
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 21, 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 a federal legislation update discussion with U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, information regarding the newly developed Performance Based Reading Curriculum, the FY12 Budget and a discussion on state legislation.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Mrs. Robin Bennett for her volunteer service to Nikiski Middle/High School.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Melissa Linton, K-Beach Elementary principal, reported on the school staff goal regarding collaboration and noted that time has been set aside during the school day to allow staff collaboration. She introduced staff members Ms. Misty McCown, Mr. Daniels, Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Bates who assisted several students as they presented their photo stories on magnets, summarizing, Dena'ina cultural activities including dance, the many uses of moose meat and their bones, and spruce trees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that principal interviews will be held for Chapman Elementary on February 22, Voznesenka School on February 23 and Ninilchik Elementary/High on February 25. He announced that Greg Zorbas, teacher at Kenai Central High School; Gregory Weissenberg, teacher at Soldotna High School; and Rob Sparks, teacher at Skyview High School; will be recognized at the Alaska Society for Education in Technology Conference for the Classroom Without Walls Project and will each receive \$10,000 for equipment and \$9,000 to use for themselves and other teachers to attend the conference and for summer training. He reported that he attended the AASA National Conference on Education and will provide a written report. He announced that Miss Angela Ramponi, Soldotna High student, was selected as a National Merit Finalist.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending January 31, 2011.

2011-12 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative tenure teacher contracts for the 2011-12 school year.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Stan P. White, Russian teacher, Voznesenka School; Susan M. Ledger, Grade 3, West Homer Elementary; and Virginia Diane McBee, kindergarten, K-Beach Elementary.

HSGQE: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2011-12.

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NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved an administrator contract for Monica R. Hinders as the regional administrator of Spring Creek/Hope School. The administration reassigned Sargeant Truesdell as principal of Soldotna Middle, Norma Holmgaard as principal of Mt. View Elementary and Teri Diamond as principal of Soldotna Elementary.

PERFORMANCE BASED READING CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved the newly developed Elementary Performance Based Reading Curriculum.

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

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