
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

October 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

OATH OF OFFICE: The Oath of Office was administered to Mrs. Liz Downing, and Mr. Tim Navarre, by notary public, Mrs. Sally Tachick. Mr. Marty Anderson was also elected but was not in attendance and will take the oath at a future meeting.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD: The School Board Officers for the 2009-2010 school year are Mr. Joe Arness, President; Mrs. Liz Downing, Vice President; Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Clerk; and Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Treasurer.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Mike Sellers, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation with the help of four students (Serafima Kalugin, Nadejda Gordeev, Frank Holub, and Anthony Yakunin) that highlighted assessment scores, Personal Education Plans, enrollment, teaching staff, and the standards-based and standards-referenced educational system developed by Dr. Marzano.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Mrs. Tonja Updike, Governor's Council on Special Education and Disabilities, spoke to the Board about the Council's support of HB 187 (An Act requiring insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders, describing the method for establishing a treatment plan for those disorders, and defining the treatment required for those disorders; and providing for an effective date).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported on the H1N1 virus, and noted that permission slips are being distributed for students to be given the vaccine at schools. He noted that the first quarter has ended and that the first semester is short because of the need to finish before the December holiday break. He recommended that instead of conducting a financial impact study that the Board consider a study of the District's internal operations. He announced that the first federal stimulus report was submitted on October 6.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mrs. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 4 through 211 for various schools and departments within the District.

FINANCE REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 2009.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for the 2009-2010 school year for Barbara Young, (temporary) gifted teacher, Seward Elementary; and Katy Settlemyer, (temporary) .50 FTE, kindergarten through Grade 1 teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary.

HSGQE: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam waiver request Number 2010-5.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Board unanimously approved the establishment of a standing Board Finance Committee. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee will include audit activities, budget activities, and other finance related activities.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.
