

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

July 6, 1998

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Treasurer

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Ms. Deborah Germano, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

STAFF PRESENT:

Mrs. Melody Douglas, Director, Finance

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Marita Parks

Mr. Bill Severson

Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds

Mrs. Anita Turkington

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Larry Semmens

Mrs. Sandra Taylor

Mrs. Leona Oberts

Mrs. Nan Spooner

Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, Dr. Anderson, Mr. Arness, Ms. Germano and Mrs. Gross were in attendance. Newly selected, interim member, Mrs. Crawford was also in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:41 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. The purpose of the executive session was to conduct a student expulsion hearing. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 p.m., Mr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Gross invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present

Mr. Joe Arness Present

Mrs. Susan Larned Absent/Excused

ROLL CALL: Dr. Nels Anderson Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford Present

Ms. Deborah Germano Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins Absent/Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of June 8, 1998, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mrs. Gross noted that she had received a thank you note from Mrs. Fischer and a letter from Governor Knowles concerning the passage of SB36, and thanking the Board for their hard work for Alaskan students.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Dahlgren reported that the Department of Education has mailed out several new regulations for review. He noted that two of the regulations hold special interest to the District: a regulation concerning correspondence and part-time students, and a regulation eliminating the use of 14 passenger vans to transport students. Mr. Dahlgren stated that a cooperative agreement must be signed for students taking correspondence courses out of their attendance area. He noted that the cooperative agreement can be protested but not for funding reasons. He noted that Sunday's Clarion published advertisements from the Galena and Copper River School Districts encouraging students to enroll in their correspondence courses.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren announced that as of July 1 the District has entered into FY99 and that the budget must be adjusted to include the additional funds generated by the passage of SB36. He added that the District has recently converted to the new state accounting codes which has resulted in an enormous amount of work for the Finance Department. He noted that the District will conduct inservices on the use of the new account codes for all secretarial and administrative staff.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 1998.

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Resignations, 1998-99 Teacher Assignments, 1998-99 Annual Agenda, Requests for Early Graduation, Boys and Girls Club Lease Agreement, Substitute and Temporary Pay Schedule, Leave of Absence Request/Support, and 1998-99 Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignments.

Resignations:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Carol Norstadt, Grades 4-6, Port Graham School; Lynn Norstadt, Grades K-10, Port Graham School; Clark Chesbro, vocational education/general, Susan B. English School; Christine Bergholtz, science, Kenai Central High; Fabian Castilleja, principal, Susan B. English School; Brittany Nowak, librarian, Homer High; and Andrea Messenger, Special Education/ educationally handicapped, Seward High.

1998-99 Teacher Assignments:	<p>Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teaching appointments for the 1998-99 school year for Kathleen Abrams, Grades K-3, Port Graham School; John Abrams, Grades 6-10 (half-time), Port Graham School; Dawn Bowman, QUEST, Soldotna Middle; Michelle Carver, science, Nikiski Middle/High School; John Damberg, music (temporary), Seward High; Jason Fantz, science, Seward Middle/High School; Mark Fraad, social studies (half-time), Chapman School; Ann Heimbuch, Grades 4-6, West Homer Elementary; Mary Henry, Special Education/resource (temporary), Sears Elementary; Renda Horn, music, Paul Banks Elementary; George Kelso, physical education (half-time), Nikiski Elementary; Michael Lanegan, vocational education (.60 time), Skyview High; David Larson, English (half-time), Kenai Central High; Christopher Lau, generalist (temporary), Susan B. English School; Melissa Olver, art, Seward Middle/High; Joseph Rizzo, English, Nikiski Middle/High; Vickey Roney, generalist (half-time), Kenai Alternative; Jean Stockburger, multigrade elementary, K-Selo School; Michael Stockburger, Grades 9-12 generalist, Kenai Alternative; Jeffrey Szarzi, generalist, Homer Flex ; Sargeant Truesdell, social studies, Soldotna Middle; Troy Zimmerman, social studies, Nikiski Middle/High; and Jeffrey Moore, music (temporary), West Homer Elementary/McNeil Canyon Elementary.</p>
1998-99 Annual Agenda:	<p>Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the 1998-99 Annual Agenda. The Annual Agenda consists of dates on which routine items are presented to the School Board for approval.</p>
Requests for Early Graduation:	<p>Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve a request for two students to graduate early from Homer High School. One student will graduate at the end of the first semester, 1998-99, and the other student will graduate one year early at the end of the 1998-99 school year.</p>
Boys and Girls Club Lease Agreement:	<p>By memorandum, Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a lease agreement for the Boys and Girls Club for space at Kenai Elementary School.</p>
Substitute and Temporary Pay Schedule:	<p>By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the proposed pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 1998-99 school year.</p>
Leave of Absence Request/Support:	<p>By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a one-year leave of absence request for the 1998-99 school year for Robert Harwood, driver/courier, Warehouse.</p>

1998-99 Tentative Nontenure
Teacher Assignments:

By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a tentative nontenure teacher assignment for the 1998-99 school year for Michael Williamson, math/science, Bartlett Elementary/High; Connie Wirz, Title I teacher (.5), Kenai Middle and Beverly Grogan, lead teacher, Bay View Charter. Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Number 1 through 8 including addendums to Numbers 10a(1), 10a.(5) and 10a.(8). Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT EXPULSION:

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following: "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of CM.

This matter was heard before the Board on July 6, 1998. The student and both parents were present. Sylvia Reynolds, the Soldotna High School Principal, and Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, were present and recommended expulsion of the student for being under the influence of marijuana on school grounds, in violation of Board Policy 5131.6.

The evidence presented showed that on May 28, 1998 the principal contacted CM's mother as CM was not in school. At about 9:30 that morning CM's mother brought CM to the principal's office, and the principal suspected CM was under the influence of a drug. She asked the nurse to administer a rapid eye exam on CM, which CM failed. The principal then asked CM's mother to take CM to CICADA for a urinalysis. Later that day the assistant principal, Mr. Norgren, questioned CM who admitted to consuming marijuana that morning and then returning to school. CM testified that he had come to school, left with some friends before school started, and returned to take his biology final exam. CM did not dispute at the Board hearing that he had consumed marijuana on the morning in question. Evidence presented also showed CM had been suspended in 1996 for violation of the District's former policy 007.12, subjecting students to suspension or expulsion for possession or being under the influence of drugs, alcohol and other substances on school premises. The principal also stated that CM does not have a history of problems with either attendance or discipline at Soldotna High School, with only one other minor infraction at that school.

STUDENT EXPULSION (Continued):

Based on the evidence submitted at the hearing, the Board concludes the student has exhibited behavior of a serious nature which is inimical to the welfare, safety or morals of other students, that this is likely to occur again unless the student is removed from the school setting for a significant period of time, and that expulsion is warranted. These factors make it necessary to remove this student from the school by expulsion for the 1998-99 school year, except that the student may apply for limited readmission to the Alternative to Out-of-School program ("ATOS") for the first quarter of the 1998-99 school year if he provides a negative urine analysis test within ten days of this early readmission, and agrees in writing to submit to monthly random chain of custody urinalysis tests during the 1998-99 school year. All urinalysis tests shall be at the student's expense. Upon successful completion of the ATOS program for one quarter, negative urinalysis tests, and 40 hours of community service, the student may apply for early readmission to Soldotna High School after the first quarter of the 1998-99 school year. Any such early readmission shall terminate if any of the monthly urinalysis tests are positive, showing use of illegal substances, provided that the termination is approved by the Board. CM shall be immediately suspended pending Board hearing if a test is positive. The student shall not go on school grounds during the period of expulsion for any reason, nor shall he attend any school event or function whatsoever." Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Homer Electric Association Fiber Optic Joint Letter of Intent:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a joint letter of intent with Homer Electric Association (HEA), to provide fiber optic cabling to District schools. He stated that he met with Mr. Norm Story, General Manager of Homer Electric Association, and subsequently a letter of intent was developed. Mr. Dahlgren explained that HEA will provide a fiber optic line for 16 District schools with the possibility of expanding to more schools in the future. He noted that the District will supply the additional end-use equipment necessary to establish the network and will apply for Universal Service Funds to finance a portion of the cost of acquiring the equipment.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that use of one-third of the fiber optic line will allow the District to have voice, data and media capabilities instantly. He stated that he would like to conduct a worksession with the School Board, HEA and the Data Processing Department in August to outline the costs and capabilities of the fiber optic line.

Homer Electric Association
Fiber Optic Joint Letter of
Intent (Continued):

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the signing of a joint letter of intent with HEA to provide fiber optic cabling to District schools. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mr. Arness asked why the letter of intent is necessary.
Mr. Dahlgren stated that the letter of intent notifies the HEA Board of Directors of the District's interest in a cooperative agreement. He stated that Mr. Story has been asked by his board to obtain letters of intent from potential consumers. He assured the Board that the letter of intent is not binding.
Ms. Germano asked if the District will be considering other companies when purchasing fiber optic cable service.
Mr. Dahlgren explained that HEA must competitively bid for services if the District is going to take advantage of the e-rate program. Ms. Germano stated that the phone company and HEA are very close in completing each of their cabling projects and will be looking for School District business.
Ms. Germano requested that the Board receive a concise list of real costs. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he had already made that request to Mr. Story. He stated that the schools are far from being ready to connect to the cable but that once it is connected it will provide the opportunity to offer interactive distance delivery and video teleconferencing throughout the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Appointment:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the appointment of Scott O'Tremba, principal/teacher, Voznesenka School.

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the appointment of Scott O'Tremba, principal/teacher, Voznesenka School. Ms. Germano seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

FY 1999 Budget Amendment: Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve an amendment to the FY99 budget and to forward the amended budget to the Borough Assembly for approval. He explained that this budget includes \$2,428,075 generated by SB36, removes funding outside the cap and raises the local appropriation amount to the cap. He noted that the calculations were based on the projected enrollment and formulas contained in SB36.

ACTION Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the amended FY99 budget as outlined. Dr. Anderson seconded.

FY 1999 Budget Amendment (Continued): Dr. Anderson asked whether the District was assured funds for the State Quality Grant. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he has not been able to get answers from the Department of Education. He stated that Mr. McLain has been informed of changes in the state mandated assessment program. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the governor's Quality Schools Initiative allocates \$16 per student but he is unsure of how the money must be spent.

Mr. Dahlgren explained that the FY99 budget figures remain the same as the original budget except for the state foundation and local appropriation amounts and the addition of the State Quality Schools Grant.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he will send a letter to the Borough Assembly asking them to approve an ordinance adjusting the District budget at their next meeting. He added that he has spoken to the Assembly asking for a shortened hearing so that the budget adjustment can be voted on during their second meeting in August. He stated that he would explain to the Assembly how the District intends to spend the additional funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

FY 1999 Budget Expenditures Plan: Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve an expenditures plan for additional funds generated by SB36. He stated that the plan includes money for the District's retirement contribution for teachers; the governor's Quality Schools Initiative; charter school support; increased staffing; increased nursing services; textbooks/science supplies; data processing equipment upgrades; certified diploma remediation; extended contract days for librarians, counselors, athletic directors and other staff; soccer program support; and equipment/supplies.

Mr. Dahlgren noted that if the Board wished to institute an art program some funds would be needed to purchase supplies and materials and would be included in the category titled, Equipment/Supplies. He stated that a more detailed list on the expenditures of the equipment/supplies money will be provided to the Board in the future.

Ms. Germano asked for a more specific breakdown of the use of the equipment/supplies allocation. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he will review school requests for health and safety items first and then appoint a committee of administrators to assess and evaluate the requests. Ms. Germano expressed concern that the requests for health/safety items could use up the entire amount allocated under equipment/supplies. Mr. Dahlgren reported that the District currently has approximately \$240,000 in the equipment budget.

FY 1999 Budget Expenditures Plan (Continued):

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he would ask the Instruction Department to assist with the design of an art program.

Ms. Germano asked that the community also be involved.

Ms. Germano asked why the soccer program was being funded for \$47,364. Mr. Dahlgren responded that he calculated funds for 1 boys coach, and 1 girls coach at each participating school at the same range as the track coach (12 coaches at \$3,000 each plus \$1,500 per school for travel costs).

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve an expenditures plan for additional funds generated by SB36 as outlined. Ms. Germano seconded.

Ms. Germano asked whether the increased staffing mentioned in the plan would mean that the District will reinstate pool directors, theater staff, etc. Mr. Dahlgren replied that the regular classroom staffing formula will be reinstated which includes a .5 FTE at all 9-12 schools. He stated that the plan does not reinstate pool directors or other staff. Mr. Dahlgren added that the reinstatement of four .5 positions equals more than the \$44,000 figure that is used to calculate 1 position because the full amount of health benefit costs are calculated for four individuals.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to the expenditures plan specifying "regular high school staff" and providing a detailed breakdown of expenditures under the increased staffing category. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Crawford, Germano, Gross

NO - Arness

Amendment carried.

Dr. Anderson stated that he could not support the expenditures plan when soccer is being funded and gymnastics is not, especially when it is likely that they will have to be deleted in two years.

FY 1999 Budget Expenditures
Plan (Continued):

Ms. Germano stated that she felt that schools are obligated to take care of textbooks, supplies and instructional materials for their students and when additional funds are available the schools who do not have them are the winners and the schools who have spent their money wisely are the losers. Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board that they have received quite a bit of criticism for the lack of textbooks and that the only way to deal with that criticism is to order textbooks through central office. Ms. Germano suggested that the schools that are lacking textbooks be made to purchase them and the schools that have already purchased textbooks be allocated money to spend on items that they have wanted but have not had the funds.

Ms. Germano expressed concern that much of the certified diploma remediation funds will be spent from the Special Services Department where there is no clear explanation of expenditures.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Arness, Crawford, Germano, Gross

NO - Anderson

Amended motion carried.

1998-99 Board Goals:

Mr. Dahlgren presented five goals for accomplishment during the 1998-99 school year as a result of the Board June 9 planning session. The recommended goals are: 1) To develop criteria for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District diploma certification through the expansion of the assessment program, the establishment of benchmark targets, and the development of remediation procedures; 2) to evaluate the elementary program as it relates to pupil-teacher ratios, specialists in reading, art and counseling; 3) to develop a facility plan for the Nikiski area, Soldotna Middle, Skyview High, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High, and Voznesenka School; 4) to develop a public relations effort between staff and community through asset building and community surveys; and 5) to develop an equipment replacement plan that will include an evaluation of the District's technology plan and possible technology bond.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve five goals and four other activities to be accomplished by reports and/or worksessions during the 1998-99 school year. Ms. Germano seconded.

