



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

4/6/2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

SPECIAL MEETING: A special School Board meeting was held Tuesday, March 3, 2015, to interview superintendent candidates. The Board unanimously voted to offer Mr. Sean Dusek the position of superintendent of schools.

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Instructional Materials Review, Board Policy and FY16 Budget and held an executive session regarding negotiations.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Loren Reese, principal of Kenai Alternative School (KAHS), introduced staff members, Mr. Wade Marcuson and Mr. Kevin Harding and students, Mr. Duke Hardcastle, Miss Amber Nicholson, and Mr. Isaiah Metcalf. Mr. Reese, Mr. Harding and Mr. Marcuson presented a PowerPoint highlighting the school's enrollment procedures, programs, daily schedule, academic coursework, student demographics, student activities, community volunteers, student recognition programs, and graduation history and rate (40 students will graduate this school year). Mr. Hardcastle, Mr. Metcalf, and Miss Nicholson discussed their successes as KAHS students and the difference that the school has made in each of their lives. Mr. Reese closed by thanking the Board for the opportunity to offer their presentation.

Mrs. Michael Hanson, principal of Cooper Landing School, Mr. Tom Gossard, teacher, and Miss Linnaea Gossard, student, offered a Prezzy that highlighted the school's online classes offered through Polycom technology, the use of iPads, programs and special classes, the school's mission, staff, students, extra-curricular activities and field trips, greenhouse and garden, student performances, community pride, and assemblies. Miss Gossard presented the Board with copies of a Cooper Landing Area Hiking Trails information sheet and a Russian River Ski Trail Guide, both developed with assistance from Cooper Landing School students and staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Dusek recognized Miss Kulikov for her recent Young Woman of Distinction award. He reported that, for the first time, the Seldovia boys' basketball team won the state championship. He announced that 6th grade Kenai Middle School student, Mr. Sorin Sorenson, placed second at the state Spelling Bee. He discussed the Wellness Survey Results and the Innovations Update in the General Information packet. He expressed appreciation for this month's certified and support retirees and thanked them for their service to the district and its students.

2015-16 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board unanimously approved a revised, tentative meeting schedule for Board meetings for the 2015-16 school year.

2014-15 NEW TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a New Teacher Contract for Janae Van Slyke, Primary Grade Teacher; Sterling Elementary School for the 2014-15 school year.

2015-16 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved 2015-16 new administrator contracts for Richard Breske, Principal/Teacher, Tebughna School and Jill DuFloth, Assistant Principal, Skyview Middle School.

2015-16 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS AND TENURE: The Board unanimously approved a list of 2015-16 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts and Tenure.

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2015-16 NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved 2015-16 New Teacher Contracts for Dennis Diviney, Special Education Resource Teacher, Skyview Middle School; James Doering, Special Education Resource Teacher, Nanwalek School; Devin Michel, Elementary Multi-Grade Teacher, Port Graham School; and Colby Way, Multi-Grade Upper Elementary/Secondary Generalist Teacher, Port Graham School.

2015-16 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for Michelle Green, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Maygen Lotscher, Homer High School, and Lori Young, Tustumena Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year.

RECENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved the recension of an unpaid leave of absence request for Kevin Harding, Kenai Alternative High School, effective the 2015-16 school year.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Ann Agosti-Hackett, Razdolna School; Esther Ashment, Homer High School; Robert Bird, Nikiski Middle/High School; Tracy Brown, Soldotna High School; Tiffany Carter, Skyview Middle School; Michael Chase, Tustumena Elementary School and Sterling Elementary School; John Clare, Soldotna Prep School; Heather Corbett, Soldotna High School; Lori Ford, McNeil Canyon Elementary School; Amy Frapp, Soldotna Elementary School; Kimberly Hoover, Ninilchik School; Sarah Jones, Soldotna High School; Deana Kahn, Soldotna Elementary School; Vidya Oftedal, Skyview Middle School; Whitney Roesch, Sterling Elementary School; Logan Schulz, Seward High School; Kelly Sheffer, Homer Middle School; Benjamin Stephens, Soldotna Elementary School; and Francesca Stetson, Pupil Services; all effective the end of the 2014-15 school year.

FY15 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a revision to the FY15 Budget to account for decreases in state funding due to the changes in Final ADM report received from the State and the decreased use of fund balance due to Charter Schools additional allowable funding for rent and in-kind services.

FY16 BUDGET: The Board approved the FY16 Budget.

RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS: The Board approved an amended motion to keep in use the social studies textbook by Prentice Hall entitled *America History of Our Nation*.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a motion to postpone the FY 16-18 Superintendent's Contract until the May 4, 2015 regular board meeting.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BB 3515 School Safety and Security, BP 3541.1 School Related Trips, BP 4131 Staff Development and BP 4117.6 Non-Retention.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m., Seward High School Theatre, Seward, Alaska.

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