
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mrs. Liz Downing, Vice President
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk
Ms. Lynn Hohl, Treasurer
Mr. Marty Anderson
Mr. Dan Castimore
Mrs. Sunni Hilts
Mr. Bill Holt
Mr. Tim Navarre
Mr. Evan Boyer, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Mr. Tim Vlasak | Mr. Nate Crabtree |
| Mr. Jim White | Mrs. Carolyn Cannava |
| Ms. Pegge Erkeneff | Mrs. Kim Bates |
| Mr. Dave Tressler | Mr. Bill Vedders |
| Mrs. Michael Hanson | Mrs. Paula McCoy |
| Mr. Zach Ness | Ms. Hannah West |
| Miss Kylie Ness | Mrs. Darcy Marcou |
| Mr. Lance Chilton | Ms. Patty Truesdell |
| Mr. Parker Maddox | Mr. Alan Fields |
| Mr. Rod Hilts | Ms. Shelli Furlong |
| Mrs. Lisa Renken | Mr. Brenner Furlong |
| Ms. Patricia Haywood | Mr. Jason Daniels |
| Mr. Clayton Holland | Mrs. Tracy Beck |
| Ms. Joann Riener | Mrs. Kristi Felchle |
| Mr. Andy Rothenberger | Mrs. Gloria Sweeney |
| Mrs. Shana Butler | Mr. Mike Sweeney |
| Mrs. Kimb Remsen | Mrs. Norma Holmgard |
| Mrs. Delores Benner | Ms. Barbara Ralston |
| Mrs. Brenda Ratky | Mrs. Kim Harding |
| Mrs. Gretchen Bagley | Ms. Martine Dikes |
| Mrs. Jacquie Steckel | Mrs. Elise Boyer |
| Mr. John Steckel | Mr. Brent Johnson |
| Ms. Emily Sims | |

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

(7:00:16 PM)

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND ALASKA STATE SONG:

(7:00:45 PM)

Mr. Bill Vedder's third grade students from Kalifornsky Beach Elementary sang the *National Anthem* and the *Alaska State Song*.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:

(7:04:03 PM)

Mr. Navarre read the District's mission statement.

ROLL CALL:*(7:04:17 PM)*

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| Mr. Joe Arness, President | Present |
| Mrs. Liz Downing, Vice President | Present |
| Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk | Present |
| Ms. Lynn Hohl, Treasurer | Present |
| Mr. Marty Anderson | Present |
| Mr. Dan Castimore | Present |
| Mrs. Sunni Hilts | Present |
| Mr. Bill Holt | Present |
| Mr. Tim Navarre | Present |
| Mr. Evan Boyer | Present |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:*(7:04:43 PM)*

The agenda was approved with revisions to items 10a. (6) 2014-15 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts, 10a. (8) Resignations, and 10b. FY 15 Budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:*(7:05:35 PM)*

The School Board Minutes of March 3, 2014, were approved as printed.

**AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:***(7:05:52 PM)*

The Board presented Mrs. Delores Benner, K-Beach Elementary volunteer, with the Golden Apple Award for her service to the District.

The Board presented Mrs. Brenda Ratky, K-Beach Elementary volunteer, with the Golden Apple Award for her service to the District.

The Board presented Ms. Barbara Ralston, Mountain View Elementary teacher, with the Golden Apple Award for her service to the District.

Mr. Alan Fields, KCHS Principal, presented Ms. Emily Sims with the Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year Award.

SCHOOL REPORT:*(7:20:09 PM)*

Mrs. Michael Hanson, Hope School principal, presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the school's vision, 4-star Alaska School Performance Indicators (ASPI) rating, parent-teacher conference and parent volunteer 100% participation, graduation and dropout rates, various programs, technology, staff, and student participation in the success of all the school. Mrs. Hanson introduced Hope School teacher, Ms. Patty Truesdell, who discussed the Hope community and volunteers, school electives, extra-curricular activities, student cooking program, student cooperation, former graduates' successes, partnership and collaboration with Cooper Landing School, and the unique challenges of Hope School.