Ms. Germano asked that all student discipline actions be reported to the Board. Mr. Dahlgren responded that the request could be accommodated.

1998-99 Board Goals
(Continued):

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve an amendment to add Goal Number 6, to review Special Education Department expenditures and report to the Board. Ms. Germano seconded.

ACTION

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

Revisions to BP 3541.1,
School-Related Trips:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 3541.1, School-Related Trips, that adds language allowing students to drive themselves to alternate sites during the school day with parent permission. Transportation of students by other students is prohibited.

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve revisions to BP 3541.1, School-Related Trips. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of BP 5134, Student
Production of Services and
Materials:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the adoption of BP 5134, Student Production of Services and Materials which requires that a waiver of liability and assumption of risk form be completed prior to receipt of items for which student labor is involved. Mr. Dahlgren noted that a revision has been made as a result of the first reading to exclude student products or services that are deemed to have a negligible potential for product liability risk.

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the adoption of BP 5134, Student Production of Services and Materials.
Mr. Arness seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

Aurora Borealis Curriculum
Change:

Mr. Dahlgren presented a request from the Aurora Borealis Charter School to change from the Calvert curriculum to the use of the scope and sequence of the Core Knowledge Program.
Mrs. Oberts requested the Board approve an amendment to the original Aurora Borealis school proposal in the following sections:

Section VI:

"The Calvert School curriculum will be utilized as the core curriculum." was changed to read, "The scope and sequence of the Core Knowledge program will be the foundation for the core curriculum."

"The parent receives a teaching manual which will allow them to keep track of where pupils are with their assignments." was deleted.

Section X:

Aurora Borealis Curriculum
Change (Continued):

"The Aurora Borealis School will use the Calvert School curriculum as its core curriculum." was changed to read, "The Aurora Borealis School will use the scope and sequence of the Core Knowledge Program."

Ms. Germano asked how the change of curriculum will affect the grant money. Mrs. Oberts stated that she did not think the grant money would be affected since a big portion of the grant was teacher planning time to implement the program, develop an Alaskan history and multicultural unit and develop a method to assess their goals and objectives. She stated that the school will still spend their grant money on technology, office supplies, school furniture and other items that were specified in the grant.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that upon Board approval he would write a letter to the Department of Education requesting their approval, and suggested that the motion state that the words "Calvert Curriculum" be replaced with the Core Knowledge Program throughout the entire proposal.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the Aurora Borealis curriculum proposal including the administrative recommendation that the words "Calvert Curriculum" be replaced with "Core Knowledge Program throughout the entire proposal. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Dr. Anderson stated that he felt that the Core Knowledge Program was excellent and he would support the school proposal amendment.

Mr. Arness stated that with enthusiastic teachers and engaged parents any curriculum would be successful.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gross commended the Aurora Borealis staff for a fine presentation.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Sandra Taylor thanked Mr. Dahlgren and the Board for allowing the Aurora Borealis Charter School to change their curriculum.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford stated that she was excited about the Aurora Borealis curriculum change and is eager to see the results. She added that she was glad to be on the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued):

Ms. Germano thanked Mr. Patton for a fine job accommodating evacuees and their fish during the recent fire in Homer.

Dr. Anderson thanked the Board for preventing him from working on the District graduation requirements during the June meeting. He stated he recently had an interesting conversation with his nephew from Houston, Texas, where advanced algebra is required for graduation and with his daughter-in-law who stated that a school district in Utah cannot find teachers for 600 students who want to take chemistry and a similar number who want to take physics. He stated that he will continue to encourage science and math.

Mrs. Gross stated she was impressed with the curriculum presentation by the Aurora Borealis Charter School staff and thanked them for their efforts.

At 8:43 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Ms. Germano seconded.

ADJOURN:

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of July 6, 1998,

were approved on August 3, 1998,

as written.

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August 3, 1998

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Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Treasurer

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Ms. Deborah Germano, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and
Business Management

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Mr. Mick Wykis Ms. Shana Loshbaugh

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Gary Hondel Ms. Terri Woodward

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Gross invited those present to participate in the Pledge of
Allegiance.

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present

Mr. Joe Arness Present

Mrs. Susan Larned Present

ROLL CALL: Dr. Nels Anderson Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford Present

Ms. Deborah Germano Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins Present

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA: The agenda was approved with a change.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of July 6, 1998, were approved as printed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 p.m., Ms. Germano moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss hiring. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION: At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT: Mr. Dahlgren announced that Rita Platt was selected to receive the 1998 Sallie Mae First Class Teacher award for Alaska.

Mr. Dahlgren reported that the Assembly is scheduled to introduce an ordinance for the adjusted budget and will vote on it during the following meeting.

Mr. Dahlgren reminded those present of the upcoming new administrator orientation on August 12, the administrator meeting on August 13 and 14 and the Districtwide inservice on August 19 at Kenai Central High.

ASSESSMENT REPORT:

Mr. McLain presented the Assessment Report for the 1997-98 school year. Mr. McLain thanked Mick Wykis for the presentation at the Board worksession, which was held prior to the regular meeting.

Ms. Germano asked why student test scores were trending downward. Mr. McLain suggested that there are many factors to consider and that one explanation might be that the transient rate is higher than thought in the past. He stated that he will be meeting with the building administrators and asking them to look at their individual scores. He stated that if test scores are down principals will be asked to develop a plan to improve them.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Gross reported that she had received a letter from Shirley Holloway, asking her to serve on the Miliken Foundation awards committee on August 21.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Hazard Bus Route Resolutions, Furniture and Equipment List, 1998-99 Teacher Assignments, Resignation, and Leave of Absence Extension Request/Support.

Hazard Bus Route Resolutions:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve hazardous bus routes for North Star, Nikiski, Seward, Redoubt, Soldotna, Sears, Mt. View, West Homer Elementary, Paul Banks and K-Beach elementary schools for the 1998-99 school year.

Furniture and Equipment List:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Ninilchik Elementary/High School addition in the amount of \$99,324.

1998-99 Teacher Assignments:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1998-99 teacher assignments for Tamie Bebee, Special Education/resource, West Homer Elementary; Brenda Jones, (half-time), Susan B. English; Catherine Kibling, Special Education/resource, Skyview High; Deborah Langford, Grade 3, Redoubt Elementary; Karen Murdock, Special Education/severe, West Homer Elementary; Pat Shields, vocational education (three-quarter time), Homer High; Jocelyn Shiro-Westphal, (temporary), District Wide physical therapist; Lisa Wiley, language arts, Nikiski Middle/High; Brian Bailey, (half time) QUEST, North Star Elementary; and Jenifer Cameron, Districtwide art specialist.

Resignation:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a resignation effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Stephanie Tauzell-Roberts, math, Nikiski Middle/High School.

Leave of Absence Extension
Request/Support:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 1998-99 school year for Marya Kalugin, bilingual/migrant tutor, Voznesenka School.

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Number 2, 4, 5. Ms. Germano seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the hazardous bus resolutions as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Crawford, Germano, Larned, Mullins, Gross

NO - Anderson

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the 1998-99 Teacher Assignments. Mr. Arness seconded.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to approve each teacher appointment separately. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Crawford, Germano

NO - Arness, Larned, Mullins, Gross

Amendment failed.

Ms. Germano expressed her concern that the District follow established policies and procedures as they relate to hiring.

VOTE:

Leave of Absence Extension
Request/Support (Continued):

YES - Arness, Crawford, Larned, Mullins, Gross

NO - Anderson, Germano

Motion carried.

Certified Diploma
Recommendations:

Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve the proposed certified diploma definition, statement of charge, four committee action plans for 1998-99 and six recommendations and statements.

Mr. McLain gave an overview of each section within the report. He stated that according to the assessment results some students will need some serious remediation in order to ensure success in achieving a certified diploma.

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the certified diploma recommendations as presented. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

Six Year Enrollment
Projections and Plan:

Mr. Hickey presented the Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan for 1998-1999 through 2003-2004. He noted a worksession was conducted prior to the meeting to review the information. Projects for major maintenance and future construction needs were presented in prioritized ranking.

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan for 1998-1999 through 2003-2004.

Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the addition to the school construction list between Items Number 5 and 6 to add a covering to the Homer Middle school ice rink. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Ms. Germano stated that in warmer areas such as Homer the ice is too difficult to maintain because of the rainfall. She added that as long as the District agrees that ice rinks should be covered then all of the Peninsula school ice rinks should be covered.

Mr. Hickey requested the Board amend the school construction list to add an addition to the Nikolaevsk gymnasium between Items Number 7 and 8.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Arness,

NO - Crawford, Larned, Mullins, Germano, Gross

Amendment carried.

Six Year Enrollment
Projections and Plan
(Continued):

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the addition between
Items Number 7 and 8 to construct an addition to the
Nikolaevsk gymnasium. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arness asked why the gymnasium addition was necessary.
Mr. Hickey explained that it is a safety issue. Mr. Dahlgren
added that when the gymnasium was originally built it was with
the intent that it would be expanded in the future.

Ms. Germano asked about the necessity of constructing
additional elementary schools when the Kenai Elementary
facility is not currently being used. Mr. Hickey stated that it is
difficult to predict student enrollment five years down the road
and he felt that it was prudent to anticipate some growth.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board move Items Number 14 through
18 to the bottom of the list. Ms. Germano seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Crawford, Larned, Germano, Gross

NO - Mullins

Amendment carried.

Mr. Arness expressed his concern over the usefulness of the
priority list. He stated that the list should be confined to
planning for construction that is actually going to happen as
opposed to creating a dream "wish list." He added that covering
the ice rink in Homer just because Kenai has one is a prime
example of why the "wish list" is not a good idea.

Ms. Germano reiterated that if the District believes that
covering ice rinks is a priority then temperature and climate
should be considered.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve Resolution 98-99-
1 appointing John K. Dahlgren as the Registered Agent for the
Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc., effective August 3,
1998. The Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Incorporated is
a non-profit corporation established to handle the Kenai Central
High vocational house projects.

Registered Agent/Kenai
Peninsula Building Authority,
Inc.:

Registered Agent/Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc. (Continued):

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Resolution 98-99-1 appointing John K. Dahlgren as the Registered Agent for the Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Incorporated, effective August 3, 1998. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Appointment:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the appointment of Steven Jones, principal, Susan B. English School.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the appointment of Steven Jones, principal, Susan B. English School.

Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Ms. Germano asked how the interview process went in Seldovia. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he and Mrs. Radtke accompanied Mr. Jones to Seldovia. He stated that after attending the Alaska Teacher Job Fair in Anchorage, it was very difficult to find someone who was interested. He stated that he had interviewed Mr. Jones last year and felt that he was a viable candidate. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the Seldovia site council and a large community group was in attendance. He stated that the District offered Mr. Jones a contract pending some further reference checks.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs. The proposed revisions update the policy section on refusal to submit to testing; clarifies the intent of the policy related to repeat offenses; clarifies that suspension is part of the consequences for selling or distributing alcohol or other drugs and requires a recommendation for expulsion for distribution or sale; and recognizes and states the requirement that there will be a due process hearing (pursuant to established school board policies) before imposing a suspension.

Mrs. Gross asked whether prohibitive behavior included a student's refusal to take a Breathalyzer test. Mr. McLain explained that legal council recommends the District continue working on the refusal aspect and that a separate policy providing more detail will be forthcoming.

Mrs. Gross noted that the last sentence under the section titled, Selling, Offering for Sale, or Distributing is unclear and asked that it be divided into a two sentences. Mr. McLain explained that legal council suggested that the sentence clarify that due process will still occur prior to suspension.

FIRST READING OF POLICY
REVISIONS (Continued):

Mr. Arness asked if students caught selling, offering for sale or distributing an illegal substance will be recommended for expulsion on a first-time offense. Mr. McLain replied that students caught selling or distributing drugs or alcohol shall be recommended to the Board for expulsion. Mr. Arness asked whether it would be considered distributing if one student shares drugs or alcohol with a friend. Mr. McLain replied that from the administration's perspective if a student gives an illegal substance to another student it will be considered distributing. He stated that the message of the policy is that distribution of drugs or alcohol in this District is a very serious offense.

Mrs. Mullins asked whether the section titled, Selling, Offering for Sale, or Distributing applied to school grounds or school activities as mentioned in an earlier section of the policy. Mr. McLain stated that the intent of the policy was that it applied to school grounds or school activities but not after-school hours or off-school grounds.

Mr. Anderson asked about policies dealing with violence and intimidating behavior occurring in the schools that are not being brought to the Board for expulsion. Mr. McLain stated that the District will be focusing on those policies with school administrators. He stated that the policy manual contains policies that are fairly straightforward but that principals may need to be encouraged to follow them more closely. He stated that there seems to be a wide range of what is appropriate to bring to the Board for expulsion and what is not.

Mr. Arness suggested the wording be changed to read, "students shall be recommended to the central office for expulsion and who may forward that request to the Board of Education." Ms. Germano stated that all students should be treated equitably whether they participate in school activities or not. Mr. Dahlgren echoed Ms. Germano's concern and stated that using the word "shall" versus "may" ensures fair treatment of all students. He stated that student fights are causing serious injuries and encouraged the Board to support stronger policies against drugs and violence.

Dr. Anderson clarified Mr. Arness' suggestion that central office would act as a screen for expulsion referrals, and if the referrals are appropriate, then the Board will consider them; if not, the administration will handle them at the building level.

Mrs. Crawford stated that she liked the "zero tolerance" philosophy but expressed concern about consistency and fairness to all students.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mrs. Crawford expressed concern that the District ensure consistent and fair treatment for all students and also in the area of personnel selection.

