



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mr. Bill Holt, Vice President
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk
Mr. Tim Navarre, Treasurer
Mr. Marty Anderson
Mr. Dan Castimore
Mr. Mike Illg
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. John Kelly
Mr. Brian Dusek, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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| Ms. Pegge Erkeneff | Mrs. Patty Sirois |
| Mrs. Julie Cisco | Mr. Dave Brighton |
| Mr. John Pothast | Mr. Doug Hayman |
| Ms. Denise Kelly | Miss Martine Dikes |
| Mrs. Laurie Olson | Mr. Mike Illg |
| Dr. Christine Ermold | Ms. Joni Wise |
| Mr. Tim Vlasak | |

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:

Mrs. Vadla read the District's mission statement.

ROLL CALL:

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| Mr. Marty Anderson | Absent/Excused |
| Mr. Joe Arness | Absent/Excused |
| Mr. Dan Castimore | Present |
| Ms. Lynn Hohl | Present |
| Mr. Bill Holt | Present |
| Mr. John Kelly | Present |
| Mr. Tim Navarre | Present |
| Mrs. Penny Vadla | Present |
| Mr. Brian Dusek | Present |

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with a revision to item 10c. 2017 State and Federal Legislative Priorities. Mrs. Vadla moved that the Board approve the agenda as revised. Mr. Navarre seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
DISTRICT 8 BOARD
CANDIDATES:**

No comments were offered.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
SELECTION:**

Beginning at 4:15 p.m., the Board interviewed Mr. Mike Illg and Ms. Joni Wise for the District 8 Homer board vacancy. Audience input was collected from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.; no input was given. The Board voted by secret ballot.

Ballot #1

Ballots cast: 6

Mr. Illg received 4 votes.

Ms. Wise received 2 votes.

Neither candidate received the required 5 votes for a majority of the Board.

Ballot #2

Ballots cast: 6

Mr. Illg received 5 votes.

Ms. Wise received 1 vote.

Mr. Mike Illg was selected.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mrs. Debbie Tressler, notary public, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed School Board member, Mr. Mike Illg.

Mr. Illg was seated and joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of September 12, 2016, were approved as printed.

**AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:**

The Board awarded the Golden Apple to Mrs. Julieanne Super for her service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORT:

Mr. Doug Hayman, Tustumena Elementary principal, thanked the Board, the administration and Dr. Steve Atwater for hiring him to serve as the school's principal. He invited the Board to visit the school. He shared a computer slideshow highlighting the school's similarities and differences with other district schools. He discussed the school's behavior standards, staff teamwork, and the school enrichment model which includes special projects and classes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:**

Mr. Dusek noted the information packet memo listing actual FY16 budget expenses, information to be used during the October 13 presentation and the reasons for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) delay. He stated that the FY17 budget is posted on the website; board members may request a printed copy. He discussed the Early Entrance Kindergarten Report and said that one student qualified this school year. In answer to the new assessment Request for Information, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) received responses from several vendors and Mr. Dusek expects more information from DEED by late October. He noted several important upcoming dates: October 13 Budget Overview Presentation; Key Communicator meetings, October 18 in Homer, October 20 in Seward and November 1 in Soldotna; October 21 end of the first quarter; October 26 Early Release day; October 27-28 Parent Teacher Conferences; and November 7 Board meeting.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
SITE COUNCIL AND/OR
AUTHORIZED STUDENT
SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS,
P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A.,
K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY:**

Mrs. Patty Sirois, K.P.E.S.A. president, congratulated Mr. Illg for his selection to the Board. She noted the nice weather. She reported on Mr. Brighton's and her school site visits. She and Mr. Brighton are also visiting sites to discuss the tentative negotiated agreements and announced that members will vote electronically October 12 – 21, 2016. The Associations will report the voting results to the district administration by October 24. She expressed appreciation for Mr. Hayman's report and thanked Mrs. Vadla for mentioning Mrs. Pauline Mills.

Mr. David Brighton, KPEA president, explained the reason for the delay between the tentative negotiated agreement voting and the report to the District, noting that the gap is over a weekend. He reiterated Mrs. Sirois' report on site visits. He thanked the Board for their service. He congratulated Mr. Illg and said they worked together at Homer High School.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Dusek congratulated the Homer High School boys' and girls' cross country running teams on their division 3A state championships and the Kenai Central High School girls' team for its second place finish in the 4A competition. He announced that the Seward High School football team won their conference championship and will compete in the state playoffs on Saturday. He noted Soldotna High School's continuing quest for another state championship. He stated that October 2 is School Custodian Day and thanked district custodians for their work. October is National School Principal's month and has been proclaimed as such by Governor Walker. He detailed a meeting with Mr. Lance Roberts, Soldotna High School custodian, regarding how the district can improve. He noted that October 24 is School Bus Driver's Day. He discussed the success of the district-wide student council meeting in September, including the guest speakers and students, notably Mr. Brian Dusek. The District has been working with the Center for Alaska Policy Research on a teacher turnover cost study; he will share the results when they become available. He reported on the south peninsula transportation meetings and said the next step is for school administrators to meet, consider the input given, and develop school start time options.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**
(Continued)

Mind-a-Mazes will be held on October 15 at Soldotna Prep School; he encouraged the Board to attend. He attended the Alaska Superintendent Association (ASA) fall meeting where he spoke to state legislators regarding the upcoming session and heard some excellent speakers including one on the Sandy Hook Promise for suicide and school violence intervention and prevention. He presented to the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce on September 27 and will present to the Kenai Chamber of Commerce on October 5. On Thursday evening he will participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the reopening of the Susan B. English School shop. On October 10 he will visit Tebughna School in Tyonek. He invited Board members to attend the upcoming budget and the Key Communicator meetings. The state principals' conference will be held in Anchorage, on October 22-25; he will present on October 23 on how to navigate becoming a superintendent. He will be out of the office at the end of October, visiting his daughter in Madison, WI.

