



# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building  
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Julie Cisco	Ms. Nema Arndt
Ms. Joann Riener	Mrs. Laurie Olson
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff	Ms. Martine Dikes

Others present not identified.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:**

Mrs. Downing read the District's mission statement.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Marty Anderson	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Dan Castimore	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Absent/Excused
Mr. Tim Navarre	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved with a revision to item 10a. (1) 2015-2016 New Teacher Contracts.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The School Board Minutes of July 6, 2015, were approved as printed.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:**

Mr. Dusek reported that the Association of Alaska School Board (AASB) Fall Boardsmanship Academy will be held in Anchorage on September 12 and 13, 2015 and Board members attending must sign up by August 28. He stated that the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) received approval of a state accountability waiver by the U.S. Department of Education which means that the District will continue to pilot the teacher evaluation system as regards student learning data. He announced that, within a couple of months, DEED will audit the District's Carl Perkins Grant (Career and Technical Education Program).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

Mr. Dusek explained that the Superintendent's Annual Report has been shared with the Board and will be posted online one week from today and made available to the public. He thanked Ms. Erkeneff for her work on the report and emphasized the valuable information in the document. He reported that he attended the Alaska Superintendent's Association (ASA) Summer Meeting in Juneau on July 26 and 27 and discussed topics covered at the conference including the House Bill 78 Funding Study and the Alaska Measures of Progress (AMP) test results. While there, Mr. Dusek also met with DEED and discussed the Governor's sustainable futures project. He will share information on this project with the Board during their August 4 work session. He noted that during the work session, they will discuss board goals, the FY17 budget cycle, HB78, Sustainable Futures and will have lunch with representatives from the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and Nakanu programs and Mr. Conrad Woodhead, KPBSD Native Education Coordinator. He highlighted new hire data for this school year. He stated that the opening administrator meetings will be held at Skyview Middle School on August 5 and 6 and invited the board to attend. The district-wide Regional Inservice is planned for August 13, Mr. Dusek and Mr. Arness will present from Kenai Central High School and Board members are welcome to attend in their region. He observed that today is the first day of work for school staff at Kachemak-Selo, Razdolna and Voznesenka schools and noted the first student day dates for other locations.

**QUARTERLY BUDGET  
TRANSFER REPORT:**

Mr. Jones presented the budget transfer report for various schools and departments within the District during the fourth quarter of FY15.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Mrs. Hilts reported that she attended the AASB summer planning session and retreat where they discussed resolutions and goals and remarked that the work on these topics is ongoing.

Mr. Arness requested that Board members interested in attending the AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy meet with him after the meeting.

**BOARD WORK SESSION  
REPORT:**

Mr. Arness reported that the Board held work sessions entitled Pre-kindergarten Update and AASB Core Resolutions and 2016 State and Federal Legislative Priorities. All members present at the meeting, attended the work sessions.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 2015-16 New Teacher Contract(s) and Budget Transfers.

**2015-2016 NEW TEACHER  
CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve new teacher contracts for Laura Barrows, Primary Grade; Clayton Beck, Language Arts; Wanda Brenner, Title I; Sarah Bressler, Primary Grade; Steven Cunningham, Special Education Resource; Mendy Franzini, Special Education Behavior; Jean Garcia, Primary Grade; Sienna Griggs, Intermediate Grade; Hannah Gutschenritter, Social Studies; Catherine Hayworth, Intermediate Grade; Nicole Hewitt, Language Arts; Katrina Holmquist, Intermediate Grade; Jacquelyn Laman, Speech Language Pathologist; Vivian Norenberg, Primary Grade; Pamela O'Brien, Intermediate Grade; Desirae Ott, Speech Language Pathologist; Rebecca Owens, Special Education Intensive Needs; Derek Ratliff, Intermediate Grade; Heather Reichenberg, Language Arts and Leah Stephens, Math/Music-Vocal and Instrumental.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve budget transfer 1348 to cover the actual use of electricity at various schools.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 and 2. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**POLICY REVISION:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve BP 5125.1 Release of Directory Information.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve BP 5125.1 Release of Directory Information. Mr. Castimore seconded.

**MOTION:**

Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve an amendment to revise "date and place of birth" in the second paragraph to read "year of birth." Mrs. Downing seconded.

**VOTE ON HOHL AMENDMENT:**

YES – Anderson, Hohl, Vadla  
NO – Castimore, Downing, Hilts, Arness

Amendment failed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**SCHOOL BOARD IMMEDIATE  
FAMILY MEMBER:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the employment of Robin Hoffmann, Food Service Manager I-S, immediate family member of Mrs. Sunni Hilts.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve the employment of Robin Hoffmann, Food Service Manager I-S, immediate family member of Mrs. Sunni Hilts. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Mrs. Hilts abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD MEETING DATE  
CHANGE:**

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board change the date of the September board meeting from September 14, 2015 to September 8, 2015.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Downing moved the Board change the date of the September board meeting from September 14, 2015 to September 8, 2015. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Ms. Hohl asked Mr. Dusek to clarify that Board members are welcome at the district-wide regional inservice. She recently attended the Alaska PTA board of manager's summer board meeting and training as the region 6 southeast vice-president. She thanked the Pupil Services Department for the BBQ dinner and stated that she was pleased to meet the new pupil service employees. She remarked that Mr. Roger Steinbrecher, former Seward coach, has been inducted into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame. She congratulated Miss Allie Ostrander on her selection to the U.S. Junior Mountain Running Team which will compete in North Wales this fall. She mentioned that Miss Jasmine Perea was the first Seward High School student to ever attend the Alaska Business Week summer program.

Mrs. Downing thanked Mrs. Julie Cisco for her memo regarding efficiencies made in the Operations department. She expressed well wishes for the start of the school year and to the 2015 graduates as they go forward in their lives.

Mr. Castimore stated that he is pleased that the dipnetting season is done for the year.

Mrs. Vadla thanked Dr. Christine Ermold for her pre-kindergarten update presentation. She thanked Ms. Erkeneff for her work on the Superintendent's Annual Report. She thanked the Pupil Services Department for the BBQ dinner.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**  
*(Continued)*

Mrs. Hilts commented on the length of the meeting versus the July meeting. She expressed appreciation for Pupil Services BBQ and the great weather. She emphasized that she is looking forward to the next couple of months and to seeing staff and students again as school begins.

Mr. Arness reminded the Board of the work session in the morning beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**ADJOURN:**

At 6:31 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Joe Arness, President

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Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

Approved 9-8-2015

Submitted by Mrs. Debbie Tressler  
Administrative Secretary to the Board of Education