SCHOOL REPORT *(Continued):*
(7:39:34 PM)

Mr. Nate Crabtree, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary principal, presented a PowerPoint focusing on the school's 5-star ASPI rating; work on the standards referenced reporting; academic data trends; the "Caribou Compliments" reward program designed to improve student behavior in the common areas of the school (versus the classroom); goals and plans for growth; and excellent staff, parents, and community. Mr. Crabtree introduced students Mr. Lance Chilton, Miss Kylie Ness, and Miss Taylor Conaway who discussed the Parent Teacher Association, student activities, and student daily news and announcements (including a demonstration). Students Mr. Parker Mattox and Mr. Zackary Ness discussed the school's student led lunch time clubs. Miss Carson Dement discussed the school program, which she is organizing, to raise money for the purchase of art carts. Mr. Guy Peterson discussed the school's recycling program, which he organizes and coordinates with his father's assistance. Miss Brandie Bowers discussed the forensics program and performed her District first place award winning Interpretive Reading from "On the Banks of Plum Creek."

RECESS:
(7:56:04 PM)

At 7:56 p.m. Mr. Arness recessed the meeting.

**RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:**
(8:08:33 PM)

At 8:08 Mr. Arness reconvened the meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:
(8:08:50 PM)

Mr. John Steckel discussed two letters that he sent to the Board, thanked the Board for funding the Skyview Pool in the FY 15 Budget, and discussed his personal experience and expertise in aquatic programs and his vision for usage of the Skyview Pool.

Mrs. Carolyn Cannava thanked the Board and administration for the time they spent in researching options for the Skyview Pool usage, and spoke in support of the Board funding the pool in the FY 15 Budget.

Mr. Mike Sweeney thanked the Board and administration for the time they spent in researching options for the Skyview Pool usage, discussed the two petitions submitted to the Board requesting that the pool remain open, and spoke in support of the Board funding the pool in the FY 15 Budget.

Ms. Peggy Larson discussed the Skyview Pool and the need for the community to collaborate with the District to provide ongoing funding for the pool.

Ms. Nancy Henning spoke in support of the Board funding the Skyview Pool.

Ms. Teresa Danielson spoke regarding daylight savings time, the physical effects of the time changes on students, and requested that the Board consider exempting the District from the daylight savings time program.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:*(Continued)*

Mrs. Elise Boyer expressed appreciation for Mr. Castimore's study on the Skyview Pool and suggested that the Board not adopt the "everyone pays" option.

Miss Jessica Jackson discussed her experience as a swimmer, fundraising required for team participation, and requested that the Board carefully review, for accuracy, the costs and facts presented in Mr. Castimore's study.

Ms. Jennifer Lancaster-Jackson discussed her experience as a swimmer and requested that the Board fund the Skyview Pool.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:*(8:36:15 PM)*

Dr. Atwater announced that, in March, the state Department of Health and Social Services completed an audit of the immunization programs for five District schools, stated that preliminary reports show no exceptions, and that formal results will be received later in April. He noted a media release in the general information packet regarding the expansion of the Kenai Peninsula College Jump Start Program to include high school juniors and thanked Mr. John O'Brien for his work on the project. He reported that the "Alaska Measures of Progress" will be the new student assessment for grades 3-10 beginning next school year (replacing the current Standards Based Assessment). He announced that the District, Borough, and Kenai Peninsula College will celebrate their 50th anniversaries in August, 2014, stated that a celebration will be planned, that the first meeting will be held on Friday, April 18, 2014, and requested the Board's input for the event.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:*(8:38:04 PM)*

Mr. Brent Johnson, Borough Assemblyman, stated that the question to abolish daylight savings time in Alaska was previously discussed by the Legislature but not adopted. He noted that, due to recently accepted employment, he will not be able to attend the Board committee meetings as planned. He requested that the District provide the total costs to run all District pools, in order to possibly present the information to the borough voters and give them an opportunity to consider financially supporting all of the pool facilities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:*(8:43:41 PM)*