ADJOURN: At 9:17 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of August 3, 1998,
were approved on August 17, 1998,

as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

August 17, 1998

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Treasurer

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Ms. Deborah Germano, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and
Business Management

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Miss Sara Holt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Louise McDonald Mr. Gary Hodel

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, (Mr. Joe Arness, Mrs. Susan Larned, Dr. Nels Anderson, Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Ms. Deborah Germano, and Mrs. Debra Mullins) were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:21 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss the superintendent evaluation and Board self-evaluation. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:30 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Gross invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
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Mr. Joe Arness	Present
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Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
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ROLL CALL: Dr. Nels Anderson Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
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Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
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Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 10c. Approval of AASB Nomination and the deletion of Item 10a.(3) Approval of Leave of Absence Request/Support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of August 3, 1998, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:	Mr. Dahlgren reported that he received a letter of request from the Aurora Borealis Academic Policy Committee to use the Kenai Elementary School to house their students. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he directed Mr. Hickey to locate the architect's renovation information which was completed several years ago. Mr. Dahlgren suggested the District return the Kenai Elementary building to the Borough. He recommended that the District not move another school into the Kenai Elementary building.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:	Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board of the Districtwide Inservice, August 19, 1998, 9:00 a.m., at Kenai Central High School. He invited Board Members to attend the new employee breakfast which begins at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria just prior to the inservice. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mrs. Marlene Byerly has been selected as NASSP's Alaska Secondary School Principal of the Year and that Mr. Dan Walker has been chosen as one of four finalists for Alaska's Teacher of the Year.
FINANCIAL REPORT:	Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending July 31, 1998. Mr. Hickey noted that the report reflected the adjusted budget as approved by the Board of Education and that the Borough Assembly would consider the requested adjustments at their August 18, 1998, meeting.
CONSENT AGENDA:	Items presented on the Consent Agenda were 1998-99 Teacher Assignments and Resignations.
1998-99 Teacher Assignment:	Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1998-99 teacher assignments for Jim Helgeson, middle school, Nanwalek School and Olga Timofeeva, English, Kenai Central High School.
Resignations:	Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Richard Smith, Special Ed/ resource, Kenai Central High; Tammy Woffinden, English, Kenai Central High and Wayne Vaughan, music, Ninilchik Elementary/ High School.
ACTION	Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Number 1 and 2 including addendums. Mrs. Larned seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BP 5131.6, Alcohol and
Other Drugs:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs. The proposed revisions update the policy section on refusal to submit to testing; clarifies the intent of the policy related to repeat offenses; clarifies that suspension is part of the consequences for selling or distributing alcohol or other drugs and requires a recommendation for expulsion for distribution or sale; and recognizes and states the requirement that there will be a due process hearing (pursuant to established School Board policies) before imposing a suspension.

Mr. McLain distributed a revised policy including changes as requested during the last Board meeting. The new language requires that students suspended for selling, offering for sale or distributing alcohol, drugs or other illicit items be recommended for expulsion to the superintendent or his designee who will review the matter.

Mr. McLain explained that based on the review, the superintendent or designee may bring the expulsion recommendation to the Board.

Mr. McLain added that a quarterly report will be provided to the Board listing student substance abuse and violence incidents.

Mr. McLain noted that additional language was included in the policy that clarifies discipline related to subsequent violations.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve revisions to BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board amend the policy by adding the words, "by a student after consultation with his or her parent or guardian" after "Refusal," in the first sentence of page (b). Ms. Germano seconded.

Mr. McLain stated that in an earlier section of the policy, the District is required to notify the parents when students are required to take a Rapid Eye Exam, Breathalyzer or urinalysis. Mr. Arness stated that the intent of the amendment is to involve parents before a student decides whether to cooperate with the substance abuse testing.

Mr. Dahlgren explained that quite often parents are not available at times when substance abuse testing is necessary and that the proposed amendment would impede the investigation process.

Mr. Arness stated that the intent of the amendment was to keep students from getting into trouble with the policy without knowing the repercussions. He suggested adding the words, "when they are available," at the end of the new wording.

Mr. Dahlgren outlined the procedures taken when a student is suspected of substance abuse and refuses substance abuse testing. He stated that parents and police, when necessary, are contacted. He stated that there are too many instances where students get into trouble when their parents go away for the weekend. Mr. Dahlgren stated that not all students have an emergency phone number and that not all students live with parents.

Ms. Germano asked whether it is a high level of importance to contact parents when their child is suspected of substance abuse. Mr. Dahlgren replied that it is extremely important to contact parents when their child is suspected of substance abuse but that he was referring to activities occurring away from school grounds such as field trips or cocurricular trips and parents may not be available.

RECESS:

At 7:50 p.m., Mrs. Gross called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:

At 7:57 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Amendment failed unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board amend the policy by adding the sentence, "Refusal to submit to such a test will be treated as a positive determination of drug or alcohol use per this policy.", at the end of the first paragraph of page (b). Dr. Anderson seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

ASSOCIATION OF
ALASKA SCHOOL
BOARDS
NOMINATION:

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the nomination of Mari-Anne Gross to the AASB Board of Directors. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford thanked the Board for another great meeting.

Dr. Anderson stated that he was interested to learn that in order to participate in cheerleading, his daughter is required to attend 10 practices and pay the participation fee. He stated that he did not understand why cheerleading does not qualify as a legitimate extracurricular activity.

Dr. Anderson suggested the Board consider a policy addressing predatory sexual behavior among students.

Mrs. Larned congratulated staff for their recent awards and Mrs. Gross for her nomination to the AASB Board of Directors.

At 8:04 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ADJOURN:

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of August 17, 1998,
were approved on September 14, 1998,
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

September 14, 1998

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Treasurer

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Ms. Deborah Germano, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and
Business Management

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Mrs. Lana Syverson

Mrs. Dawn Bowman

Mrs. Gretchen Becker

Mr. Bill Syverson

Miss Catherine Becker

Mrs. Debbie Palm

Mrs. Christensen

Mrs. Ruth Brown

Mrs. Devon Zeyer

Mrs. Marita Parks

Mrs. Shirley Zobeck

Mr. Rick Taylor

Mr. Paul Zobeck

Mrs. Sandra Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Steckel

Mr. Todd Syverson

Mr. Justin George

Mrs. Mary Jackson

Mrs. Karen Mahurin

Mrs. Robin Nyce

Ms. Barb Vogel

Mr. George Nyce

Mrs. Tish Hallett

Miss Kylie Zeyer

Ms. Melody Douglas

Ms. Tracy Davis

Mr. Gary Jackson

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Gross invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross

Present

Mr. Joe Arness

Absent/Excused

Mrs. Susan Larned

Present

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Nels Anderson

Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford

Present

Ms. Deborah Germano

Absent/Excused

Mrs. Debra Mullins

Present

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the deletion of Item 4a. Hearing of Delegations and the addition of Item 10e. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement/KPEA.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of August 17, 1998, were approved as printed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Marcia Kinney, Chapman Elementary School parent, told the Board that last year her son was diagnosed as an insulin-dependent diabetic. Mrs. Kinney expressed concern for the nursing time allocated to Chapman Elementary School and asked the Board to consider providing a full time nurse. She explained that the school secretary who substitutes for the nurse is not medically trained to perform diabetic management of a student. She stated that the District is putting her son's health and safety in jeopardy and depriving him of his right to an equal and fair education by not providing adequate nursing services.

Mrs. Gretchen Becker, Soldotna Middle School parent, expressed her disappointment over Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association's (KPSAA) recent change to the basketball and volleyball programs. She reported that the number of weeks for intramural and interscholastic play were changed to six and four respectively. She stated that, in addition, if a school has more than one team, each team will be evenly balanced by skill level as approved by the principal. She stated that this change is inconsistent with the General Team Selection policy section as written in the current Cocurricular Handbook. She stated that the only school affected by the change is Soldotna Middle School, and that it prevents the school from putting their most competitive athletes together on one team during the four weeks of interscholastic play. Mrs. Becker stated she took offense over a quote during the KPSAA meeting when a KPSAA board member stated, "The important thing about dividing teams is balance, can't have a 'jock' team at one school." She stated that serious student athletes should be provided an opportunity to play at a competitive level higher than intramurals. Mrs. Becker requested that KPSAA meetings be held during a time when the public could attend.

Miss Catherine Becker, Soldotna Middle School 8th grade student, asked that selections for basketball and volleyball be left to the coaches, regardless of the amount of teams at each school.

Mr. John Steckel, retired teacher, stated that he had coached at Soldotna Middle School for 20 years, and during that time there has been a variety of team configurations and that track is the only sport the school dominated. He related a story of when the basketball team played the Chapman Elementary team and won by 50 points. He stated that he suspects the recent KPSAA changes are an attempt to reduce the strength of the Soldotna Middle School basketball team. He stated that records from the last 20 years show Soldotna Middle School has not dominated any sport other than track and field.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(Continued):

Miss Samantha Penner, Soldotna Middle School 8th grade student, voiced her opposition to recent changes in team selection and length of season for basketball and volleyball. She stated that the changes reduce the coaching and training time for competition teams, thereby lowering standards and creating mediocre teams. She asked whether standards would be lowered for requirements to make an A, or qualify for first chair in band, upper math or honors English. She stated that students who achieve a higher skill level should not have those skills diminished by balancing competitive teams.

Mr. Rick Taylor, Aurora Borealis Charter School parent, told the Board that parents of their school share many common goals for their students. He reported that representatives from Aurora Borealis Charter School attended a charter school workshop in Portland, Oregon this summer. He stated that people from many different kinds of charter schools were in attendance, and a common complaint among the schools was securing adequate housing. He stated that the use of the Kenai Elementary School would be a vast improvement over their current facility and asked the Board what steps would be necessary to occupy the building.

Dr. Anderson asked what renovation would be required for Aurora Borealis Charter School to occupy the Kenai Elementary building. Mr. Hickey replied that approximately \$80,000 in upgrades would be required to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). He stated that a chair lift would have to be installed for handicapped students, and fire code and asbestos issues would have to be addressed. Mr. Hickey stated that asbestos abatement could be extremely costly. He reported that, although he was unsure of the exact cost of renovation, estimates have been received as high as \$2 million.

Mr. Taylor stated that the school faces some of the same problems in their current facility. He stated that the Aurora Borealis Charter school staff and parents have not received any insurmountable reasons why they cannot occupy the Kenai Elementary building and would like to have a discussion with the Board regarding each issue.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(Continued):

Mrs. Sandy Taylor, Aurora Borealis Charter School parent, referred to e-mail messages sent to Board members expressing concerns regarding school housing. Mrs. Taylor reported that the school pays \$75,000 in rent in their current facility. She stated that the money could be put to better use by renovating Kenai Elementary. She stated that a larger facility would allow the school to offer single grade levels for each teacher. She stated that the Academic Policy Committee wrote a letter requesting the single level wing. She asked why Kenai Alternative High School was allowed to move into the Kenai Elementary School single level wing with no renovations and Aurora Borealis was not, even though they have more students. She asked the Board for a sound and logical response to their letter of request.

Mr. Paul Zobeck, Soldotna Middle School parent, stated he believes that the recent KPSAA ruling designed to balance cocurricular teams was developed specifically to force Soldotna Middle School to require an equal amount of 7th grade and 8th grade students on each team. Mr. Zobeck stated that the new ruling is clearly discriminatory since Soldotna Middle is the only school with two teams participating in basketball and volleyball. He stated that the make-up of each team should be a site decision. Representatives from Soldotna Middle School contacted KPSAA and requested that a group of student athletes be present while the new ruling was being discussed, but was conveniently overlooked. Mr. Zobeck commented that the author of the new ruling is a middle school basketball coach whose team will not be affected by the ruling which constitutes a conflict of interest. Mr. Zobeck noted that the "get Soldotna" rule was designed to keep Soldotna from stacking their team and dominating the league ruining the balance that KPSAA seeks. He stated that records indicate that in the past five years Soldotna Middle has had two teams participate in girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and volleyball and out of 30 teams participating, only one boys' basketball and one volleyball championship has occurred. Mr. Zobeck stated that the new rule is unnecessary and mean-spirited, and asked the Board to rescind KPSAA's discriminatory "get Soldotna" rule.

Mrs. Debbie Palm, Aurora Borealis parent, stated that the current school facility is inadequate to accommodate continued growth. She asked the Board to assist the Aurora Borealis Charter School in their desire to move to the Kenai Elementary building.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(Continued):

Miss Kylie Zeyer, Soldotna Middle School 8th grade student, told the Board that this school year is the last opportunity for the current basketball team to play together before they are split up between two high schools.

Miss Jamie Beaver, Soldotna Middle School 8th grade student, stated that if an athlete is going to improve their skills they will need competition. She stated that once student athletes are in high school and college they will be up against much tougher competition. She stated that if the Soldotna Middle School teams are split up they will not be able to compete.

Mr. Mike Dunn, Aurora Borealis parent, commended the teachers for doing an admirable job under substandard teaching conditions. He stated that the consensus of school parents believe that a move to the Kenai Elementary building would be highly beneficial to the overall success of Aurora Borealis Charter School. He stated that parents and staff are willing to do whatever is necessary to accomplish such a move, but have not been given any substantial reasons from the District administration to deny their request. He stated that if there is resistance or lack of accommodation due to personal agendas or simple politics, a disservice will be done to students at Aurora Borealis Charter School. He asked the Board for their understanding and assistance in moving forward with their request to move into the Kenai Elementary building.

Mr. Brent Sinnet, Soldotna Middle School parent, voiced his disagreement with the recent motion passed by the KPSAA Board at the March 17, 1998 meeting. He stated that watering down a specific school's most competitive athletic teams, for reasons that are still unclear, hurts that school's teams while providing no discernible benefit to the student athletes at the other middle schools. He urged the Board to return control over the selection of athletic team to the coaches, without restriction.

Ms. Ruth Brown, Aurora Borealis parent, described uncomfortable, crowded, classroom conditions and stated that the school would like to have more room and that their money would be better spent to renovate the Kenai Elementary building. She expressed appreciation for the attention they have already received and hoped the Board will assist in their request to relocate.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

Mrs. Marita Parks, Aurora Borealis parent, stated that her concern for a larger school facility stems from acting as a substitute nurse. She stated that the classrooms are too small and that students are sitting too close together creating an unhealthy environment. She reported that, because of the small windows and lack of ventilation, the rooms are stuffy and students become drowsy. She added that the gymnasium floor is carpeted and unsafe, and the upper floor does not have running water.

