
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 1, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included proposed policy manual revisions, the FY11 budget, administrative tasks, revisions to the Fine Arts Curriculum, and legislative priorities. The Board also conducted a conference call with Kenai Peninsula legislators.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Ms. Eileen Bryson, Kaleidoscope Charter School teacher, for her service to the school and the District.

Spirit of Youth nomination certificates were awarded to District students, Miss Alicia McLelland, Mr. Cody Warfield, Mr. Lukas Patten, and Mr. Elias Patten, for service to the community.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Mick Wykis, Kaleidoscope Charter School administrator, introduced Mrs. Elaine Larson, music teacher, and her students who sang *The Kenai Life*. Mrs. Kelly Stroh explained the year-long theme and four students (Raleigh Van Natta, Riley Fields, Bridget Marston, Keira Stroh) told the Board about learning science, art, music, drama, life skills and the year-long theme. Mr. Wykis introduced the Academic Policy Committee. The students performed a percussion piece called *We Like Snow* using ice scrapers, brooms, shovels and gloves.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Steve Atwater provided an update on the curriculum audit. He reported that Mr. Randy Creamer, Kachemak Selo School principal, requested that the school have a Parent Advisory Committee instead of a Site Council, which was granted. Dr. Atwater reported that 55 different professional development activities have been conducted this school year. He congratulated presidential scholars, Jason Baird and Mark Walsworth from Homer High, and Mr. Alexander Kauffman and William McDermid from Soldotna High.

2010-2011 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART: The Board unanimously approved the 2010-2011 District organizational chart that identifies the lines of primary responsibility and relationships between administrative positions.

RESOLUTION 09-10-2, SUPPORT FOR STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MEALS: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 09-10-2, Supporting State Funding for School Meals.

COOPER LANDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADE LEVEL RECONFIGURATION: The Board unanimously approved the reconfiguration of Cooper Landing Elementary School from the current K-8 configuration to a K-12 configuration.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute contract for Tom Rhyner at Redoubt Elementary, Corise Story at McNeil Canyon Elementary, and Sherry Nauta at K-Beach Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year from Randy Creamer, principal/teacher, Kachemak Selo School; Kathy A. Atkinson, kindergarten, Mountain View Elementary; Joanne Wainwright, pool/physical education, Skyview High School; Jennifer Justis, generalist, Port Graham School; Riley Justis, generalist, Port Graham School; and effective January 6, 2010 for Karlene Meyers, Grade 6, Soldotna Elementary.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Number 509, in the amount of \$149,534 from Kaleidoscope Charter School to adjust the certified salary to align with the approved Collective Bargaining Agreement; and Number 592, in the amount of \$86,000 from Soldotna Montessori Charter School for the purchase of smart boards and computers for instruction.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a new teacher contract for Michelle Fournier, (temporary) Migrant Program teacher, Razdolna School.

403(B) PLAN REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to Article 6 of the District's 403(b) Written Plan allowing loans by current and former employees.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 3270, Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies and BP 5145.12, Search and Seizure.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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