



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

2/2/2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the FY16 Preliminary Budget, and Level III Grievance Procedures. The Board Policy worksession was postponed.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mrs. Margaret Gilman, Nikiski North Star Elementary principal, presented a PowerPoint highlighting the school's students, community and programs including the "Buddy Bench." She introduced 5th grade students Miss Adrienne Stynsberg and Mr. Tye Kuhr who discussed school programs including the "One School, One Book" program, after school activities including the Boys and Girls Club, a video about the State of Alaska, school goals, Reflex math, and pre-kindergarten. Mr. Braeden Porter performed his forensic piece "Yukon Ho" by Bill Waterson. Mrs. Gilman and the students presented the Board with a student created thank you mural and a wall hanging. Directed by Mrs. Audra Faris, a group of students from Mrs. Thye's first grade class performed the song *North Winds Blow*. Mrs. Gilman closed by thanking the Board and inviting them to visit the school.

Mr. Tad Degray, River City Academy (RCA) teacher, discussed the school's make up and programs. He introduced three students who performed their Poetry Slam competition pieces: Mr. Dylan Crafton performed *The Charge of the Light Brigade*, Mr. Morgan Stoddard performed *OCD*, and Miss Izabeau Pearston performed *To This Day*. River City Academy principal, Mrs. Dawn Edwards-Smith noted an informative flyer that she provided for the Board explaining the school. She invited the Board to visit the school and announced that, in March, RCA students will teach a batik class offered through Soldotna Community Schools. She stated that for the second year in a row, four RCA teams will attend "Model United Nations" at the University of Alaska Anchorage and will represent the countries of Syria, Vietnam, South Africa and Venezuela. She thanked the Board members that have visited the school this year and discussed the school's electives, technology and uniqueness.

2015-2016 DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART: The Board unanimously approved the 2015-2016 District organizational chart as presented.

SIX-YEAR PLAN FY 2016-2021: The Board postponed action on the Six-Year Plan until the March 2, 2015 meeting.

2015-2016 TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative administrator contracts for the 2015-2016 school year.

<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=32677>

2015-2016 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a new administrator contract for the 2015-16 school year for Christopher Brown, Homer Flex School.

2015-2016 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a list of tentative tenure teacher contracts for the 2015-16 school year.

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2015-2016 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS AND TENURE: The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenured teacher contracts and tenure for Amanda Adair, Teacher/Special Education; Michelle Barrows, Teacher/Special Education; Cindy Bedingfield, Teacher/Special Education; Matthew Creamer, Teacher/Special Education; Cynthia Fudzinski, Teacher/Special Education; Timothy Galpin, Teacher/Special Education; Monica Mullet, Teacher/Special Education; Theresa Rose, Teacher/Special Education; and Christina Tuls, Teacher/Special Education.

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LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Kelli Boonstra, Kaleidoscope Charter School and Mary Knudsen, Kaleidoscope Charter School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Martine Dikes, 5th Grade Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School; Susan Stempel, Speech Language Pathologist, Paul Banks Elementary School, both effective the end of the 2014-15 school year; and Janae Van Slyke, 3rd-4th Grade Teacher, Sterling Elementary School, effective January 30, 2015.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer 474, totaling \$487,658 and 525, totaling \$227,058 to transfer funds to school budgets for the purchase of Science Curriculum and K-8 Health curriculum supplies.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence for Carol Thomassen, School Secretary III, Seward High School, effective March 16, 2015 to March 11, 2016.

POLICY REVISION: The Board unanimously approved BP 3471 Equipment Reserve Fund.

STUDENT EXPLUSION: The Board removed this item from the agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Dusek stated that the District's recent "AMP It Up Day" was a success and discussed his concerns about the process for implementing the Alaska Measure of Progress (AMP) test this spring. He updated the Board on the ConnectEd Grant for Nanwalek School and noted that District teachers will receive approximately 17 days of professional development this spring in order to prepare for the implementation of iPad use next school year. Mr. Dusek discussed the Assessment Literacy Grant which focuses on and provides professional development opportunities that will help staff meet Student Learning Objectives and Student Growth Map requirements. He stated the Mrs. Melissa Linton will provide an update to the Board at the April meeting. He reported that, with the assistance of Project GRAD, approximately 50 District students will participate in the Career Institute to be held at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He congratulated and thanked the certified and support staff retirees approved on the agenda and especially thanked Miss Martine Dikes, Mt. View teacher, Mrs. Natalie Kohler, District Office secretary and Ms. Karen Standifer, Tebughna School secretary. He announced that Mr. Roger Schmidt, former teacher and administrator, recently passed away and expressed his condolences to the family.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 3541.1 & AR 3541.1 School Related Trips and BP 3514 Environmental Safety and BB 9320 Meetings.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 2, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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