Mr. Bill Syverson, Aurora Borealis teacher, read a letter sent by Mr. Richard Ross, City Manager, City of Kenai endorsing the request by Aurora Borealis Charter School to occupy the Kenai Elementary building.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Dahlgren announced that he received a letter from the commissioner of education approving the request for a curriculum change from Aurora Borealis Charter School, and one from the Aurora Borealis Charter School Academic Policy Committee requesting the use of the Kenai Elementary building to house their students.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he met with the president of the Aurora Borealis Charter School Academic Policy Committee and explained that the president of the Board of Education and District administration set the agenda for each meeting. He reported that the Kenai Alternative School has relocated to the space previously occupied by People Count to bring the District into compliance with the Department of Education and ADA requirements. Mr. Dahlgren stated that previously the District administration recommended that the Kenai Elementary and Homer Intermediate buildings be returned to the Borough. The Board voted to keep Kenai Elementary and return Homer Intermediate. He stated that the District Administration has not changed their recommendation to return the building since it has outlived its usefulness as a school. He expressed concern that it is not an appropriate place to house students in its present condition. He did not recommend that Board enter into a landlord/tenant relationship with the Kenai Elementary building since the District would be responsible for bringing the building

into compliance for use as a school. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the Board could decide to give the Kenai Elementary building to the City of Kenai to be used as the City chooses.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS (Continued):

Mrs. Gross thanked parents of the Aurora Borealis Charter School for attending the meeting and voicing their opinions. She explained that the administration is hired to advise the Board on decisions that are in the best interest of the District as a whole. She further explained that it is not the Board's prerogative to go against the advice of the administration. She stated that the Board will review the Aurora Borealis Charter School request again and develop a letter explaining whether or not their request can be acted on. Mrs. Gross stated that she personally supports the recommendation of the administration.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K. P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A.:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPEA president, introduced Iona Holloway, NEA Executive Committee, who has served as a paraprofessional in a preschool and high school in Louisiana for 24 years.

Ms. Holloway stated it has always been her dream to visit Alaska. She stated that she has spent her time visiting schools and talking to staff. Ms. Holloway announced that KPEA and KPESA is sponsoring a community workshop focusing on keeping schools a safe place for children. She stated that NEA is deeply committed to the goal of making America schools safer and that schools must be a place of hope, learning, and opportunity. She reported that NEA's Safe School Program is the combined efforts of school employees, parents, law enforcement officers, social service professionals, and concerned citizens in a community working together to make America's schools safe. She stated that student violence is a community problem, that we must look for signs that a child is at-risk, and teach the difference between tattling and telling. Ms. Holloway quoted Ms. Mahurin who said, from an acceptance speech given at the NEA National Convention, "My work at school is most certainly an extension of my heart; it's my heart and soul." She concluded by saying that when communities come together to do their part, beautiful things will happen.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Gross presented awards of appreciation to Jacquie Imle, principal, Sears Elementary; Tish Hallett, science teacher, Soldotna Middle School and Robin Nyce, school nurse, Soldotna Elementary Soldotna, for outstanding service to education and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Dahlgren presented the Superintendent's Annual Report for the 1997-98 school year. The report highlights staff achievements, reports on various programs throughout the District and progress made on the strategic plan and Board goals.

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

Mr. Dahlgren announced that the next administrator meeting will be September 23 and 24, 1998.

Mr. Dahlgren provided clarification and history relating to KPSAA's decision to balance basketball and volleyball teams at the middle school level. He stated that during the time his youngest daughter was an 8th grade student at Soldotna Middle School she did not have a positive experience in basketball. He explained that the two 7th grade girls' basketball teams were combined into one, and instead of dividing all of the girls into two equal teams, 8th grade girls were selected for one team and the other team was comprised of only 7th grade girls. He stated that because a tremendous amount of pressure is placed on student athletes by having one competitive team, they do not have a pleasurable experience.

Mr. Dahlgren presented a listing of worksessions and reports to be presented at future Board meetings from November 16, 1998 through May 17, 1999.

**FISCAL YEAR 1999
BUDGET REPORT:**

Mr. Hickey presented a report reflecting budget accounts that were changed as a result of recent budget adjustments approved by the Borough Assembly.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending August 31, 1998.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Larned reported she attended a School to Careers Advisory Committee meeting, and explained that Carl Perkins' money will be given to Homer, Soldotna and Ninilchik High Schools as a vocational program improvement grant. She further explained that every three years the \$20,000 grant money will rotate between nine schools. She announced that a Vocational Student of the Month will continue to be selected. She announced that she had a copy of last year's mini grant awards and information on vocational classes that have been added and dropped, and the graduate follow-up study of the class of 1992 for interested Board members.

Mrs. Gross announced that she had 50 copies of a free book to give away titled, *Helping kids Succeed Alaskan Style*, which is a joint publication by the Association of Alaskan School Boards (AASB) and the Department of Health and Social Services Maternal Child and Health Bureau. She commented that she felt the book was a wonderful resource for everyone in the community to help children succeed. She noted that the book is an Alaskan version of the ASSET model.

Mrs. Gross announced that she will attend an AASB Board of Directors meeting later this week.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Resignations, Tentative Non-Tenure Teacher Assignments, Teacher Assignments, Leave of Absence Request 1999-2000/Certified, and Leave of Absence Requests 1998-99/Support.

Resignations:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective August 1998, from Jenifer Cameron, art specialist, districtwide and Suzie Stafford-Hawker, special education/resource, Seward Middle/Sr. High School.

Tentative Non-Tenure Teacher Assignments:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve tentative non-tenure teacher assignments for the 1998-99 school year for Willa de Sousa, art (half-time), Chapman Elementary; Barbara Spence, special education/resource, Kenai Middle; Janet VanDriessche, special education/resource (temporary), Seward Middle/Sr. High; and Jill Showman, high school generalist, Nanwalek Elementary/High.

Teacher Assignments:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1998-99 teacher assignments for Michael Ashwell, chemistry/physics, Kenai Central High; Michael Audette, music, Ninilchik School; Susan Biggs, music, Sterling Elementary; Karen Bornheimer, Grades K-2 (temporary), Susan B. English Elementary/High; Elaine Chalup, Grades 5/6, Voznesenka School; Donna Rae Faulkner, science (half-time), Homer High; Reid Kornstad, math (full-time), Nikiski Middle/Sr. High; David Martian, Grade 6, North Star Elementary; Theodore Riddall, athletic director, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High, Katherine Serge, English/social studies (half time) Voznesenka School; Debra Womack, special education/resource (temporary), Redoubt Elementary; and Mariah Wolf, middle school/counselor, Susan B. English School.

Leave of Absence Request 1999-2000/Certified:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence request for the 1999-2000 school year for Miriam McKay, choir, Skyview High.

and Leave of Absence Requests
1998-99/Support:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for Katie Carmody, head custodian, Sears Elementary, for the remainder of 1998-99; Rochelle Hanson, school secretary I/special education aide, Port Graham Elementary High, for the 1998-99 school year; Jerry Hanson, custodian, Port Graham Elementary/High, for the 1998-99 school year; and Efrocia Polushkin, special education aide, Voznesenka School, effective until January 1999.

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 5. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR
RESIGNATIONS:

With great difficulty, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations, effective June 1999, for John K. Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools, and Jacquie Imle, principal, Sears Elementary. She stated that it has been a pleasure to work with both administrators and they will be greatly missed. She wished both people the best during their retirement.

Mrs. Sandra Taylor commented that Mr. Dahlgren was her high school principal. She thanked him for working with her during swim team events and extended gratitude for his work and assistance with the charter schools.

Mr. John Steckel wished Mr. Dahlgren and Ms. Jacquie Imle the best during their retirement.

Mrs. Gretchen Becker commented that it is not often a superintendent is seen with a stop watch at a middle school track meet, and extended her appreciation for his personal involvement with students. She stated that it is a pleasure working for Ms. Imle at Sears Elementary, and that the staff and students will miss her.

Ms. Jacquie Imle stated that she has enjoyed working for Mr. Dahlgren, and commented that this past school year has been a pleasure. She added that she has enjoyed her position with the District, but it is time to explore other opportunities.

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve resignations from John K. Dahlgren and Jacquie Imle, effective June 1999.

Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson stated that in protest of Mr. Dahlgren's resignation, he will vote "no" in the interest of what is best for kids.

Ms. Crawford thanked Mr. Dahlgren and Ms. Imle for their dedicated service to the District.

VOTE:

YES - Crawford, Larned, Mullins, Gross

NO - Anderson

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION:

Mr. Patrick Hickey recommended the Board approve an administrative recommendation to request proposals from transportation companies for a two- or seven-year contract period.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR PUPIL
TRANSPORTATION
(Continued):

Mr. Hickey notified the Board regarding an effort by the Department of Education to consolidate student transportation among the largest districts in the state into one proposal. Mr. Hickey reported that the District transportation contract will soon expire and recommended the District submit a two- or seven-year request for proposal cycle. He stated that he believes a seven-year cycle is in best interest of the District, and then coordinate with the second cycle of the state.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve an administrative recommendation to request proposals from transportation companies for a two- or seven-year contract period. Dr. Anderson seconded.

AASB RESOLUTIONS:

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gross asked the Board to consider the 1998 AASB Belief Statements and Core Resolutions. She explained that they have been reviewed by the AASB Board, and that she has approved them in some form previously.

Mrs. Sandy Taylor asked for an explanation of the AASB Belief Statements and Core Resolutions. Mrs. Gross responded that the resolutions give direction to AASB on a variety of educational issues. She explained that AASB will lobby the legislature in accordance with the resolutions. She noted that the packet will go the AASB Annual Conference for further work and be voted on by the entire body.

Ms. Crawford expressed her objections to the belief statement concerning binding arbitration, and stated that she does support binding arbitration.

Action Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the AASB Belief Statements and Core Resolutions, with the exception of 1.1, Opposing Mandated School Consolidation; 1.2, Opposition to Mandated Borough Formation. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Anderson spoke against 1.1, Opposing Mandated School Consolidation, stating that consolidation should be considered within reason, if it can save school districts money and still allow local control. He stated that he also objected to resolution 1.2, Opposition to Mandated Borough Formation, because, by creating organized boroughs with REAAs, new tax dollars would be generated to help support rural school systems.

AASB RESOLUTIONS
(Continued):

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Resolution 1.1, Opposing Mandated School Consolidation. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Motion failed.

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve Resolution 1.2, Opposition to Mandated Borough Formation. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION

Motion failed.

HEALTH COPAYMENT
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT/KPEA:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kenai Peninsula Education Association and the Board to begin copayments for medical insurance beginning for the 1998-99 school year. Any remaining funds in the KPEA Employee Copay Medical Insurance Account on June 30 of the fiscal year will be reimbursed to participating employees by August 31.

Mrs. Crawford asked when the District discontinued full payment of employee health insurance. Mr. Dahlgren provided a brief history regarding health insurance premium payments leading up to the current copayment arrangement.

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the KPEA Memorandum of Agreement. Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Gene Palm, Aurora Borealis Charter School teacher, expressed frustrations over intolerable teaching and learning conditions. He stated that he teaches 20 students in a room too small to set up equipment for demonstrations. Mr. Palm stated that finding a new location will take money to modify the facility to suit the needs of a school. He stated that now that the Charter Schools have been created, they are left alone without any support. He stated that he does not sense an effort to help and that the administration and Board do not understand their predicament. He added that the future of their school is uncertain if another facility is not available. He added that school parents and staff feel as though they are stepchildren, and are tired of being treated that way.

Mr. Dunn asked for assistance in relocating to a facility that is better than their current conditions.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford expressed her concerns over class sizes in the elementary schools and asked if there were any classes with over 30 pupils per teacher.

BOARD COMMENTS
(Continued):

Mr. Dahlgren reported that the Soldotna Elementary 6th grade classes are at 35 and 36, but that the District is 200 students under projection which equates to \$1.4 million. He stated that he cannot afford to release unallocated money until the budget is balanced. He reported that Mrs. Cannava, principal, Soldotna Elementary, has been asked to hire a substitute to assist the sixth grade teachers by working in small groups. Mr. Dahlgren reviewed enrollment figures districtwide and stated that he does not want to overreact by moving teachers just yet.

Dr. Anderson reported that he voted against Mr. Dahlgren's resignation as a token of his appreciation for fine leadership. He asked the Board and administration to investigate the possibility of using the Kenai Elementary building as a school facility. He asked whether the Kenai Alternative School was required to meet ADA requirements.

Mr. Dahlgren replied that the Kenai Alternative school was relocated in response to a complaint from the Office of Civil Rights. Mr. Dahlgren further responded that The Grace Brethren Church and not the District, is responsible for modifying their building to make it handicapped accessible. He stated that if Aurora Borealis receives a request from a handicapped student, they will have to decide whether to accept that student.

Dr. Anderson stated he heard complaints that the Soldotna Middle School cocurricular teams represented a training facility for School District employees' children rather than equal access for all students. He stated that he supports Mr. Dahlgren's viewpoint concerning balanced teams since it allows more students a chance to participate. Dr. Anderson observed that larger schools will field better teams, and that schools with enrollments over 1,000 have a greater talent pool to choose from, and that Soldotna Middle School is the largest middle school.

Mrs. Mullins suggested that Kenai Alternative High School, with an enrollment of 37 students, move to Kenai Central High School, and allow Aurora Borealis School to move into the Kenai Elementary facility. She asked for a report on the pros and cons of using the Kenai Elementary building as a school.

Mrs. Mullins thanked the Borough Maintenance Department for work at the Kenai Elementary building. She suggested that the KPSAA Board schedule meetings during a time when most of the public can attend.

Mrs. Mullins thanked the Borough Assembly for support by funding the District to the cap.

BOARD COMMENTS

(Continued):

Mrs. Larned concurred with Dr. Anderson and Mrs. Mullins regarding the Aurora Borealis site problems. She extended congratulations to the evening's honorees. She extended thanks to Karen Mahurin for bringing Ms. Holloway to speak to the Board. She stated that she was saddened to see the art specialist has resigned.

Mrs. Radtke related that after speaking with the art specialist, she felt it was in the District's best interest to accept her resignation. She added that the job was readvertised, interviews were conducted and the job will be offered tomorrow.

Mrs. Gross reported that she visited with Ms. Byerly, principal, Skyview High, who was upset over the delay of graduation requirements for a year. She asked the Board to revisit the changes made to the graduation requirements policy.

Mrs. Gross suggested that the Board allow students to meet one or the other graduation requirements option. She asked the Board to consider the graduation requirements as an item on the next school Board agenda.

