
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

February 6, 2012 – 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 review of a readmission request of an expelled student, the preliminary FY13 Budget, current state legislation and student transportation.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Soldotna Mayor Peter Micciche on behalf of the City of Soldotna for their service to Soldotna Middle School and Soldotna High School.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Sheila Margaret Pothast's Spanish students provided Spanish or Mexican hot chocolate to the Board members and administration. Mr. Sargeant Truesdell, Soldotna Middle School principal, thanked the school's exploratory teachers for creating the slideshow. He provided school demographic information, staffing information, described the exploratory courses and the partnership with Redoubt Elementary School. He provided a video clip highlighting exploratory courses in art, shop, Spanish, technology, and music.

Mr. Todd Syverson, Soldotna High School principal, introduced Miss Meggean Bos, Family and Consumer Science teacher, who showcased the six classes offered under the Family and Consumer Science program with the help of three students. Miss Megan English explained the lessons learned in the Interior Design class. Miss Bos noted that the Culinary Arts students made the snickerdoodle cookies that were shared with the Board and administration. Miss Morgan Lancaster explained the lessons learned in the Interpersonal Relationships class. Miss Vicky Tachick demonstrated the feeding and care of the computerized baby as part of the Child Development class. Mr. Arness assisted with a demonstration of the pregnancy simulator. Mr. Schneider's choir concluded the school report by singing, *Children of the Heavenly Father*.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Ms. Bonnie Pierce and Mr. Mike Petersen presented a short video inviting the Board to attend the Project GRAD student showcase on May 5, at the Ninilchik Fair grounds, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that 20 administrators and teachers attended the Response to Intervention Conference in Anchorage. He announced that community and staff surveys are available online for the month of February to gather input for the development of the Five Year Plan. He reported that testing has begun for students in Grades 5 and 7 (Terra Nova), Grade 8 (Technology Assessment), and English language learners (English Language Proficiency test). He recognized Mr. Cody Carol, Soldotna High School graduate, for being nominated by Senator Murkowski for an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. He announced that February is Alaska School Board recognition month and thanked Board members for their service.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented financial reports for the District for the periods ending November 30, 2010 and December 31, 2011.

FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET: Mr. Jones presented the FY13 Preliminary School District budget of \$143,007,644 for the General Fund and revenue funds totaling \$140,526,201, requiring \$2,481,143 from the fund balance.

2012-2013 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART: The Board unanimously approved the revised 2012-2013 District organizational chart that identifies the lines of primary responsibility and relationships between administrative positions.

2012-2013 TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a revised list of tentative administrator contracts for the 2012-2013 school year.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Michelle Barrows, (temporary) Special Education resource teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; and Matthew Creamer, (temporary) Special Education intensive needs teacher, Chapman Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year from Kimberly Jordan, Special Education intensive needs teacher, Mt. View Elementary; Gail Knobf, 5th grade teacher, Tustumena Elementary; Daniel Krier, science/physical education teacher, Seward High; Lori Krier, language arts/literature/physical education teacher, Seward High; Lori Manion, Professional Development coordinator, District Office; Belinda Smith, 2nd/3rd grade teacher, Sterling Elementary; Dave Spence, Director of Planning and Operations, District Office; and Sharon Thompson, biology/earth science teacher, Homer High School; Robert VanDerWege Tustumena Elementary School principal. Mr. Jones also recommended the Board approve a resignation, effective January 31, 2012, from Tammy Taylor, kindergarten/2nd grade teacher, Nikolaevsk School.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Amy Angleton, Skyview High School; Blanche Rogers, Seward Elementary School; Judith Shields, Soldotna Montessori Charter; and Marsha Gustkey, Mt. View Elementary School.

HSGQE: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2012-008.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Number 603 to move budgets for secondary (grades 6-12) Language Arts Curriculum material purchases to the appropriate schools, and Number 667 to move funds to the appropriate accounts for administrator salaries and benefits.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PLAN: The Board unanimously approved the Career Technical Education (CTE) Plan as presented.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 6020, Parent Involvement.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

* * * * *