



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

December 1, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Mr. Sean Dusek, 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, Positive Behavior Intervention Support, District-wide School Calendars, Class Size Report, and Projected Enrollment.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Todd Syverson, Soldotna High School principal, reported that the school is experiencing a very busy and exciting time that includes work on accreditation, school consolidation, developing professional learning communities (PLCs), and student growth maps. He shared two handouts with the Board: a pamphlet on the school's media center and information regarding interventions that were developed to assist with the school consolidation efforts. He discussed the media center's extended hours and the various opportunities afforded students taking advantage of the center. He stated that the consolidation has been successful for three reasons: community support, the Skyview and SoHi blended staff efforts, and the students' commitment and work. He informed the Board that, later in the school year, he will provide an update on the consolidation that will include more data. He introduced Mr. James Harris who further discussed the school's recent accreditation and the staff efforts involved for the process. He presented a video highlighting district communications, school board policies, staff training and evaluations, student government, the school improvement plan, and school programs and classes. Mr. Vernel Schneider introduced six choir students who concluded the school report by singing, *O Come All Ye Faithful* and *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Dusek thanked Seward teacher, Ms. Leigh Ray for her "Hour of Code" award and stated that more information will be available during a media event in Seward on December 8, 2014. He noted the certified employee resignations on the agenda, especially Mr. John Harro and Mr. Lee Young, and thanked them for their service to the District. He acknowledged the support staff resignations and specifically thanked Mrs. Michelle Gabriel of Soldotna Elementary for her service. He reported that the District completed the initial round of Key Communicator meetings (one each in Seward, Homer, and Skyview Middle School), noted that the turnout was weak and that he will tentatively plan the next round for February. He announced that the Board will hold a worksession on Tuesday, December 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m. regardless of the weather. He stated that the next quarterly update to Borough Assembly will be on December 9 during the evening meeting and he will provide a general district update and discuss the budget. He noted that the Holiday Break will be December 19, 2014 through January 5, 2015 for most schools. He said his first day as superintendent went well, thanked the Board for their confidence in him and stated that he is looking forward to working with them.

FY17 AND FY18 DISTRICT CALENDARS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed FY17 and FY18 Districtwide Calendars.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence for Derek Ratliff, Instructional Aide, Aurora Borealis Charter School, effective January 12, 2015 to April 10, 2015.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from John Harro, Business Education Teacher, Skyview Middle School; Nancy Lafferty, 1st-2nd Grade Teacher, Kaleidoscope Charter School; Laura McIndoe, Special Education Teacher, Skyview Middle School; Patricia Moreth, 3rd Grade Teacher, West Homer Elementary School; and Robert Young, Principal, Connections Program; all effective the end of the 2014-15 school year; and Karma Sherk, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School, effective the end of the 2013-14 school year (LOA 2014-15 school year).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: The Board unanimously approved an amended list of Board appointments to various Board and district-level committees.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 3471 Equipment Reserve Fund, BP 3344 Remote Site Living Expenses, and AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements.

REMAND TO COMMITTEE: The Board approved a motion to remand AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements to the Policy Committee.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to reconsider the vote to remand AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements to the Policy Committee.

The Board failed to approve the motion to reconsider the vote to remand AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements to the Policy Committee.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 12, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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