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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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September 14, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Steve Atwater, 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 Policy Manual Exhibit 9322, Order of Business for Board Agendas; 2009-2010 talking points, assessment, fund balance and student enrollment.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Stephanie Carroll, ACS Account Representative, for being instrumental in the delivery of data communication services crucial to the District's operations.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Joe Mooney, Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility teacher, gave a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the function of the youth facility, school location and facility, life for incarcerated students, student philosophy, the discipline point system, student recognition for achievement and behavior, the school greenhouse, parent conferencing, presentations from the community, demographics, special services, student progress towards graduation, assessment information, drop out information, and student opinion survey information.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater reported that the Commissioner of Education passed an emergency regulation to allow students to receive educational services while they are home in the event school is closed for an outbreak of the H1N1 virus. He reported that Ms. Paula Christensen has been hired on a contract basis as the Stimulus Coordinator and that Mrs. Lana King has been hired to oversee the accounting of the stimulus funds. He reported on recent school visits and the student shadowing during a few of his visits. He clarified that school volunteer background checks for only concerned with criminal activities which are reported to Mr. Tim Peterson. He reported that a preliminary discussion has been held with the Borough Mayor regarding the possibility of a maintenance bond. He reported that he will conduct an exploratory discussion with the residents of Voznesenka, Razdolna and Kachemak Selo regarding the possibility of constructing a new school to accommodate the three growing communities.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mrs. Douglas presented the financial reports of the District for the periods ending July 31, 2009 and August 31, 2009.

**BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST:** The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 27 for \$50,087 to adjust the account code structure of the pool supervisor position.

**NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for Ingrid McKinstry, permanent .50 FTE/ temporary .50 FTE, math teacher/interventionist, Homer Middle School.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved teaching contracts for David R. Christal, .50 FTE K-6 teacher, Chapman School; Mary D. Simondsen, music teacher, Chapman School; Amy J. Christianson, music teacher-instrumental, Homer Middle and Homer High School; Anna M. Fisher, social studies teacher, Homer High School; Zachary J. Zimny, art teacher, Homer Middle School; Lenore S. Swanson, primary grade/music/physical education teacher, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Renee A. Christensen, intermediate grade teacher, Mountain View Elementary; Kimberly Trammell, temporary, kindergarten teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Denaya L. DeVold, temporary, primary grade teacher, Nikiski North

Star Elementary; Eric Simondsen, music teacher-vocal & instrumental, Ninilchik School; Kjersten M. Syth, temporary, physical education teacher, Paul Banks/West Homer Elementary; Peter L. Gundunas, special education, resource teacher, Skyview High School; and Seanna N. Gunn, temporary .50 FTE Grade 5 teacher, West Homer Elementary.

**REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Julie Shaw, Kachemak Selo.

**AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS:** The Board unanimously approved all of the 2010 Association of Alaska School Boards Belief Statements and Core Resolutions except Resolution 2.2a, Fully Implement Increases To The District Cost Factor And Intensive Needs Sections Of The Foundation Formula And Begin Immediate Review Of The District Cost Factors.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer**, Alaska.

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