BOARD REPORTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Castimore reported that the Policy Review Committee met earlier in the day and discussed the agenda items.

Mr. Navarre reported that the Legislative Committee met earlier in the day and discussed the agenda items.

Mr. Holt reported that the Charter School Committee met earlier in the day and discussed the agenda items.

**BOARD WORK SESSION
REPORT:**

Mr. Holt reported that the Board held work sessions entitled Board Policy, 2017 State and Federal Legislative Priorities, Annual Assessment Report, Career and Technical Education Curriculum Revision, Digital Technology Initiative and Blended Learning, and Board Candidate Interviews. All members present at the meeting, attended the work sessions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resolution 16-17-1 Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permits, Student Representative to the Board, 2016-17 New Teacher Contracts, Long Term Substitute Contracts, Leave of Absence Request/Support, and Budget Transfer.

RESOLUTION 16-17-1:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve Resolution 16-17-1, listing the primary and alternate members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for 2017.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE BOARD:**

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Brian Dusek, a Soldotna High School student, as the student representative to the Board of Education.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve new teacher contracts for the 2016-2017 school year for Marilee Johansen, Foods Instructor (.20 FTE) 1st semester; Taylor Lewis, Social Studies Teacher; and Jill Zank, Speech-Language Pathologist.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER CONTRACT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a long-term substitute teacher contract for Laura Beck, River City Academy; Pedro Fernandez, Seward Middle School; Jane Parrish, Soldotna Elementary; and Logan Schulz, Seward Middle School.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
REQUEST/SUPPORT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a leave of absence for Holly Downs, ELL Tutor, Soldotna Area Schools, effective November 7, 2016 to April 21, 2017.

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve budget transfer 153 to update Aurora Borealis Charter School's FY17 budget to reflect the change in the salary and benefit accounts due to hiring a 1.0 FTE administrator versus the previous .49 FTE administrator.

MOTION:

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 6. Mr. Navarre seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISION:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve BP 3515.8 Alcohol Variance Requests.

MOTION:

Mr. Castimore moved the Board approve BP 3515.8 Alcohol Variance Requests. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**STATE AND FEDERAL
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:**

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve the list of proposed 2017 State and Federal Legislative Priorities as revised.

MOTION:

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve the 2017 State and Federal Legislative Priorities as revised. Mr. Navarre seconded.

Mr. Navarre moved the Board postpone action on the item until the November 7, 2016 regular meeting. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB NOMINATION:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve Penny Vadla's nomination to the AASB Board of Directors.

MOTION:

Ms. Hohl moved that the Board approve the administrative recommendation to nominate Mrs. Penny Vadla to the Association of Alaska School Boards' Board of Directors. Mr. Navarre seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/
COMMENTS:**

None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Hohl expressed support for Mrs. Vadla's nomination to the AASB Board of Directors. She is excited that the Seward High School football team is in the playoffs and noted that their competition was Nikiski High School. She reported that the Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) was listed by AffordableColleges.com as one of the most affordable community colleges in the country, even though it is not actually a community college.

Mr. Kelly congratulated Mrs. Super for her Golden Apple award. He congratulated the Homer High School boys' and girls' cross country running teams on their division 3A state championships. He welcomed Mr. Brian Dusek to the Board again. He congratulated Mr. Illg for his selection and thanked Ms. Joni Wise for applying for the board seat.

Mr. Castimore noted the productive policy committee meeting earlier in the day and thanked Mr. O'Brien for facilitating the meeting's progress.

Mrs. Vadla congratulated the Homer High School boys' and girls' and the Kenai Central High School girls' cross country running teams and added that Seward High School girls and boys finished third and fifth place respectively. She congratulated the Soldotna High School football team and others across the state. She thanked Mr. Hayman for his presentation. She welcomed Mr. Illg and Mr. Dusek to the Board.

Mr. Navarre congratulated Mrs. Super on her award. He thanked Mr. Hayman for his presentation. He welcomed Mr. Dusek back to the Board and congratulated all of the student representatives selected to sit on district committees. He welcomed Mr. Illg. He requested to be excused for the November 7 meeting. He thanked Mrs. Sirois for her smile and good attitude.

Mr. Illg thanked the Board for selecting him to serve in Mrs. Downing's place. He congratulated the Homer High School boys' and girls' cross country running teams. He congratulated Mrs. Super on her award and recognition as a volunteer.

Mr. Dusek expressed excitement to serve on the Board again. He congratulated Mr. Illg and Mrs. Super. He thanked Mr. Hayman for his presentation. He congratulated the Homer High School boys' and girls' and the Kenai Central High School girls' cross country running teams. He expressed appreciation for the Soldotna High School football team. He noted the "Dig Pink" breast cancer awareness fundraiser at the Soldotna versus Kenai High School volleyball game. He discussed the district-wide student council meeting held on September 16, noted some of the students selected to serve on committees and thanked Mr. Joe Arness, Ms. Pegge Erkeneff, Mr. Ryan Kapp, Senator Peter Micciche and Mr. Sean Dusek for their assistance.

BOARD COMMENTS:
(Continued)

Mr. Holt apologized for cutting short some of the Board members' comments during the meeting. He stated that Skyview Middle and Soldotna High Schools cohosted the Region III cross country running championships and expressed appreciation for their efforts. He thanked Mr. Hayman for his presentation. He thanked the audience for attending. He thanked Mr. Ilg for his willingness to serve on the Board.

Mr. Navarre encouraged everyone to vote on October 4, 2016.

ADJOURN:

At 7:14 p.m., Mr. Holt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Bill Holt, Vice President

Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

Approved 11/7/16

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