After further discussion by Mrs. Gross, Dr. Anderson, and Mr. Dahlgren, it was decided that the Board would meet in a worksession no later than early November to discuss graduation requirements.

Mrs. Gross thanked parents and staff from Aurora Borealis for attending the meeting. She explained that the Board must determine whether District facilities are safe for use by students. She stated that the Board depends on the administration to advise them and will listen to their input as well as the Charter School's request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:30 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss District finance and litigation. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

At 10:40 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 10:43 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of September 14, 1998,
were approved on October 5, 1998,
with corrections.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Seward High School

Seward, AK 99664

October 5, 1998

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Treasurer

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Ms. Deborah Germano, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and
Business Management

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human
Resources

Mr. Ralph Steeves

Mrs. Sandy Taylor

Mrs. Debbie Palm

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Malcolm Fleming

Mr. Gene Palm

Mr. Bob Boyle

Mr. David Dieckgraeff

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum of School Board members, Mr. Arness, Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Larned were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9:01 a.m., Mrs. Larned moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mrs. Crawford seconded. Specifically, the executive session was to conduct two expulsion hearings.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion carried unanimously.
At 11:00 a.m., Mrs. Larned moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

RECESS: Motion carried unanimously.
At 11:00 a.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 7:31 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session. Mrs. Gross welcomed Miss Charise Calvert, Soldotna High School student, as the newly elected School Board Student Representative.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Gross invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present/Left at 1:00 p.m.
Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Ms. Deborah Germano	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Miss Charise Calvert	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of September 14, 1998, were approved with a correction to page 11, Mrs. Crawford stated that she does support binding arbitration.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Ralph Steeves, principal/teacher, Moose Pass Elementary, thanked the Board for stopping at Moose Pass Elementary School on their way to Seward. He stated that Moose Pass is still a community where parents send their children to school well-prepared and ready to learn. He stated that as of September 30 he has not had any referrals to the principal's office for student interactions or drug, alcohol or tobacco use. He stated that Moose Pass Elementary is a multigraded school that uses cross-curricular presentations, thematic units and technology throughout the curriculum. He stated that for the past five years, student-led parent conferences and student portfolios have been used to assess student progress. He reported that Moose Pass students are involved in a wide variety of cocurricular activities and that he is pleased with last year's level test results in all areas and grades.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Steeves introduced Moose Pass Elementary students who performed, "Sleeping with the Seals." He stated that the play was presented during the grand opening of the Sea Life Center.

Mrs. Sandra Taylor, Soldotna Aurora Borealis parent, referred to a letter from Patrick Hickey to Larry Semmens concerning a meeting to address the issue of Aurora Borealis Charter School's request to occupy the Kenai Elementary building. She asked when the date to conduct a walk-through could be scheduled. She asked for some clarification about the purpose of the meeting.

Mr. Hickey responded that the meeting will involve representatives from the Aurora Borealis Charter School. He stated that the purpose of the review will be to determine the cost estimates for occupancy of the Kenai Elementary Building. He stated that he will schedule the meeting as soon as possible and that Mr Semmens would have an answer this coming week on what the schedule will be.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(Continued):

Mrs. Taylor asked whether the District was moving in the direction of allowing the Aurora Borealis Charter school to move into the Kenai Elementary building.

Mr. Hickey explained that the purpose of the meeting between Borough Maintenance, District administration and representatives of the Aurora Borealis Charter School is to complete a more thorough and comprehensive analysis of the Kenai Elementary building and provide a more exact cost of repairs and renovation. He stated that the decision whether the Aurora Borealis Charter School may move into the Kenai Elementary Building will remain a Board decision.

Mrs. Kimberly VanAntwerp, Soldotna Aurora Borealis parent, asked the Board to consider the request of the Aurora Borealis Charter School to move to the Kenai Elementary Building. She stated that a move to a larger, more comfortable facility will attract more students who would normally attend private school or continue home school.

Mr. Gene Palm, Aurora Borealis teacher, thanked the Board for listening to the school's concerns. He asked the Board to take a hard look at alternatives and help them try to find something to work rather than feeling an obligation to look. He stated that the emphasis is on the student's learning environment and that what is good for Aurora Borealis Charter School is good for the District. He stated that students who wouldn't normally register with the District are a part of the Aurora Borealis Charter School.

Mrs. Gross explained that the question is whether or not Kenai Elementary is suitable for students and if not, how much money will it take to make it usable.

Mrs. Debbie Palm, Soldotna Aurora Borealis parent, stated that she is eager for a move to a more comfortable facility. She stated that she realizes there are obstacles standing in the way of the move but that the staff and parents are willing to work through them.

Mrs. Gross reiterated that student safety and suitability must be considered before students from Aurora Borealis Charter School could move into the Kenai Elementary building.

Mr. Paul Prebys, Seward Elementary speech/language teacher, read a letter shared earlier with the Board during an informal community meeting. He stated that there has been a steady decline in services to students because of reductions in budget, increasing number of ill-prepared students, increasing academic demands, lack of respect for teachers, and cumbersome state and federal mandates. He stated that every elementary school should have a full-time school counselor and nurse, staff to coordinate local social programs, an acceptable pupil-teacher ratio, teacher aides and collaboration time. He asked the Board and District administration to do everything they can to let the state and federal governments know that if mandates are to be passed on to the state, then appropriate funding should support those mandates to make the process as efficient as possible.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(Continued):

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mr. Dahlgren announced that he received letters and cooperative agreements from Mr. Carl Knudson, superintendent of Galena City School District, and Dr. Patrick Doyle, superintendent of Copper River School District, listing students from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District enrolled in their correspondence programs. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he responded via letter to each superintendent and included a revised cooperative agreement from the District. He stated that the agreement includes a list of 636 students enrolled in the Galena City School District and 32 students enrolled in the Copper River School District. He reported that 18 part-time District students are enrolled in either of the two correspondence programs.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.
P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A.:

David Dieckgraeff, Seward area PTA representative, reported on various school maintenance projects and thanked the Board for their support. He asked the Board to consider an addition to the Seward High School to accommodate more locker room space, fencing for the newly seeded grass and a new scoreboard. He reported that there are two seats open for the Seward area site council and that elections will be held October 6, 1998. He announced that the site council meets at 7:00 p.m. at Seward Elementary on the second Thursday of each month, and he invited the Board to attend. Mr. Dieckgraeff reported that elementary student test scores are up over last year. He asked the Board to consider funding elementary school counselors and more nursing time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren congratulated Mario Bird for placing first in the 1A, 2A, 3A individual boys' cross-country championships and Seward High School girls' cross-country team for placing first in the team event on Saturday, October 3.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT (Continued):

Mr. Dahlgren announced that in response to the recent measles outbreak, the District will follow the November 16 deadline established by the Anchorage and Mat-Su School Districts to have all students inoculated with the second measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Mr. Dahlgren reported that the District will provide clinics for those students and staff requiring a second MMR inoculation on October 9 from 3-6 p.m. at Mt. View Elementary and on Saturday, October 10 from 10-2 p.m. at K-Beach Elementary. He added that clinics are also planned for the Seward and Homer areas. Mr. Dahlgren reported that all K-3 students have received two MMR inoculations and that the focus will be grades 4-12 where there are approximately 4-5,000 students who need the second MMR inoculation, have allergic reactions or have religious

BOARD REPORTS:

exemptions to vaccines.

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the AASB Boardsmanship Academy on September 19-20. She stated that the group heard from Dr. Holloway, commissioner of education, regarding the Quality School Initiative, learned about SB36, funding formulas and school law.

Mrs. Larned reported that she attended a meeting with representatives from the Governor's Children's Cabinet which included representatives from various community agencies, cities and the borough. She stated that the people in attendance were interested in spending money on children's issues in a more proactive stance rather than waiting for problems to occur.

Dr. Anderson stated that the current recommendation regarding measles is that adults should not get a second MMR vaccine unless they come in direct contact with a confirmed case of the disease. He stated that students who have allergic reactions or an objection to receiving vaccinations should stay out of school for two full-life cycles of the virus (22-24 days) after the last measles case is reported.

Mrs. Mullins reported that she also attended the AASB Boardsmanship Academy and that the group spent a lot of time discussing the ramifications of SB36 and the impact of the new funding in each district throughout the state. She stated that the deputy commissioner of education has been spending a considerable amount of time solving problems created by the new formulas. She suggested that it is time to start talking to the legislators about the ramifications of SB36.

BOARD REPORTS
(Continued):

Mrs. Gross announced that she is currently involved in the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) meeting in Anchorage. She reported that ASAA is proposing that a permanent fund be established through a fee charged to each District and that the earnings would be used to pay for student travel to state competitions. She stated that, unfortunately, ASAA is suggesting that the money be used twenty-five years in the future and the concern expressed was that athletics will look totally different twenty-five years from now. She stated that she doubted that students or districts would pay money now to be used in twenty-five years.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Budget Transfer, Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permits, 1998-99 Teacher Assignments and an Early Graduation Request.

Budget Transfer:	<p>Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve budget transfer Number 37 for \$20,000 to the District Media Center to purchase media for districtwide use.</p> <p>Mrs. Crawford asked what the money will be used to purchase. Mr. Dahlgren explained that when money is allocated for new textbooks a portion is sent to the Media Center to purchase resources to support the newly adopted curriculum.</p> <p>By memorandum, Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve Primary and Alternative Members in Charge for the following schools applying for gaming permits for the 1998-99 school year: Mary Downs and Fred Deussing, Chapman School; Cynthia Farrens and Keith Gebhardt, Homer High; Sam Stewart and Hank Overturf, Kenai Central High; Glen Szymoniak and Laura Sheldon, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Ralph Steeves and Melanie Schilling, Moose Pass Elementary; Darolyn Brown and Jim Dawson, Mt. View Elementary; Maurice Glenn and Pauline Demas, Nanwalek Elem/High; Lassie M. Nelson and Robert Bellmore, Nikiski Middle/High; Carlton Kuhns and Dunia Martushev, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; Paul Kubena and Janet Clark, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Kim Schaeffer and Michelle McGlasson, North Star Elementary; Wayne A. Young and Olga Fomin, Port Graham Elementary; Marilyn Kowalski-Eaton and Malcolm Fleming, Seward Junior/Senior High; Marlene Byerly and Dawn Conn, Skyview High; Sylvia Reynolds and Daniel Gensel, Soldotna High; Steve Jones and Sandy Geagel, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Lisa Stroh and Lea Shields, Tustumena Elementary; Roderick M. Ladd, Jr. and Jean Calhoun, West Homer Elementary.</p>
Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permits:	
1998-99 Teacher Assignments:	<p>Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1998-99 teacher assignments for Katherine Schwartz, districtwide art specialist and Margaret Brewster, library, Homer High.</p>
Early Graduation Request:	<p>Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve an early graduation request for a Homer High School student to graduate at the end of the first semester of the 1998-99 school year. The student plans to ski competitively and hopes to qualify for the Alaska Junior Olympic team during the second semester of her senior year.</p>
ACTION	<p>Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 4. Mrs. Mullins seconded.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>

Student Expulsion Number 1: Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the following: "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of WB.

ACTION

This matter was heard before the board on October 5, 1998. Neither the student nor the parents were present, although the administration advised that the student's mother had called that morning to state that she may not be able to attend the hearing. Mark Norgren, Assistant Principal for Soldotna High School, and Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, were present and recommended expulsion of the student for a second violation of Board Policy 5131.6, being under the influence of alcohol at a school sponsored event, on school grounds.

The evidence presented showed that on September 11, 1998 at approximately 10:00 p.m. WB was in attendance at the school bonfire. Upon being questioned by the Soldotna police in attendance, WB freely admitted to being under the influence of alcohol and was generally cooperative. WB was escorted to the school office by the police officer and the assistant principal, and was given a breathalyzer test which showed a positive BAC of .166. The assistant principal immediately contacted WB's mother who was unable to come to the school. WB was sent home with a police officer. An informal hearing was held the following Monday morning, September 14, 1998, by the assistant principal, with WB and WB's mother in attendance. At that hearing WB did not dispute the above facts, and evidence was presented at that hearing and to the board which showed WB had previously been suspended for violating former school district policy 007.12, concerning the use of a controlled substance on school grounds.

Based on the evidence submitted at the hearing, the board concludes WB violated the District's substance abuse policy 5131.6 on September 11, 1998, that WB has exhibited behavior of a serious nature which is inimical to the welfare, safety or morals of other students, and that expulsion is warranted. These factors make it necessary to remove this student from the school by expulsion for the remainder of the 1998-99 school year, except that the student may apply for early readmission at the beginning of the second semester upon the following conditions: (1) Proof of completion of a substance abuse assessment as outlined by the Alternative to Out-of-School Suspension program ("ATOSS") procedures; (2) a clean, broad spectrum, state certified, chain-of-custody urinalysis provided within ten days of readmittance; and (3) WB agrees in writing to submit to monthly random broad spectrum, state certified,

Student Expulsion Number 1
(Continued):

chain of custody urinalysis tests during the 1998-99 school year as a condition of such early readmission. All urinalysis tests shall be at the student's expense. Any positive monthly urinalysis test, showing use of alcohol or illicit substances, shall result in an immediate suspension and recommendation for expulsion. WB may also apply immediately for readmission for District correspondence. Except as necessary for such readmission, WB shall not go on school grounds during the period of expulsion for any reason, nor shall WB attend any school event or function whatsoever." Dr. Anderson seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Crawford, Larned, Mullins

ABSTAIN - Gross

Motion carried.

Student Expulsion Number 2:

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the following: "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of JD.

This matter came before the school board on October 5, 1998. The student was present via teleconference. Ed McClain, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Sam Stewart, Principal, Kenai Central High School, and Roy Anderson, Special Services Coordinator were present. Board members present were Joe Arness, Dr. Nels Anderson, Lorraine Crawford, Debra Mullins, and Susan Larned.

Student Expulsion Number 2
(Continued):

The evidence showed that on September 8, 1998 Principal Stewart was contacted that bullets were seen in the hallway in the special education area and a black backpack. Upon contacting Holly Zwink, a special education teacher, she reported that she believed JD was in possession of such a backpack. When asked about the bullets, JD admitted he had them and stated they were to make jewelry. Mr. Stewart asked to check the backpack and JD allowed him to check a pocket which contained books, but JD refused to let him search other parts of backpack. Mr. Stewart neither confiscated the backpack nor detained JD, however, the police were called. JD exited the school premisses and began running and Principal Stewart called to alert the Junior High School that a student was running in that direction with a possible weapon. The police arrived and found JD in possession of a .38 caliber weapon. JD was taken to Wildwood Pretrial facility where he

was still in custody on the date of this hearing. The administration noted that JD had been previously expelled from school in California.