Dr. Atwater reported that the finance department is working with the company Revtrak to pilot a program at several District schools that would allow online payments of student fees and school lunch purchases, and he thanked Mrs. Olson and her staff for their work on this project. He announced that the District is petitioning the State of Alaska to permit the state's improvement plan process be combined with the District's, as based on the Strategic Plan, instead of requiring two separate plans, and he thanked Mr. Dusek for his work on the request. He reported that District hiring is in progress; stated that a district recruitment team is currently in Portland, OR; that a team attended the Anchorage Job Fair April 10-12, and stated that District vacancies are lower than usual at 41. He expressed his condolences to the Kvasnikoff family for the recent passing of Mr. James Kvasnikoff, former District employee.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
(8:45:46 PM)

Mr. Jones presented the District financial reports for the periods ending February 28, 2014 and March 31, 2014.

**QUARTERLY BUDGET
TRANSFER REPORT:**
(8:46:33 PM)

Mr. Dave Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 455 through 818 for various schools and departments within the District.

BOARD REPORTS:
(8:47:48 PM)

Mrs. Downing reported that she attended the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference April 4-7, 2014. She stated that the Legislative Committee met March 18, April 1, and 9, to discuss current legislation. She attended and awarded ribbons at the Homer Middle School districtwide Mathletes competition on Friday, April 11, 2014 and discussed the program's history and future.

Mrs. Hilts reported that she attended the NSBA Annual Conference April 4-7, 2014 and discussed the speakers and message. She stated that she attended the delegate assembly of the NSBA before the annual conference, discussed the successes of Alaska and the Pacific Region and noted programs unique to Alaskan school districts.

Mr. Holt reported that he attended the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Legislative Fly-In on March 22-25, 2014.

Mr. Anderson reported that he attended the NSBA Annual Conference April 4-7, 2014, and discussed the seminars he attended while there.

Mr. Navarre reported that he attended the NSBA Annual Conference April 4-7, 2014 and discussed the high quality of the conference and the advocacy work of the NSBA.

Mrs. Vadla reported that she attended the Recognition Committee meeting earlier in the day. She attended the AASB Legislative Fly-In on March 22-25, 2014 and discussed seminars attended while there. She thanked Ms. Erkeneff for the documents she prepared for the board to share with legislators during the fly-in. She announced that the Future Problem Solving competition takes place at College Heights Baptist Church on April 14-15, 2014 and that she will help score the presentations.

Ms. Hohl reported that she attended the AASB Legislative Fly-In on March 22-25, 2014. She expressed appreciation for the Alaska Bridges program which will be offered to the District through Upward Bound. She thanked Ms. Erkeneff for the documents she prepared for the board to share with legislators during the fly-in. She attended the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee meeting and the CTE teacher of the year committee and thanked administration and Board for allowing the award to be presented during the meeting.

**BOARD WORKSESSION
REPORT:**
(9:04:53 PM)

Mr. Arness reported that the Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting on Board Policy, Social Studies and Science Electives, Kachemak-Selo Education Specifications, P.E. Curriculum, and the FY15 Budget. He noted that all Board members attended the worksessions.

CONSENT AGENDA:
(9:05:19 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 2014-2015 Tentative School Board Meeting Dates, Leave of Absence Request/Support, 2014-15 New Administrator Contract, 2014-15 Tentative Tenure Teacher Contracts, 2014-15 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts and Tenure, 2014-15 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts, 2013-14 Long Term Substitute Contracts/Certified, Resignations, AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements and AR 3515 Access and Keys, and Leave of Absence Request/Certified, 2014-15 New Teacher Contracts.

**2014-15 TENTATIVE BOARD
MEETING DATES:**

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve a tentative meeting schedule for Board meetings for the 2014-15 school year.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
REQUEST/SUPPORT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for Stephanie Mullaly, ELL Tutor, Seward Area Schools, effective August 12, 2014 to December 19, 2014; and Joyce Rawson, Special Education Intensive Needs Aide, Kenai Middle School, effective the 2014-15 school year.

**2014-15 NEW
ADMINISTRATOR
CONTRACT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a new administrator contract for Alan Haskins, Susan B. English School.

