High School Handbook (p. 13 Section V.).

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board approved teacher contracts for Richard Metcalf, science/math teacher, Kenai Alternative High School; Misty K. McCown, (temporary) primary grade teacher, K-Beach Elementary; Douglas Armstrong, At Risk Youth teacher, Kenai Youth Facility; Heather Hooper, primary grade teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Shanna F. Johnson, elementary interventionist teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Paul Johnson, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) vocational education teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Betsy Vanek, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE) elementary interventionist teacher, Ninilchik School; Micki G. Dunn, school counselor, Skyview High School; Krista M. Heldenbrand, language arts teacher, Skyview High School; and, Sam Giroux, generalist teacher, Susan B. English.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR TENURE:** The Board approved nontenure teacher Michele Walker, for tenure.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year, from Jason S. Evans, intermediate, Sterling Elementary; Lee Chadwick, vocational education, Nikiski Middle/High; Ward Romans, Middle School History, Nikiski Middle/High; Ginger Blackmon, principal, Seward High School; Rayna Duenas, principal, Homer High; and Sheri Legg, Library, Mt. View Elementary.

**CHANGE TO APRIL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE:** The Board approved a recommendation to change the April 12, 2010 meeting to April 5 to accommodate those Board members who will be attending the NSBA Annual Conference.

**ALTERNATE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR:** The Board approved revisions to the previously approved alternative calendar making the last days of the first three quarters .5 work day and a .5 inservice day.

**REVISIONS TO AR 5125, STUDENT RECORDS:** The Board approved revisions to AR 5125, Student Records.

**TENURE TEACHER CONTRACT:** The Board approved a tenure teacher contract for the 2009-10 school year for Judy Graham, special education/behavior, Mountain View Elementary.

**LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Connie Akers, Homer High, and Kimberlie Fister, Seward Middle.

**ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS:** The Board approved administrator contracts for Jim Beeson, assistant principal, Kenai Central High and Scott Handley, principal/teacher, Nanwalek Elementary/High.

**NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACT:** The Board approved a nontenure teacher contract for Cheryl Romatz, elementary interventionist, K-Beach elementary.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED:** The Board approved a request for unpaid leave of absence for Tari J. Hoeft, physical education, Paul Banks Elementary.

**RESOLUTION 08-09:** The Board approved the transfer of ownership of five Arctic Winter Games buses to the Kenaitze Indian Tribe for use in their new transportation program.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT:** The Board approved a three-year superintendent contract for Dr. Steve Atwater.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 3515, School Safety and Security; BP 3522, School Security; BP 3530, Risk Management; BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety; BP 5125, Student Records; and BP 5125.1, Release of Directory Information.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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