JD is an 18 year old special education student. On September 8 an invitation to an IEP meeting, NOPA (Notice of Proposed Action) and rights statement were sent to JD at Wildwood. The notice informed JD that an IEP meeting would be held on September 22, 1998 at 2:30 to consider placement to an alternative education setting and to determine if a relationship existed between the behavioral event (bringing a weapon to school) and his disability. On September 10, 1998 the special education resource teacher and Special Services Coordinator, met with JD at Wildwood. They gave JD a copy of the NOPA and a statement of his rights and explained to him that he had certain rights as a special education student. JD informed them that he did not want to deal with this while at Wildwood. They explained to JD that the purpose of the IEP meeting was to determine if there was a relationship between his disability and his conduct in bringing a weapon and ammunition to school. JD agreed to attend an IEP meeting on September 14, 1998. This meeting was held and attended by the principal, special education resource teacher, general education teacher, school psychologist, Special Services Coordinator, and JD. JD stated he did not want to be in special education. It was explained that this would result in JD's exit from special education. JD continued to state he did not want to be in special education, at which time the IEP meeting ended.

Student Expulsion Number 2
(Continued):

Based on the evidence presented, the board finds permanent expulsion is required. Possessing a firearm and ammunition on school premisses is conduct which is inimical to the welfare and safety of other students. The conduct violates board policy KPBSD 5131.7(a) and AS 14.03.160. Board policy requires expulsion for at least one year for such conduct. The board further finds that JD was uncooperative in presenting his case at the hearing and repeatedly requested that he receive no further contact from the school district. The board further finds that the administration followed the correct process in holding an IEP meeting in attempting to determine whether there was a connection between the student's conduct and disability, and that the student voluntarily refused special education services and was appropriately exited from that program prior to proceeding with the expulsion recommendation to the school board." Dr. Anderson seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Crawford, Larned, Mullins

ABSTAIN - Gross

Motion carried.

Establishment of Replacement
of Equipment Fund:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the creation of a special revenue fund for equipment in the KPBSD Chart of Accounts and designate \$500,000 from the unreserved FY98 general fund balance to start this new special revenue fund. A worksession on this issue was held prior to the Board meeting.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the establishment of a special equipment fund for revenue and that \$500,000 be appropriated from the unreserved FY98 general fund balance to establish the fund. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Resignations:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve resignations effective in June 1999 from Sharon Radtke, assistant superintendent, Human Resources, Paul Epperson, principal, Sterling Elementary and Bob Bellmore, principal, Nikiski Middle/Sr.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve resignations from Sharon Radtke, assistant superintendent, Human Resources, Paul Epperson, principal, Sterling Elementary and Bob Bellmore, principal, Nikiski Middle/Sr. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Preparation Calendar:

Mr. Dahlgren presented a listing of dates to be used as a guideline for preparation of the 1999-2000 School District Budget. He called the Board's attention to a correction of the November 30 Board meeting date to December 7.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross extended an invitation to the Seward community to participate on the District budget committee.

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the budget preparation calendar. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Dr. Anderson suggested that the central peninsula area budget meetings be combined.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Mullins expressed her appreciation to come to Seward for the Board meeting and the opportunity to stop at Cooper Landing and Moose Pass Elementary Schools. She also thanked those that attended the informal meeting with the Seward community held prior to the regular meeting. She stated that the Board does appreciate hearing the public's views on educational issues.

Mrs. Larned stated that it was nice to be back to Seward and thanked those members of the Seward community who attended the informal public meeting. Mrs. Larned reported that she visited a classroom at the Aurora Borealis Charter School last week. She concurred with the complaints of the staff and parents on the overcrowded conditions and expressed her appreciation for the work of the staff under adverse conditions. She encouraged those present to continue to talk to legislators since comments from the public carry a lot more weight than from other elected officials.

Dr. Anderson expressed his appreciation for the community members who attended the informal meeting with the Board prior to the regular meeting. Dr. Anderson stated that several Board members received a letter from a Soldotna parent who objected to the required purchase of a calculator for a specific math class. He suggested that when classes require specific, costly materials, parents should be given advance notice prior to registration.

Dr. Anderson explained to those present that Board action Item 10d. established a fund to obtain money outside the cap to assist in the replacement of equipment.

BOARD COMMENTS
(Continued):

Mrs. Crawford extended her gratitude to the Seward community for hosting the Board meeting and to the Moose Pass students for presenting their play. She announced that Mr. Dan Walker has been chosen as a finalist for the Alaska Teacher of the Year. She also congratulated District graduates Miss Joslin Tinker, who placed within the top ten in the Miss America Contest, and Dr. Jerry Hu, who has returned to the area to practice dentistry.

Mrs. Crawford asked whether there were any District teachers who were Nationally Board certified. Mrs. Radtke stated that there may be one and that she has heard of others who are taking the test.

Miss Calvert stated that she has gained a lot of insight into the Board of Education process. She stated that she is looking forward to the upcoming year, learning about the District and providing a student's viewpoint for the Board.

Mrs. Gross stated that she attended the cross-country meet at Skyview High and stated that she was proud of the Seward High School girls' cross-country team for their first place finish. She stated that it was a pleasure to meet in Seward and expressed her frustration that Seward does not have a community member on the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Larned moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the Board will discuss the superintendent search. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

Dr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned.
Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 9:50 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of October 5, 1998,
were approved on October 19, 1998,
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

October 19, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

OATH OF OFFICE/NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS - The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected school board members Ms. Debra Germano and Ms. Sammy Crawford by Notary Public, Sally Tachick.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD - The School Board Officers for 1998-99 are Mr. Joe Arness President; Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President; Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk; and Ms. Deb Germano, Treasurer.

ESTABLISH MEETING DATE, TIME AND PLACE - The Board set its meeting time, date and place at 7:30 p.m., the first and third Monday of each month at the Borough Administration Building, Soldotna. Two meetings are scheduled to be held in Homer and Seward in the fall and spring.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS - Ms. Cate Szabo-Bendock, Phi Delta Kappa, presented each School Board member with a complimentary, one-year subscription to The Kappan magazine. Mr. Bill Popp, Executive Director, The Challenger Learning Center, provided the Board with an update of the planning, facility design and financial support of the Challenger Learning Center. He stated that construction will begin during the summer of 1999 with the grand opening scheduled for December 31, 1999.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS - Dr. Anderson presented plaques of appreciation to Mr. Theo Lexmond for being selected as the Alaska School Psychologist of the Year, and Mr. Bruce Rife for being selected as the Alaska Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren announced that Miss Anne Pfitzner, Grade 3, Soldotna Elementary and Mrs. Sheryl Sotelo, Grade 6, Tustumena Elementary, were selected as awardees for the 1998 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 1998.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren reported on budget transfers Numbers 1 through 59 for various schools and departments within the District.

BUDGET TRANSFER - The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 68 for \$63,765 to the professional-technical services account to cover the expenses related to contracted services resulting from a vacant position and an employee on maternity leave.

RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 1998-99 school year from Thomas Anderson, physical education, Soldotna Elementary; Robert Arndt, history, Seward Middle/Sr. High; Carol Brown, Grade 2, K-Beach Elementary; Mary Troy Castimore, kindergarten, Sears Elementary; Micheal Chitty, business education/language arts, Nikolaevsk School; Patricia Chitty, counselor, Nikolaevsk School; David Cloud, physical education/athletic director, Homer High; Lynda Dahlgren, physical education, K-Beach Elementary; Janice Daniels, Grade 4, Mt. View Elementary; Kevin Dougherty, business education/woods, Soldotna High; Rebecca Epperson, Grade 5, Mt. View Elementary; Daniel Gensel, photography/activities director, Soldotna High; Mitchell Glover, Grade 4, Soldotna Elementary; Margaret Goodman, Grade 4, K-Beach Elementary; Dana Hallett, Grade 4, Mt. View Elementary; George Harbeson, language arts/social studies, Chapman Elementary; Michael Johnson, math, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High; Craig Jung, athletic director/pool/physical education, Kenai Central High; Donna Kime, Grade 3, Sterling Elementary; Debra Lowney, physical education, Homer Middle; Daryl Mannausau, health, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High; Lynn McLin, Grade 2, Paul Banks Elementary; Frances Moore, Grade 2/3, Nikolaevsk School; William Radtke, Grade 7, Kenai Middle School; Cindy **RESIGNATIONS (Continued)**

Rehm, music, Nikiski Elementary; Camille Rohrer, special education/resource, Homer High; Carol Simons, Grade 2/3, Redoubt Elementary; Donna Bellmore, Grade 3, Nikiski Elementary; Jean Wykis, kindergarten, Tustumena Elementary; Martha Wallace, science/math, Soldotna High; Noreen Sullivan, business education/language arts, Soldotna High; Carol Smith, Grades K-2/special education-resource, Cooper Landing Elementary; LuAnn Reynolds, English/physical education, Kenai Central High; Paul Prebys, special education/speech, Seward Elementary; Jean Polowski, Grade 1, Seward Elementary; Sharon Inman, library, Seward High; Edward Harrison, school psychologist, districtwide special services; Judith Bundy, special education/resource, Homer High; Karla Arndt, Grade 3, Seward Elementary and Rose Roeske, special education/resource (effective 10/30/98), Skyview High.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS - The Board unanimously approved substitute teaching contracts for Heather Truesdell, English/drama, Skyview High; Patricia Linville special education/resource, Seward Middle/Sr. High; John Whiteside, English, Kenai Central High; and Susan Whipp, special education/emotionally handicapped/resource, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High.

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER - The Board unanimously approved tentative tenure teacher assignments for Sandy Pelischek, districtwide, Special Services.

1998-99 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS - The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 1998-99 school year for Virginia Morgan, Grade 6, Soldotna Elementary and Susan Wisnicki, special education/emotionally handicapped (temporary), Seward Middle/Sr. High.

ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved administrator resignations effective at the end of the 1998-99 school year from Marlene Byerly, principal, Skyview High; Gary Jackson, principal, K-Beach Elementary; Keith Gebhardt, assistant principal, Homer High; Aaron Pat

Dye, principal/teacher, Cooper Landing Elementary and Rosemary Bushon, assistant principal, Kenai Middle School.

DISTRICT NEGOTIATING TEAM - The Board unanimously approved appointments to the District negotiating team of Sharon Radtke, as spokesperson; Joe Arness, Debra Mullins, Patrick Hickey and Melody Douglas as team members, and directed them to prepare for negotiations with KPAA, KPEA and KPESA.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS - The Board heard a first reading of BP 3315, Relations with Vendors. The proposed changes will address situations in which employees conduct business with the District as vendors.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 2, 7:30 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer, Alaska.**

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Homer High School

Homer, AK 99603

November 2, 1998

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and
Business Management

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Mr. Glen Szymoniak

Mr. Chris Russ

Mr. Rich Patton

Mr. Rich Toymil

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Karen Wessel

Ms. Nancy Holstrand

Mr. Rick Ladd

Mr. Stan Eller

Mrs. Margaret Ladd

Mr. Mike Morgan

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order after the school reports were given.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE:

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

Mr. Joe Arness

Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins

Present

Mrs. Susan Larned

Present

Ms. Deborah Germano

Present

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross

Present

Dr. Nels Anderson

Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford

Present

Miss Charise Calvert

Present

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the inclusion of revised memorandums for Items Numbers 10a.(1) and 10a.(2).

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of October 19, 1998, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

The school reports were presented at 7:30 p.m. prior to convening the regular school board meeting so the auditorium stage could be used for the school performances.

SCHOOL REPORTS

(Continued):

Mr. Glen Szymoniak, McNeil Canyon Elementary principal, stated that this year their school goal related to art. He introduced Rebecca Boone, whose first grade students sang "Hello to You", a song from their Three Bears show to be performed next week. Ms. Debbie Piper's second and third grade students sang "Everybody Has Music Inside."

Ms. Karen Wessel, Homer Flex lead teacher, thanked the community and administration for their support this past year. She stated that without their support she would not have full enrollment and a student waiting list. She also thanked Lucy Kuhns, Jeff Szarzi, Harry Rassmussen and the Homer Flex site council for their help in making Homer Flex School successful. She reported that Homer Flex School has two goals: to encourage the love of reading and to foster the vocational education program.

Mr. Szarzy, vocational education, math and science teacher and job coordinator, stated that Homer Flex students have had the opportunity to be involved in the development and operation of a small salsa business. He stated that 14 students are involved in the work coop program, and 14 students are involved in shop or the small business program. He stated that people in the Homer area have also given the students small projects to do.

Jamie Preston, Homer Flex student, explained the steps involved in running a small business. She stated that Homer Flex School taught her what it takes to get along in the world and helped her pursue an interest in marine biology.

Roger Jones, Homer Flex student, stated that he struggled in school, but with the help of Rich Patton and Keith Gebhardt, he enrolled in Homer Flex School. He stated that Mr. Patton directed him towards activities that kept him out of trouble. He stated that the Homer Flex School saved his education and restored his faith in himself.

Angie John, former Homer Flex student, stated that with the help of Homer Flex School and the Homer Incentive Trust, she now has a job at a realty company and is studying for her realtor's license.

Becca Schriver, former Homer Flex student, stated that people mistakenly think that flex schools are for mothers and drug addicts but that there are those students who learn better in an alternative environment.

SCHOOL REPORTS

(Continued):

Mr. Lance Peterson, Homer High theater director, introduced the Homer High School Performing Arts Department theater group who performed an excerpt from The Wizard of Oz. He explained that the orchestra accompaniment was comprised of adult and student musicians and directed by Mark Robinson, band director, Homer High School.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mike Morgan, teacher and musician, Kasilof, asked the Board to waive all or a portion of the fees involved in the use of the Kenai Central High School auditorium for a fund raiser on Saturday, November 7, 1998. He explained that local artists are donating their talents towards a fund raiser for various organizations on the Kenai Peninsula. He stated that the rental fees total \$1,060, not including a damage deposit of \$250. Mr. Morgan stated that he was told the damage deposit would not have to be paid prior to Saturday night and that their performance would be considered nonprofit, again reducing the fee.