**2014-15 TENTATIVE
TENURED TEACHER
CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve Tenured Teacher Contracts for Sheryl Hingley, and David Patat.

**2014-15 TENTATIVE NON-
TENURED TEACHER
CONTRACTS AND TENURE:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts and Tenure for Kathrine Abraham, Adrienne Bostic, Peter Dahl, Holly Davis, Jacob Doth, Jeanne Duhan, Jake Eveland, Jenna Fabian, Karen Hamlow, James Harris, Katy Journey Scrivo, Anna Karron, Sami King, Jon Kulhanek, Elizabeth Kvamme, Darcy Marcou, John Marquez, Emily Mayberry, Meredith McCullough, Kyle McFall, Valerie McLeod, Serina Montgomery, John Morton, Jennifer Olson, Leigh Ray, Brianna Redfern, Jennifer Riddall, Theresa Salzetti, Jonathan Sharp, Natalie Tews, Tiffany Tillman, Hannah Vincent, Gary Wertz, Anna Widman, Lacey Wisniewski, and Mandi Young.

2014-15 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts for the 2014-2015 school year for Rachel Allmendinger, Holly Alston, Jeremy Anderson, Amy Angleton, Sandra Barron, Christina Beahm, Tracie Beck, Shoshannah Brasher, Crista Cady, Tiffany Carter, Kyle Cater, Jonathan Crocker, Joseph Cudd, Jonathan Dillon, Julie Doeppen, Jill Dufloth, Krystal Duval, Jacqueline Engels, Sara Erfurth, Isaac Erhardt, Lindsay Fagrelus, Amy Frapp, Jill Gann, Nick Gilbertson, Mayme Grant, Andrea Hackbarth, Kimberly Hoover, Jennifer Hubbard, Holly Jones, Natali Jones, Merci Jusmable, Alexis Kaferstein, Samantha Lamphier, Phillip Leck, Shannon Lemcke, Jason Leslie, Kimberly Leslie, Carrie Lunardi, Amy Maguire, Kristin McGlothen, Robert McKay, Jeremy McKibben, Catrin McKinley, Kristen Meadows, Zackary Miller, Jennifer Miranda, Andrea Murphy, Chelsea Newton, RaeAnn Nye, Lucas Oliver, Regan Parks, Jacob Parrett, Kristin Perkins, Albert Plan, Wendy Potton, Margaret Priest, Kendra Remsen, Heidi Renner, Shannon Ryan, Joanna Schneider, Andrew Scrivo, Rand Seaton, Breighley Sexton, Nicole Stover, Alayne Tetor, Lisa Thomas, Janae Van Slyke, Rebecca Walker, Sierra Ward, Matthew Widaman, and Amber Williams.

2013-14 LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve long-term substitute contracts for Sherry Nauta, K-Beach Elementary School; Amy Ware, Port Graham School; and John Wensley, K-Beach Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations from Maretta Taylor, 1st Grade Teacher, Chapman School, effective March 19, 2014; Jacob Ciesielczyk, Earth Science/Biology Teacher, Kenai Central High and Soldotna High School, effective March 21, 2014; Benjamin Alexander, Special Education Resource Teacher, Homer High School; Wesley Andrews, School Counselor, Skyview High School; Margaret Barron, Special Education Resource Teacher, Kenai Middle School; Sarah Burris, 5th Grade Teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Mark Casseri, Math Teacher, Homer High School; Roberta Creamer, Speech Language Pathologist, Chapman School; Neil Denny, Special Education Resource Teacher, Nanwalek School; Jean Dixon, Reading Teacher, Kenai Middle School; Judith Eckert, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, West Homer Elementary School; Wayne Floyd, 5th Grade Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Joanne Frey, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Seward Elementary; Suzanne Haines, Facilitator Gifted Teacher, West Homer Elementary School; Frances Ann Heimbuch, 3rd Grade Teacher, West Homer Elementary School; Renée Henderson, Music/Choir Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Shannon Hoffbeck, Kindergarten Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Vicki Hollingsworth, 6th Grade Teacher, Kenai Middle School; Norma Holmgaard, Principal, Mt. View Elementary School; Jamie Hughes, Elementary Teacher, Port Graham School; Cheryl Johnson, Foreign Language Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Mary Kmetz-Casseri, Special Education Resource Teacher/Culinary Arts Teacher, Homer High School; *(Continued)*

