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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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November 1, 2010 – 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 AASB Annual Conference discussion; Policy Manual revisions; Curriculum Audit next steps; Class Size information; Career and Technical Education Curriculum; and Student Drug Testing Task Force information.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented Golden Apple awards to Tamara Johns, Soldotna High School volunteer and Dan Kaasa, Assistive Technology Specialist, for their service to the District. Mr. Navarre read a memorial statement written for Takoda Zimmerman, student, by the staff at the Nikiski North Star School.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. John Pothast, Redoubt Elementary School principal, introduced prekindergarten students, who sang a song and played accompanying percussion instruments, directed by Ms. Tara Rosin, teacher. Mr. Jeff Moore directed the sixth grade band students in a song titled, *Dueling Dragons*. Mr. Pothast gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Spanish program, Soldotna High School mentor program, school goals, use of SmartBoards, and the Book Club/News Club, and ended his presentation with a poem titled, *Famous*, by Naomi Shihab Nye.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater reported that Student Nutrition meetings were held in Homer, Kenai, and Seward and thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. Hamburg for their work and to those who attended. He reported that the college fair was held on October 22 at Kenai Central High with the participation of over 400 students and 48 college recruiters. He reported that the Borough Honor Choir clinic and concert was hosted by Soldotna High School and praised the students and music teachers. He expressed condolences to teachers Troy and Linda Zimmerman for the loss of their son, Takoda.

**CLASS SIZE REPORT:** Mr. Sean Dusek presented the 2010-2011 Class Size Enrollment Report that included a comparison of pupil-teacher ratios throughout District schools.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for the 2010-2011 school year for Amanda Miller, .40 FTE special education/resource teacher/.35 FTE elementary teacher, Fireweed Academy; Cathy B. Walker, Grade 2-3 teacher, Kachemak Selo School; Kaci L. Tauriainen, (temporary), .50 FTE computer and technology education teacher/librarian, Nikiski North Star Elementary; and Mandi Young, (temporary) .50 FTE parent liaison/.50 FTE pre-kindergarten teacher, Soldotna Elementary.

**RESIGNATION:** The Board unanimously approved resignations from Cheryl Emerson, special education/resource, Kenai Middle School; and John Szajkowski, science, Voznesenka School, effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.

**NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved a nontenure teacher contract for the 2010-2011 school year for Anna J. Widman, art teacher, Nikiski Middle/High.

**POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP and AR 3471, Equipment Reserve. The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the language in proposed AR 3350 to delete the word “revenue” in the first sentence of the second paragraph and to add the words “interest income” after the word “District’s.”

The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3350, Payroll, and AR 3350, Payroll – IRS Retirement Plans.

**RESOLUTION 10-11-3:** The Board unanimously approved Resolution 10-11-3, Allowing Adoption and Amendment of Kenai Peninsula Borough School District 457(b) Retirement Plan.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board conducted a first reading of the adoption of BP 3515.7, Restrictions on Sex Offenders on Campus (new policy).

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 6, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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