
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 15, 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 the Soldotna Area High School Conversation, Policy Manual revisions, and preparations for Borough Assembly worksession.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Mr. Joe Kashi, community volunteer, for coordinating donations of digital cameras and equipment and for his service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Randy Neil, Skyview High School principal, staff members and students presented a PowerPoint highlighting the school goals (student success, student engagement, graduation and collaboration), vocational education offerings and new equipment, Skills USA competition, college credits and the partnership with KPC, various clubs offered during the advisory class period, mock trial program, SOAR Program, East Wing opportunity, Classroom Without Walls, Ninth Grade House, use of new laptops and Smartboards, student activities, positive and welcoming school climate, Second Chance Program, 20th anniversary of the school celebration, CPR training. Mr. Peterson's music students sang a Scottish folksong titled, *Annie Laurie*, and a guitar student played a song he wrote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported on his attendance at the National AASA Annual Conference. He explained that future federal money will be distributed competitively, and questioned the need for the District to absorb a grant-writing position. He announced that 6 District schools responded to the crisis in Haiti by raising approximately \$6,000. He commended outstanding achievement by students Will McDermid, National Merit Scholarship finalist; Vienna Schmitter-Schrier, Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and Virginia Richards, Oceana Wills, and the group called "Ecological", Spirit of Youth winners.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending January 31, 2010.

FINE ARTS CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved revisions to the Fine Arts Curriculum.

2010-2011 TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative administrator contracts for the 2010-2011 school year.

2010-11 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative tenure teacher contracts for the 2010-2011 school year.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Heather Callen, Seward High, and Deborah Brophy, Soldotna High.

REVISIONS TO SIX-YEAR PLAN AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to the Six-Year Plan for major maintenance and capital improvement projects for fiscal year 2011 through 2017.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year, from Ellen Halseth, language arts, Homer High School and Peter Brazil, vocational education, Workforce Development Center.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 5111, Student Criteria for Early Entrance; AR 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion; and AR 5144.2, Suspension and Expulsion (Students with Disabilities).

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to 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, March 1, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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