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESIGNATIONS:

(Continued)

Emily Kornelis, Speech Language Pathologist, Soldotna High School; Catherine Lavine, 2nd - 3rd Grade Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Mark Manuel, School Counselor, Kenai Middle School; Cindy Masloski, Instructional Technology Coach, Homer Middle School; Sherry Matson, 5th Grade Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Timothy McIntyre, School Psychologist, Kenai Central High School; Gail Moore, Facilitator Gifted Teacher, K-Beach Elementary School; Jeremy Nettleton, Science Teacher, Skyview High School; Emily Putney, 5th Grade Teacher, West Homer Elementary School; Mark Putney, Social Studies/Language Arts Teacher, Homer High School; Cynthia Romberg, Language Arts Teacher, Kenai Middle School; Kurtis Schoenberg, Migrant Teacher/Title I Teacher, Razdolna School; Katherine Serge-Hoeschen, Language Arts Teacher, Voznesenka School; Laura Sievert, Foreign Language Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Emily Smith, 4th Grade Teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Jeffrey Szarzi, Science/Math/Vocational Education Teacher, Homer Flex School; Samuel Tilly, Generalist Teacher, Kenai Middle School; Josh Tone, Secondary Generalist Teacher, Port Graham School; Amy White Baxter, Kindergarten Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; all effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year; and David Tressler, Director of Planning and Operations, District Office; effective June 30, 2014.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve revisions to AR 3515 Access and Keys and AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for Bryan Hickey, Ninilchik School, effective the 2014-15 school year.

**2014-15 NEW TEACHER
CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve new teacher contracts for Martha Crawford; Stephanie DeVault; Tyran DeVault; Megan Fowler; and Teri Gentry Porter.

MOTION:

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Numbers 1-11. Mr. Holt seconded.

Ms. Hohl removed Number 1 Approval of 2014-2015 Tentative School Board Meeting Dates.

Mrs. Vadla removed 10a. (8) Resignations.

Motion carried unanimously for Numbers 2-7 and 9-11.

MOTION:

Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve an amendment to Number 1 Approval of 2014-2015 Tentative School Board Meeting Dates to change the March 9, meeting date to March 2, 2015. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

A motion by Mrs. Downing, and seconded by Ms. Hohl, to change the meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. was withdrawn.

CONSENT AGENDA:
(Continued)

Amended motion carried unanimously for Number 10a. (1).

Motion carried unanimously for Number 10a. (8).

FY15 BUDGET:
(9:21:53 PM)

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the FY15 Budget as revised.

Mr. Rod Hilts discussed Ms. Renee Henderson's service to the District and the success of the Kenai Central High School choir program under her direction.

MOTION:

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve the FY15 Budget as revised. Mr. Holt seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:
(9:33:09 PM)

At 9:33 p.m. Mr. Arness recessed the meeting.

**RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:**
(9:40:19 PM)

At 9:40 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

**EDUCATION
SPECIFICATIONS FOR
KACHEMAK-SELO SCHOOL:**
(9:40:28 PM)

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve the Kachemak Selo School Educational Specifications.

Mr. David Kalugin requested that the Board approve the Kachemak Selo School Educational Specifications.

MOTION:

Mrs. Hilts moved the Board approve the Kachemak Selo School Educational Specifications. Mrs. Downing seconded.

VOTE:

Advisory Vote – Abstain

YES – Downing, Hilts, Hohl, Holt, Navarre, Vadla

NO – Anderson, Castimore, Arness

**GREATLAND ADVENTURE
ACADEMY CONTRACT
EXTENSION:**
(9:47:41 PM)

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve Greatland Adventure Academy's request to extend their contract to March 2020.