Mr. Hickey stated that he was in support of Mr. Morgan's request, but in accordance with Board policy, the waiver request must be approved by the Board. He added that, although he felt the fund raiser was a worthwhile event, he did not want to set a precedent by deciding who would be subject to auditorium fees and who would not.

Mr. Arness explained that the Board could not make a decision on the request for waiver during that portion of the agenda but would speak to the issue towards the end of the meeting.

Nancy Holstrand asked the Board how the public can follow the budget process. Mrs. Gross explained that copies of the budget are available at the public libraries and that the budget process will begin in January. Mrs. Gross encouraged her to participate on the review committee. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the Budget preparation calendar will be posted on the District web site.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.
P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A.:

Mr. Glen Szymoniak, McNeil Canyon Elementary principal, told the Board that a letter was included in the Board's information packet from the McNeil Canyon Elementary site council concerning parent/teacher conference time changes from last year.

AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Arness presented awards of appreciation to Stan Eller for being selected to receive the 1997-98 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and to Rick Ladd for being selected as the 1998 Alaska Elementary Principal of the Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren announced that Homer Middle School students won the CyberSafari Contest which includes a \$2,000 cash prize for their school. He added that over 14,000 computers logged on at 11:00 a.m. on the day of the competition with the Homer team finishing at 1:00 a.m. on the following morning.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mr. Dan Walker, Seward Middle School teacher, was selected as the 1999 Alaska Teacher of the Year.

CLASS SIZE REPORT:

Mr. Ed McLain presented the class size report based on enrollment of September 30, 1998. The report included a summary of students per classroom teacher at each site, average class size per site, classroom sizes districtwide, specific teachers and class loads, vocational education and special education courses and various other statistical information. A worksession was held prior to the regular meeting to review the class size and enrollment information in more detail.

Ms. Germano thanked Mr. McLain for presenting the report in a format that was easy to read and understand.

Mrs. Crawford asked how many classes have over 30 students. Mr. McLain replied that the District has 130 classes of over 30 students.

Mrs. Gross stated that she attended the Alaska Student Activities Association (ASAA) Committee meeting, October 4-6. She stated that the Committee passed a motion to implement a legal defense fund to be used in cases of litigation. She explained that each district will be assessed \$100 each year until the balance reaches \$25,000. Mrs. Gross reported that the Committee is considering the formation of an Alaska Youth Endowment to support travel for state tournaments. She stated that the proposal assesses \$2,000 for each 4A member school down to \$500 for each 1A member school. She stated that \$1 would also be added to the admission price of each ticket for state activities. Mrs. Gross reported that the Committee is

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considering required training for coaches. She stated that there is an active push to get all coaches trained

at the national level. She stated that in some states it is required for all coaches and in other states it is required only for coaches who are not teachers. She stated that, although she felt mandated training was a good idea, in Alaska it would be difficult to bring coaches in from all over the state for training. She added that the possibility of distance delivery for coach

training is being researched. Mrs. Gross stated that an unpopular decision was made to maintain the state football roster limit at 40 students. She stated that the National Federation of High Schools has

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(Continued):

adopted an authentication mark program. She explained that a mark will be placed on each ball and hockey puck that is manufactured in the future and that a percentage of the royalties will be returned to the National Federation of High Schools.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Substitute Teacher Contract, Resignation and Budget Transfer.

Substitute Teacher Contract:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve substitute teaching contracts for Suzanne Klaben, special education/resource, Nikiski Elementary and for Susan Howard, Grade 1, Redoubt Elementary.

Resignation:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations from William Stavley, special education/resource/ emotionally handicapped, Kenai Central High (effective at the end of the 1998-99 school year) and from Jocelyn Shiro-Westphal, physical therapist, districtwide special services (effective November 25, 1998).

Budget Transfer:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve budget transfer Number 97 which transfers \$58,000 to schools for FY99 language textbook adoption and budget transfer Number 98 which transfers \$324,522 to schools for FY99 math textbook adoption.

ActION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Ms. Germano seconded.

Ms. Germano asked how the amount being transferred to each school was decided. Mr. Hickey replied that the budget transfers were calculated by each site's expenditure of funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Teacher Termination:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the termination of a certified employee. She explained that the teacher declined the contract.

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the termination of a certified employee. Mrs. Gross seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

1999-2000 Enrollment Projections:	Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the 1999-2000 projected enrollment at 10,123 students. Mr. Hickey explained that a worksession was held prior to the Board meeting in which an informational forecast of enrollment for future years was presented.
1999-2000 Enrollment Projections (Continued):	Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the 1999-2000 projected enrollment as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.
ACTION	Motion carried unanimously.
Aurora Borealis Charter School Lease Agreement:	Mr. Dahlgren presented a lease agreement between Aurora Borealis Charter School and the Grace Brethren Church for use as a school site. The lease amount is \$6,300 per month and will continue for a two-year period. The new lease agreement includes an increased amount of space.
ACTION	Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the lease agreement between Aurora Borealis Charter School and the Grace Brethren Church. Mrs. Mullins seconded. Ms. Germano asked about the Aurora Borealis Charter School's request to relocate to the Kenai Elementary building. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the review of use of the Kenai Elementary building is ongoing. Motion carried unanimously.
POLICY REVISIONS:	Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 3315, Relations with Vendors. The changes address situations in which employees conduct business with the District as vendors.
ACTION	Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve revisions to BP 3315, Relations with Vendors. Mrs. Mullins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
RECESS:	At 8:50 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.
RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:	At 9:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.
BOARD COMMENTS:	Mrs. Crawford congratulated the Board-recognized awardees, Mr. Dan Walker for being named Alaska Teacher of the Year and Homer Middle School for winning the CyberChallenge.

Ms. Germano echoed the congratulations extended by Mrs. Crawford. She asked whether the Board should take action on the proposed ASAA resolutions. Mrs. Gross replied that if the Board wishes they may. Ms. Germano expressed her concern that the enrollment projected for next year is lower than this year's and that the Board has had discussions concerning students withdrawing from public school to enroll in correspondence study courses from other districts. She stated that the Board will have further discussions regarding meeting those students' needs.

BOARD COMMENTS

(Continued):

Dr. Anderson stated that he enjoyed coming to Homer.

Mrs. Gross thanked the schools for their productions and extended her congratulations to the Board-recognized awardees. She stated that she appreciated the fact that the Board meeting was held in Homer and thanked those present for attending.

Miss Calvert stated that, from a student perspective, it is quite impressive to see the Homer student and educator achievements. She added that there were some good discussions during the informal meeting with the public prior to the Board meeting.

Mrs. Larned stated that she was impressed with the programs that the Homer schools presented. She stated that it is nice to be a part of a district with such highly qualified personnel.

Ms. Mullins praised the students who participated in the school reports. She thanked Mr. Ladd and Mr. Patton who welcomed her into their schools during a recent visit to the Homer area. She stated that she was impressed with the number of volunteers she saw at each of the schools. She added a special thanks to Mr. Szymoniak who transported her on his 4-wheeler to see the Russian villages. Mrs. Mullins expressed her appreciation for the input provided by the four people who attended the informal meeting with the Board prior to the regular meeting.

Mr. Arness explained to Mr. Morgan and those present that the Board cannot allocate money without a published agenda notifying the public of the upcoming action. He stated that the administration will review Mr. Morgan's request and may recommend that it be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr. Morgan stated that the fund raiser may become an annual event and that he might possibly seek the same waiver again next year. Mr. Arness suggested that, in the future, a waiver request be put in writing and sent to the superintendent to bring to the Board for their consideration.

At 9:05 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ADJOURN:

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of November 2, 1998,
were approved on November 16, 1998,
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

November 16, 1998

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent,
Operations and Business Management

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human
Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon Goodman	Mrs. Joanie Goodman
Mrs. Paula Christenson	Mr. Tim Peterson
Mr. Todd Syverson	Ms. Carolyn Cannava
Mrs. Lana Syverson	Ms. Cindy Litzenberger
Mrs. Jacquie Imle	Ms. Barbara Ralston
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mr. Bill Coghill
Mrs. Gretchen Becker	Mrs. Debbie Church
Mr. Dave Carey	Mrs. Bekkie Jackson
Mr. Justin George	Mrs. Marlene Byerly

Mrs. Barbara Vogel
Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, (Mr. Arness, Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Crawford, Ms. Germano, Mrs. Larned and Mrs. Mullins), were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 2:37 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the executive session be adjourned. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Joe Arness	Present
	Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
	Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
	Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
	Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
	Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
	Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present

	Miss Charise Calvert	Present
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of November 2, 1998, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Jacquie Imle, Sears Elementary principal, and Barbara Ralston, teacher, gave a computer-generated presentation depicting a day in the life of a first grade student at Sears Elementary School. The pictures and script were created by first grade students, with the assistance of Ms. Ralston, and included scenes from various childrens' homes as they prepared to go to school, waited for buses, participated in reading and math lessons, ate lunch, played during recess, engaged in music, physical education and library activities and rode the bus or walked home.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mr. Dahlgren reported that he had received a letter from Darroll Hargraves, executive director, Alaska Council of School Administrators (ACSA), notifying the District that the governor has declared November 20, 1998, as Alaska Principal Recognition Day. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Melody Douglas, director, Operations and Business Management, has recently qualified as a Registered School Business Official from the Association of School Business Officials International. Mr. Arness introduced Peter Sprague as the Assembly's new representative to the Board.

AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Arness presented awards of appreciation to Joanie Goodman, parent volunteer, for her dedicated service to the students and staff at Soldotna Elementary School; to Cindy Litzenberger, Soldotna Middle School counselor, for her commitment, leadership and outstanding service to the District; and to Marlene Byerly, Skyview High School principal, for being selected as Alaska's 1998 Secondary Principal of the Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported that 167 students still have not received their second MMR vaccination and were excluded from school today. He commended the school nurses for their efforts to ensure that all students are in compliance.

Mr. Dahlgren congratulated the Nikiski High School girls' volleyball team for placing first in the 3A state volleyball championships. Mr. Dahlgren also congratulated Stacey Pault and Lucas Peterson for placing first in the state swimming/diving championships.

He announced that Elaine Larson, music teacher, Sears Elementary, was selected by the Alaska Music Educators Association to receive the 1998 Alaska Outstanding Music Educator Award.

Annual Audit Report:

Mr. Hickey introduced Mr. Bill Coghill, Mikunda, Cottrell and Company, who presented the Annual Audit Report of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

Mr. Coghill commended Mr. Hickey and Mrs. Douglas for their excellence in financial reporting and noted that a certificate of achievement is included in the audit report that was achieved during the fiscal year 1997.

Mr. Coghill noted that the District had approximately \$83 million in revenues and expenditures and that the fund balance in the general fund was approximately \$1.8 million to begin the year and finished at approximately \$2.2 million. He explained that the increase is due to the recording of \$465,000 worth of inventory located at the borough maintenance department that had not be reported previously. He explained that the inventory consists of maintenance supplies such as light bulbs, filters for furnaces, vehicle repair supplies and parts. He further explained that the fund balance is partially reserved for encumbrances totaling \$760,000, borough maintenance inventory totaling 465,000 and the remainder is food inventory and other supplies. He reminded the Board that \$500,000 from the fund balance has been designated for equipment replacement costs. He stated that \$180,000 remains in the fund balance for the Board to use as they decide.

Mr. Coghill stated that a new item in the financial statement is the retirement incentive program (RIP). He noted that in the long-term debt section of the balance sheet, \$2.2 million is the commitment to the RIP program payments to the Public Employment Retirement System that will be paid over the next two years.

Annual Audit Report
(continued):

Mr. Arness asked whether the inventory in the maintenance department is purchased from District funds. Mr. Hickey explained that the inventory is purchased with in-kind funds and is part of the general fund revenue.

Mr. Coghill noted that the Single Audit Report cited one finding. The finding was that the final foundation report was two weeks late.

Mr. Coghill stated that the management letter urged the District to continue its plan to correct computer software prior to the change of the millennium and to dedicate resources to correct a virus problem with the Microsoft Excel program currently being used by the accounting office.

Mr. Coghill thanked Melody Douglas, Patrick Hickey and the School Board for the opportunity to be the District auditor.

Dr. Anderson asked whether the in-kind donations from the borough were audited. Mr. Coghill replied that an audit was made and had been called to the borough's attention in previous years. Dr Anderson asked to see the list of inventory items. Mr. Coghill explained that most of the expenditures are charges by the borough maintenance department for services performed on School District equipment or property.

Mr. Coghill explained that accounting standards call for the District to inventory the maintenance items and expense them according to consumption, not according to when the inventory items are purchased. He stated that in the past the District has been charged for inventory items as they are purchased regardless of how many items are used. He explained that under the new method the District will be charged for the usage of each inventory item.

Mr. Coghill noted that a breakdown of in-kind services is provided in the "Notes to the Financial Statements" section of the Annual Audit Report.

Financial Report:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending October 31, 1998. Mr. Hickey noted that the student count period has passed and that an adjusted budget will be returned for Board approval upon confirmation from the Department of Education.

Financial Report (Continued):

Ms. Germano asked how the students were accounted for who are participating in correspondence programs in other districts. Mr. Dahlgren explained that Districts offering correspondence programs have been notified of any discrepancies regarding the counting of part-time or full-time students. Mr. Dahlgren reported that cooperative agreements have been sent to each district that is serving District students. He stated that the state may have to intervene and resolve some of the issues relating to the student count. Mr. Hickey stated that he compiled a list of 50 students who appear on the District's enrollment as well as that of other districts.

BOARD REPORTS:

Miss Calvert reported that she attended the AASB student leadership conference in Anchorage. She stated that approximately 50 students from throughout the state were in attendance.

Mrs. Gross reported that over 300 school board members attended the AASB Annual Conference. She stated that the AASB resolutions were finalized. She reported that the resolution receiving the highest priority dealt with finance and called for districts to lobby the legislature to fully fund the requirements of SB36. She stated that another resolution dealt with ensuring that the mandates in SB36 are evaluated and remediated if certain aspects of the legislation are found not to be working.

Mrs. Larned reported that she attended the Elementary School Review Committee meeting and that the committee is gathering information for their report to the Board. She reported that she attended the Calendar Committee and that information will be brought to the Board very shortly.

