## Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 7, 2011 – 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 intervention and preschool and conducted a conference call with Kenai Peninsula legislators to discuss education legislation.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Kaden McKibben and Miss Cydnee Sledge, Mt. View Elementary students, facilitated the report. Ms. Michele Thomasson provided a Power Point highlighting the teacher mentor program and its benefits. Mr. McFarland, music teacher, directed the fourth grade class who performed a song titled, *Possum Come a Knocking*, that was written by the students.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater reported that the calendar for Russian Old Believer schools has been set. He noted that the list of administrator contracts for approval includes Vaughn Dosko as the principal for Kenai Middle School, Christine Ermold to serve as administrative oversight for Cooper Landing Elementary and Jason Bickling to provide administrative oversight for Moose Pass School. He announced that the student leadership group is in Juneau participating in the Close-Up Program and will also meet with the governor. He announced that he will attend the American Association of School Administrators Annual Conference in Denver February 17 through 19.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Christopher D. Etzwiler, (temporary) science/math teacher, Razdolna School; and Judith M. Michaels, (temporary) Special Education resource teacher, Tustumena Elementary.

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Judy Cox, Mountain View Elementary and Marc Swanson, Seward Middle School.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year from Barbara C. Anderson, science/health Distance Learning; Paul Sorenson Kenai Middle School principal; Katherine Pault, special education/Mountain View Elementary; Terry Martin, Ninilchik School principal; and Tamra Wear, library media, Soldotna High School.

**2011-2012 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:** The Board unanimously approved the 2011-2012 District organizational chart that identifies the lines of primary responsibility and relationships between administrative positions.

**HSGQE:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2011-10.

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**BUDGET TRANSFERS:** The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Number 605 and 618 to revise Fireweed Academy Charter School's salary, benefit, and rent accounts to reflect changes in the school configuration and enrollment. Mr. Jones also recommended the Board approve Number 649 in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for electrical upgrades needed in schools as a result of increased installation of Smart Boards in classrooms throughout the District.

**2011-2012 TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative administrator contracts for the 2011-2012 school year.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 21, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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