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

July 9, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent Soldotna, Alaska

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater presented the 2011-2012 Site Council Evaluation Reports from each school. He reported that the District did a study on the southern peninsula regarding student obesity and those results will be available in August or September. He stated that the No Child Left Behind Waiver from the State of Alaska does not eliminate requirements but replaces them with others. He noted that August 14 is the regional/district-wide inservice day that will begin with a video conference to all areas and that the Board is invited to attend. He said goodbye to Mr. Dave Spence and welcomed Mr. Dave Tressler as the District's Director of Planning and Operations.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2012.

2012-2013 BOARD GOALS: The Board unanimously approved four goals for Board accomplishment during the 2012-2013 school year in the areas of: the School Board's relationship with the Kenai Peninsula Borough regarding school facilities; innovative and flexible instructional approach; improving Site Council effectiveness; and the student transportation system.

NON-TENURE TEACHING CONTRACT AND TENURE 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved a teacher contract and tenure for JoEllen Fowler, Teacher/Regular (.50 FTE), Tustumena Elementary School.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Amanda Adair, Special Education Resource Teacher, Kenai Middle School; Anne Buckbee, Temporary (.50 FTE) Interventionist, Redoubt Elementary School; Carrie Lundari, Instructional/Technology Coach (.50 FTE), Seward Area; Christina Beahm, Elementary General/Instrumental Music Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Christina Tuls, Special Education Resource Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Diane Rodriguez, Kindergarten, Mt. View Elementary School; Emily Smith, Intermediate Grade Teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Jacob Parrett, Generalist - Teacher/Advisor, Connections Program; Jeremy Nettleton, Science Teacher, Skyview High School; Jonathan Crocker, 6th - 8th Grade Teacher, Chapman School; Jonathan Sharp, 5th – 6th Grade Teacher, Chapman School; Marcia Stanziale, Special Education Resource Teacher, Tebughna School; Molly Hull, Temporary Title I/Interventionist Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Natalie Tews, Art/Technology Teacher (.50 FTE), Kenai Middle School; Phillip Leck, Science Teacher, Soldotna High School; Shoshannah Brasher, Math Teacher, Homer Middle School; Timothy Galpin, Special Education Resource Teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Wendy Potton, Math Teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Erin Thomson, Temporary, Intermediate Grade Teacher, Tebughna School; and Mayme Grant, Science Teacher, Kenai Middle School.

NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for Carmen Hayes, Teacher/Regular - Permanent (.50 FTE)/Temporary (.50 FTE), Redoubt Elementary; Mandi Young, Teacher/Regular, Mt. View Elementary School; Tammy Taylor, Teacher/Regular - Permanent (.50 FTE)/Temporary (.50 FTE), Nikolaevsk School; and Tracie Beck, Teacher/Regular, K-Beach Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year, for Summer Dallman, Kindergarten Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Riley Justis, Generalist-Teacher/Advisor, Connections Program and Deborah Jacobson, Science Teacher, Skyview High School.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved administrative recommendation that the resignation, effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year, for Gary Wiebel, School Counselor be denied.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers for $222,862 for actual heating fuel charges at various school locations; $128,800 for home to school pupil transportation/bus routes; $54,000 for bus attendants; $142,000 for special education bussing; $114,054 for extra-curricular salaries/benefits and capital projects for school facilities; $54,085 for computer server security license; $85,000 for financial software upgrade; $94,194 for Special Services curriculum materials; and $119,303 for video conferencing equipment, software and training.

ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY BIOMASS PROJECT: The Board unanimously approved administrative recommendation that the District Administration work with the Borough Administration to resubmit the grant application with the Alaska Energy Authority to secure funds for a biomass fueled furnace for our Seward schools.

BUDGET REVISION FOR FY13: The Board unanimously approved an increase in FY13 General Fund revenue and expenditure budgets of $3,630,149 for a total FY13 General Fund budget of $146,637,793 and an increase in the FY13 Pupil Transportation revenue and expenditure Budgets of $2,165,050 to reflect the change in pupil transportation funding from the State, for a total FY13 Pupil Transportation budget of $7,590,700.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board approved revisions to BP 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion, BP and AR 6141 Curriculum Development, AR 6153 School-Sponsored Trips, BP and AR 6161.1 Selection of Instructional Materials, and the Adoption of BP and AR 6190 Evaluation of Instructional Programs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: The Board postponed action on the adoption of AR 2121 Superintendent's Contract until the August 6, 2012 regular Board meeting.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to BP 5022 Parent/Student Handbook, BP 5125 Student Records, BP 5125.1 Release of Directory Information, BP 5125.2 Challenging Student Records, BP 5128 Alaska Performance Scholarship Program, BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs, BP 6000 Concepts and Roles, BP 6145.22 Concussion in Student Athletics and Student Activities, and BP 6146.3 High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to continue negotiations with First Student and enter into a new transportation contract, to negotiate and enter into a one-year or five-year extension of the existing contract with changes he deems necessary, or to negotiate and enter into a five-year contract with a different transportation vendor without issuing an additional RFP as is deemed in the best interests of the District by the Superintendent. The Superintendent may proceed simultaneously with these options.

The Board unanimously approved an amendment that this authorization is not to exceed the dollar amount previously approved by the Board and is valid only until August 6, 2012.

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

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