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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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February 3, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the FY15 Budget, Curriculum Revision Processes, Key Performance Indicators, the Hay Report, and Education Legislation (a conference call with Kenai Peninsula legislators).

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** Mrs. Margaret Gilman, Nikiski North Star Elementary School principal, introduced students: Mr. Kyler Howell, Miss Alisia Elias, Mr. Gabriel Cole, Mr. Josh Martin, and Mr. Braydon Whiteside. Mr. Whiteside read a statement regarding school board appreciation and the students presented each board member with a gift of student artwork and an apple (symbolic of the District's Golden Apple Award) in celebration of February as School Board Appreciation month.

**SCHOOL REPORTS:** Using Microsoft's Lync technology, Mr. Tim Whip, Razdolna School principal/teacher, presented a video tour of the school facility, beginning in the elementary grade building. He discussed the school's population and growth then introduced student, Miss Zoya Basargin, who requested a full time Russian language teacher for the school. Several of the school's teachers took turns leading the tour through the elementary classrooms, and highlighted the school programs, student artwork, and technology. The tour continued at the high school building where the teachers discussed the high school students; programs offered; the community, families, and culture; and the library. Mr. Whip thanked the Board for their work and invited them to visit the school.

Using Microsoft's Lync technology, Mr. Andy Rothenberger, Kachemak-Selo School principal, stated that approximately 40 students and parents were in attendance at the school for the presentation. He introduced the kindergarten through third grade students who performed four songs/poems, in Russian, entitled *Our School*, *Snowfall*, *The Fire*, and *Lullaby*. Mr. Rothenberger shared a Prezi highlighting the school's 100% graduation rate; Russian and English language programs; village and parent support; village culture; school programs (including sewing, agriculture, construction, business/fishing, marine safety, welding, family management, and healthcare) and shared data regarding students' post graduate paths. He thanked the Board for their support of the school and expressed appreciation for the school's parents and community.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater announced that it is National School Counseling Week and asked the Board to join him in thanking the District's 16 counselors for their work. He reported that Project GRAD received a \$25,000 grant from the Chugach Alaska Corporation to assist Port Graham and Nanwalek students that are served by the program. He thanked community members for their comments, both by email and during the evening's meeting, regarding the Skyview High School pool and discussed the large amount of public attention given to the small percentage of the District's budget which the pool represents, versus the attention given to the larger percentage of budget cuts which includes teachers, and other activities. He announced that Governor Parnell proclaimed February as School Board Appreciation month and thanked the Board for their work and their governance of the District.

**SIX-YEAR PLAN FY 2015-2020:** The Board unanimously approved a motion to postpone action on the Six-Year Plan for FY 2015-2020 until the March 3, 2014 regular meeting.

**2014-2015 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:** The Board unanimously approved the 2014-2015 District organizational chart that identifies the lines of primary responsibility and relationships between administrative positions.

**2014-2015 TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative administrator contracts for the 2014-2015 school year. The link to the list is: <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=29973>

**2014-2015 TENTATIVE TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative tenure teacher contracts for the 2014-2015 school year. The link to the list is: <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=29974>

**2014-2015 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS AND TENURE:** The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenured teacher contracts and tenure for Isaiah White, Teacher/Regular, Voznesenka School; and Justin Zank, Teacher/Regular, Voznesenka School.

**2014-2015 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenured teacher contracts for Sally Ash, Teacher/Regular (.50 FTE), Nanwalek School; Penny Bearden, Teacher/Regular, Nanwalek School; David Brighton, Teacher/Special Education, Tebughna School; Tracy Brown, School Psychologist, Mountain View Elementary School; Glendon Fraser, Teacher/Regular, Nanwalek School; Jamie Hughes, Teacher/Regular, Port Graham School; Ellen Kenna, Speech/Language Pathologist, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Emily Kornelis, Speech/Language Pathologist, Soldotna High School; Margaret Leahy, Speech/Language Pathologist, Seward Elementary School; Nicole McKenney, Teacher/Regular, Kachemak Selo School; Krista Parrett, Teacher/Regular, Nikolaevsk School; Effimia Reutov, Teacher/Regular, Razdolna School; Kara Schreur, Teacher/Regular, Nanwalek School; Susan Stempel, Speech/Language Pathologist, Paul Banks Elementary School; Erin Thomson, Teacher/Regular, Kachemak Selo School; Josh Tone, Teacher/Regular, Port Graham School; Anna Veach, Speech/Language Pathologist, Mountain View Elementary School; and Anna White, Teacher/Regular, Kachemak Selo School.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations from Justin Derks, Math/Science Teacher, Susan B. English School, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year; Suzanne McKeon-Brantley, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Soldotna Middle School, effective January 31, 2014; Melinda Michener, Interventionist Teacher/Generalist Teacher, Ninilchik School, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year; and Sharon Thompson, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

**HSGQE:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2014-08.

**KALEIDOSCOPE REAUTHORIZATION:** The Board unanimously approved the Kaleidoscope School of Arts & Science revised reapplication.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 3541.2 Transportation for Students with Disabilities.

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

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