MOTION:

Mr. Holt moved the Board approve Greatland Adventure Academy's request to extend their contract to March 2020. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:

(9:49:00 PM)

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve the Key Performance Indicators as presented.

MOTION:

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve the Key Performance Indicators as presented. Mrs. Downing seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

(9:52:30 PM)

The Board heard a first reading of BP 3260 Materials Fees (NEW), and revisions to BP 6187 Charter Schools, and BP 3000 Concepts and Roles.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/ COMMENTS:

(9:53:20 PM)

Mrs. Elise Boyer discussed challenges faced by high school students interested in engineering and requested that the District develop courses as a form of “jump start” for students interested in engineering. She thanked the administration, Board, and Mrs. Tressler for their assistance during her son’s, Mr. Evan Boyer, service to the Board.

PRESENTATION:

(9:55:34 PM)

Mr. Arness announced that this would be Mr. Boyer’s last meeting and presented him with an appreciation gift.

BOARD COMMENTS:

(9:56:16 PM)

Mr. Holt thanked Hope School and K-Beach Elementary for their presentations. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Boyer’s work.

Mr. Castimore thanked Mr. Boyer for his work on the Board. He apologized for the lateness of his letter regarding his personal opinions on the Skyview Pool.

Ms. Hohl reported that she attended the unveiling of the Turnagain Arm historical area presentation, the 50th anniversary celebration of the 1964 Earthquake in Seward, the PTA Convention in Anchorage in March, and the NEA legislative reception in Juneau. She also attended the Seward Chamber of Commerce luncheon where Dr. Atwater presented an update of the District. She discussed her career as a real estate appraiser at Moose Pass School during the school’s career exploration program. She expressed appreciation for the BP Teacher of the Year nominee Ms. Terri McKnight. She thanked Mr. Boyer for his service. She thanked Hope School and K-Beach Elementary for their presentations. She thanked those that spoke at the meeting for their comments. She thanked Mr. Dave Tressler for his service to the District.

BOARD COMMENTS:*(Continued)*

Mrs. Vadla thanked Hope School and K-Beach Elementary for their presentations. She thanked Mr. Boyer for his service and wished him well. She thanked Dr. Atwater, the District, Mr. John O'Brien, and Mr. Gary Turner for their work to include high school juniors in the Kenai Peninsula College Jump Start program. She expressed appreciation for the collaborative work of the community, local governments, and organizations regarding the Skyview pool. She reported that she attended the NEA legislative reception in Juneau. She stated that she attended a gamification workshop at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She stated that she is completing a Sloan Blended Learning workshop and she will share the information with District Quest teachers. She said goodbye to Mr. Boyer.

Mrs. Hilts thanked Mr. Boyer for his service. She discussed the past threat of closure to Hope School and expressed appreciation for the school's presentation.

Mr. Navarre thanked Mr. Boyer for his service. He discussed the value of funding the Skyview Pool and compared it to the District's past decision to keep the Hope School open.

Mrs. Downing noted previous Board concerns regarding daylight savings time and the State testing window. She recognized and expressed appreciation for the Homer area staff members whose resignations were approved during the meeting. She discussed the current interest and attention being given to engineering education. She expressed concern over "being penny wise but pound foolish" regarding the Kachemak-Selo School and discussed the impact that the District has on the local economy. She thanked Mr. Boyer for his service.

Mr. Boyer stated that this will be his last Board meeting. He thanked the Board and administration for the opportunity to serve and learn how the District operates. He expressed appreciation for the school reports to the Board during the year. He thanked K-Beach and Hope schools for their presentations. He expressed appreciation for the ability to attend the AASB Youth Leadership Institute in Anchorage in December and The Youth Advocacy Institute in Juneau in February and encouraged the District to send a larger contingent of students to these conferences.

Mr. Arness expressed appreciation for Mr. Boyer's service and work on the Board. He announced that the Board will hold a legislative committee meeting and a worksession Tuesday, April 25, 2014 beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Borough Assembly Room.

ADJOURN:
(10:18:26 PM)

At 10:18 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

The Minutes of April 14, 2014,
have been approved as of
May 5, 2014.