
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

January 13, 2014 – 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 Board Policy, Body Mass Index Report, and Key Performance Indicators.

SCHOOL REPORT: Ms. Kari Dendurent, Homer Middle School (HMS) principal, presented the Board and administration with gift bags containing food items and artwork prepared by students. She presented a PowerPoint regarding the three school goals: academics, implementing the new Alaska standards, and increasing parent involvement. She discussed the school's Alaska School Performance Indicator (ASPI) scores and stated that HMS is a 5 star school. She reported on staff professional development; work on the school's vision and mission statement; and the school art programs and projects. She finished with a student developed Prezi highlighting the school's students and activities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that the central Homer area natural gas boiler conversion process has begun, that, if things progress as planned, the conversion will be complete sometime in February, and thanked the Kenai Borough Maintenance and Capital Projects departments for their work on this project. He commented on the Friday, January 10, bus accident involving Kenai Central and Skyview High School's Nordic ski teams, expressed appreciation for the assistance of the Valdez emergency personnel, and recognized District staff, coaches, and chaperones for their assistance during the incident. He wished Mr. Vern Brown, bus driver, a full and quick recovery. He also noted the recent passing of Mr. Steve Wolf, former District teacher and coach, discussed his service to the District and its students, and offered his condolences to the family.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial reports of the District for the periods ending November 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT: Mr. Jones reported on budget transfers for the second quarter of FY14 for various schools and departments within the District.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations for Debra Hayes, Special Education Resource Teacher, K-Beach Elementary School; and Sandra Miller, Coordinator, K-12 Schools/Assessment & Federal Programs; and Judy Standafer, Principal/Teacher, Susan B. English School, all effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Marsha Gustkey, Seward Elementary School; and Thomas Rhyner, Redoubt Elementary School.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS 2013-14: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for the 2013-2014 school year for Monica Acosta, Title I Teacher, Tebughna School; and Emily Warner, Language Arts Teacher, Kenai Central High School.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: The Board unanimously approved an amended motion to assign Board members to various District-level committees.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FORM: The Board unanimously approved an amended motion to approve exhibit E 9000(c) Board of Education Request Form.

SCIENCE CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved the Science Curriculum as presented.

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM: The Board unanimously approved the Social Studies Curriculum as presented.

POLICY REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a revision to BP and AR 6145.22 Concussion in Student Athletes, and AR 6164.4 Child Find.

BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved the FY14 Special Revenue Funds Budget Revision to increase the Student Transportation expenditure budget by \$689,480 to allow for the purchase of five activity busses and to adjust salary and benefit budgets; and to increase the Food Service revenue budget by \$200,000 (as a result of increased Federal revenue) and Food Service expenditure budget by \$21,692 to adjust salary and benefit budgets.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 3, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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