

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several work sessions prior to the formal business meeting entitled Board Policy, Evaluation Systems Update and Level III Grievance Procedure Review.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Dusek highlighted the ongoing Initiative Updates in the general information packet including the Assessment Literacy Grant, PBIS report, Soldotna Alternative and Chapman iPad initiatives and information on the Student Growth Map Pilot. He reminded the Board that these written reports are offered in lieu of work sessions due to time constraints. He discussed the six 2015-16 student early release dates, monitoring of attendance during these dates and quarterly products from these days that will be provided to the Board and public in a formal report. He announced that Mr. William Withrow (Mt. View Elementary assistant principal) was chosen as the new administrator of Redoubt Elementary and noted the large crowd in attendance at the interviews. Mt. View Elementary interviews will be held on June 2 beginning at 4:00 p.m. He stated that Mrs. Lynne Sandahl's retirement is now official, stated that she was a tremendous employee who will be missed and wished her well. He thanked Mrs. Patty Sirois and Mr. David Brighton for their assistance and open communications during his transition as superintendent.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Laura Beck, Seward Middle School; Wayne Floyd, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Samantha Rogers, Soldotna Elementary School; and Susan Whipp, Nikiski Middle/High School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Lindsay Fagrelius, Science Teacher, Soldotna High School; Naomi Parrish, Intermediate Grade Teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Stacia Rustad, Athletic Director/Health Teacher, Kenai Central High School; and Andrew Scrivo, 1st Grade Teacher, Seward Elementary School, all effective the end of the 2014-15 school year.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Steven Bezdecny, Science Teacher; Paige Blake, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Marjorie Dunn, Facilitator Gifted/Interventionist Teacher; Leslie Fazio, School Counselor; Megan Hardy, Primary Grade Teacher; Richard Harrelson, Credit Recovery Teacher; Sarah Hartmann, Intermediate Grade Teacher; David Hebert, Special Education Resource Teacher; Betty Nelson, Facilitator Gifted/Interventionist Teacher; Sandra Newberry, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher; Troy Poage, Math Teacher; Elijah Porter, Math Teacher; Brook Reynolds, Primary Grade Teacher; Anna Simmons, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Nicole Stein, Primary Grade Teacher; Susan Stotz, Science Teacher; Erika Thompson, Intermediate Grade Teacher; and Amy White Baxter, Primary Grade Teacher.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence for Katharine Bynagle, 5th Grade Teacher, West Homer Elementary School, effective the 2015-16 school year.

TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACT AND TENURE: The Board unanimously approved a tentative non-tenured teacher contract and tenure for Kimberly Hoover, Teacher/Regular.

TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for Catherine Kibling, Teacher/Special Education; Shannon Ryan, Teacher/Regular; Keith Seville (.20 FTE), Teacher/Regular; and Janae Van Slyke, Teacher/Regular.

KPSAA HANDBOOK REVISIONS: The Board approved proposed changes to the 2015-2016 Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association (KPSAA) handbooks.

POLICY REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved BP 5141.31 Immunizations and BP and AR 5141.21 Administering Medication.

FY15 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved postponement of the FY15 Budget Revision until the July 6, 2015 meeting.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 3470 Fund Balance and AR 5141.22 Infectious Diseases.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 6, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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