Mrs. Larned stated that she also attended the AASB annual conference and participated in a meeting with representatives from the large districts to discuss mutual concerns. She suggested that the Board and administration schedule a meeting with legislators prior to their departure to Juneau to voice concerns.

Mr. Arness asked whether a meeting with the legislators has been scheduled. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he would like to confer with the Borough mayor first to decide whether or not to schedule a joint meeting with the Assembly, Board and legislators. He reported that he and Mrs. Gross met with Representative Phillips prior to the election.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Mullins reported that she attended a conference titled, "Hot Topics in School Law", prior to attending the AASB Annual Conference. She stated that the school law presentation was extremely beneficial. Mrs. Mullins stated that during the first day of the AASB conference, she helped conduct the new school board training. She stated that during the following day, she attended several workshops, one of which included standards for school boards. She stated she will leave the school law workbook and school board standards information at central office for Board members to review. She announced that during the AASB conference a fund-raiser was held that raised \$7,000 for student scholarships. She stated that she attended a round table discussion on student assessment and had the opportunity to listen to Dan Walker, Alaska's 1998

Teacher of the Year, who she felt did an outstanding job. She stated that she attended a workshop on interest-based bargaining and felt that it was an interesting process and would like to consider using it in this District.

Mrs. Crawford stated that she also attended the AASB Annual Conference and thanked Mrs. Mullins for doing a fine job presenting the new school board training session. She extended congratulations to Mrs. Gross for being elected as the new president-elect for AASB.

Mr. Arness stated that he attended the Certified Diploma Committee meeting. He reported that the committee discussed what students need to know to earn a high school diploma.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Substitute Teacher Contract, 1998-99 Teacher Appointment, and Resignations.

Substitute Teacher Contract:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a substitute teaching contract for JoAnn McClain, special education, Seward Middle/Sr. High.

1998-99 Teacher Appointment:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Kevin Harding, special education/resource (temporary, half time), Kenai Alternative High School.

Resignations:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective at the end of the 1998-99 school year from Kathy Hill, counselor, Homer Middle; Stuart Goldstein, metals, Soldotna High; Sharon Sauer, art, Soldotna High; and Kathleen McDowell, physical education, Soldotna Middle.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued):

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1999-2000 Regular Education/ Certified Staffing Formula:

Mrs. Radtke presented the 1999-2000 regular education/certified staffing formula and recommended approval. Mrs. Radtke stated that the staffing formulas are a guide for preparation of the FY 00 budget.

- ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the 1999-2000 regular education/certified staffing formula as presented. Mrs. Mullins seconded.
- ACTION Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to staff kindergarten through third grade students at a pupil-teacher ratio of 1:22. Mrs. Crawford seconded.
- VOTE ON AMENDMENT:
- Yes - Gross, Larned, Crawford, Mullins, Germano
- No - Anderson, Arness
- Advisory Vote - NO
- Amendment carried.
- Amended motion carried unanimously.
- 1999-00 Support Staffing Formula: Mrs. Radtke presented the 1999-2000 support staffing formula and recommended approval. Mrs. Mahurin asked whether the formula was the same as that of the current year. Mrs. Radtke stated that there were no changes from this past year's staffing formula.
- ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the 1999-2000 support staffing formula as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Student Expulsion: Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the following: "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of LM.
- ACTION This matter was heard before the Board on Monday, November 16, 1998. LM and his parents were in attendance. Todd Syverson, Principal of Soldotna Middle School and Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, were present on behalf of the administration. The administration recommended an expulsion of LM for the remainder of this school year, that LM be allowed to continue his education via correspondence at his own

Student Expulsion (Continued): expense, and be considered for readmittance to the District during the first semester of the 1999/2000 school year should he complete and pass an approved 8th grade correspondence course in certain core subject areas, that LM complete a mental health counseling assessment at LM's own expense, comply with the program's recommendations and complete 50 hours of community service.

The evidence presented showed that on October 28, 1998 a teacher heard music coming from LM's locker and discovered a stereo-radio in the locker in violation of school policy. The teacher conducted a search of the student's locker and backpack with LM's permission, and in addition to the stereo-radio found a butterfly knife with a 4-1/4 inch blade, two unused CO-2 Crossman Argonne powerlet devices and a grenade replica used by the military in practice training. LM stated he had placed the items in his backpack several weeks earlier and that on the day in question he was unaware they were in his backpack. LM had indicated the knife belonged to his brother and the CO-2 devices were for his CO-2 car at home. LM had not been granted permission to bring the items on school grounds. Evidence also showed LM is not considered a violent student but was expelled in the spring of 1998 for possession of the same grenade replica on school grounds. Pursuant to the terms of the previous expulsion LM was readmitted in the fall of 1998 after completing certain requirements, one of which was a psychological assessment. The psychologist suggested LM had Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD). District personnel concluded LM's ODD did not qualify LM as an emotionally disturbed student as defined under IDEA guidelines, but that it does cause LM to fall under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Soldotna Middle School developed a Section 504 plan for LM which it has followed in compliance with that act.

Based on the uncontradicted evidence, the Board finds that LM did violate the District's Board Policy 5131.7(a) on October 28, 1998 by knowingly possessing both a replica of a weapon and a weapon or dangerous instrument on school grounds. The Board also finds that LM's conduct was inimical to the welfare, safety or morals of other students and school employees, and concludes that he should be expelled from the District for one calendar year beginning with the date of his suspension for this violation. The Board also finds that the knife is a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument as defined by school policy and state law, and the grenade replica did not constitute a firearm

or deadly weapon as defined by statute. LM may immediately apply for limited readmission via correspondence for the remainder of the 1999 school

Student Expulsion (Continued): year. Such correspondence program shall not be at LM's expense if it is with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's program. LM may apply for full readmission to the general School District program for the first semester of 1999-2000 if he satisfactorily completes and passes an approved 8th grade correspondence course in the subject areas of language arts, math, science and social studies, plus 50 hours of community service, plus completes a mental health counseling assessment by a duly licensed counselor at LM's expense, and complies with and completes the counselor's recommended programs. Such early readmission is subject to approval by the superintendent. Except as necessary for such limited readmission to the correspondence program, LM shall not go on school grounds during the period of expulsion for any reason, nor shall he attend any school event or function whatsoever." Mrs. Crawford seconded.

VOTE:

Yes - Crawford, Germano, Larned, Mullins, Arness

No - Anderson

Abstain - Gross

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Dave Carey commended Sears Elementary for their fine presentation. He complimented Mrs. Byerly for doing an excellent job as principal of Skyview High School. He stated that he appreciated the fact that she allows teachers to use many different teaching styles to teach their students. Mr. Carey stated that recently, two teachers were assaulted by students, one teacher was a Tier 1 teacher and the other was a Tier 2 teacher. He stated that when students decide to attack a teacher they do not consider their amount of pay, they are considered equal.

Mrs. Imle thanked the Board for their decision to lower class sizes. She stated that the District's focus is the certified diploma and even though it may be viewed as a high school issue it actually begins with elementary school. She recommended that the District give priority to lowering class sizes. She stated that teachers are observing more and more students entering school unprepared for kindergarten. She stated that she and Ms. Lafferty are serving on the Elementary School Review Committee and class size is the committee's first priority.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford extended her congratulation to the District employees who received awards for their achievements. She congratulated Melody Douglas, Mari-Anne Gross, Joanie Goodman, Marlene Byerly and Dan Walker.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued):

Ms. Germano thanked Mrs. Imle for her comments but deferred the credit for lowering class sizes to Sharon Radtke. Dr. Anderson stated that he supported the reduction of elementary class sizes but is concerned about committing the half million dollars to pay for the additional teachers' salaries.

Miss Calvert thanked the Board and District for sponsoring her recent trip to the AASB Annual Conference.

She added her thanks to Mrs. Crawford for acting as her chaperone.

Mrs. Gross thanked the Board members for their support of her as president elect of AASB. She stated that she expected to be extremely busy during the next year.

Mrs. Larned echoed Mrs. Crawford's congratulations and added a special thanks to Joanie Goodman for her assistance at Soldotna Elementary School. She stated that she enjoyed the presentation given by Sears Elementary.

Dr. Anderson
recognized
Joanie and
Gordon
Goodman for
their many
contributions to
the community.

Mr. Arness
thanked
Mr. Dahlgren
for the Title IX
information
received in the
Board
information
packets. He
stated that the
issue has made
him furious.

ADJOURN: At 8:48 p.m.,
Mrs. Crawford
moved the
School Board
Meeting be
adjourned.
Mrs. Larned
seconded.

Motion carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of November 16, 1998,
were approved on December 7, 1998,
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

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December 7, 1998

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human
Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Rick Ladd

Ms. Sharon Moock

Mrs. Beth Martin

Mr. Don Oberg

Ms. Trena Richardson

Ms. Sue Liebner

Mr. Tim Peterson

Mr. Dana Hallett

Mr. John Andrews

Mr. Roger Liebner

Ms. Teri Woodward

Mr. Pete Sprague

Ms. Dawn Daris

Miss Anne Pfitzner

Mr. Don Glaze

Mrs. Sheryl Sotelo

Mr. Mark Norgren

Mr. Ed Sotelo

Ms. Jane Porter

Mr. Phil Biggs

Mr. Dave Carey

Mr. Granite Christopher

Ms. Sara Moore

Ms. Diane Bundy

Mr. Justin George

Mr. Dan Walker

Ms. Barb Vogel

Mrs. Carolyn Cannava

Mr. Sam Stewart

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Arness announced that the Board reserved 6:15 to 7:15 p. m. to receive public input regarding the Kenai Peninsula Educational Support Association (KPESA), Kenai Peninsula Education Association (KPEA) or Kenai Peninsula Administrator Association (KPAA) negotiated agreements and invited those present to speak.

Mr. Norman Edeleman stated that he felt that the time teachers are out of the classroom excessive and asked the Board to address the issue during the negotiation process.

Mr. Gene Dyson asked the Board whether the administration is paid on a two-tier salary scale, whether there was an entry level salary for administrators and whether the administration had a negotiated agreement.

PUBLIC HEARING
(continued):

Mr. Dahlgren responded that the school principals have an association to negotiate for them. He stated that the directors are paid on a two-tiered salary schedule, and that the central office is paid from a separate salary schedule. He stated that there is no negotiated agreement for central office personnel, although they follow the confines of the principals' association agreement. He stated that the principals' salary schedule has an entry level and is also based on the size of their building and the number of employees they supervise. Mr. Dahlgren explained that principals receive tenure rights as a teacher not as an administrator.

Ms. Sara Moore, counselor, Soldotna High School, stated that because of the two-tiered salary schedule she is not as willing to chaperone student activities, as in the past. She stated that she makes \$2,000 less than her previous job in another district.

Mr. Dave Carey, commended Dr. Anderson for his assistance with weight physicals for wrestlers. He asked the Board not to put him in the position of considering a strike by approving a two-tiered salary schedule.

RECESS:

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:

At 6:50 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Mr. Arness extended another invitation to those present to comment on the upcoming negotiated agreements.

RECESS:

At 6:55 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:

At 7:30 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Joe Arness Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins Present

Mrs. Susan Larned Present

Ms. Deborah Germano Present

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present

Dr. Nels Anderson Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford Absent/Excused

Miss Charise Calvert Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the minutes of November 16, 1998, as printed. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Rick Ladd, West Homer Elementary principal, presented a computer-generated tour of West Homer Elementary School. The tour showed pictures of the library, gymnasium, and classrooms. The presentation also included pictures of parents volunteering in the classroom, students participating in the recently held forensics meet, a school play and various other student activities.

Mr. Ladd presented test scores confirming student improvement in reading comprehension, which is his school's primary goal. He explained the three-tiered developmental reading program that is used by West Homer Elementary to provide instruction, correction, intervention and remediation.

Mr. Ladd thanked the Board for the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to accept the 1998 Alaska Elementary Principal of the Year award.

**AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:**

Dr. Anderson and Mr. Arness presented plaques of appreciation to Anne Pfitzner, Grade 3, Soldotna Elementary and Mrs. Sheryl Sotelo, Grade 6, Tustumena Elementary, for being selected as awardees for the 1998 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Mr. Arness also presented a plaque of appreciation to Dan Walker, Seward Middle/Sr. High, for being selected as the 1999 Alaska Teacher of the Year. Mr. Phil Biggs introduced Ms. Diane Bundy, parent, and her son Granite Christopher, who presented a check to Kenai Central High School for \$5,500. Mr. Biggs announced that Granite and his team placed first in the ThinkQuest contest. Ms. Bundy explained that ThinkQuest is an international contest that included 64 countries, 18 of which were selected as finalists. She stated that students aged 12-19 put together a team consisting of distant partners. The partners collaborate via the internet to create an educational website that can be used by teachers, students and schools across the world. She stated that the students had 8 months to complete their web site. She stated that she and Granite were invited to Los Angeles, California, for the final judging and awards ceremony. She stated that Granite and his teammates were presented with a \$25,000 scholarship for "Best of Contest," a cash prize of \$2,500 for second place "Java Script" award; and because Granite nominated his school, KCHS receives a cash award of \$5,500. Ms. Bundy encouraged interested teachers and students to participate in the ThinkQuest contests and stated that there is no entry fee.

**AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS (continued):**

Mr. Stewart, Kenai Central High School principal, accepted the check on behalf of the school and thanked Granite for his efforts and contribution. He noted that the money will be used to further technology at the high school.

Granite explained that his website relates to sound and sound waves. He invited those present to view his web page at <http://library.advanced.org/19537//>.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Dahlgren announced that Sheryl Sotelo is a semi-finalist for Science Teacher of the Year (an award sponsored by Shell Oil Company) and that Mr. Don Glaze has been selected as the assistant principal of the Year.

Mr. Dahlgren thanked Mr. Ladd for his technology presentation and commended his school for its commitment to student learning.

Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board of the Legislative worksession with the Assembly, Borough and School District Administration on December 8, at 10:00 a.m. He stated that the discussion would center on funding.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS
REPORT:**

Mr. Dahlgren presented a report, prepared by Mr. Hickey, of leases or agreements currently in effect for the District. The report includes agreements between the City of Soldotna, Homer and Seward for the Community Schools Program; a lease for equipment and facilities with the North Peninsula Recreation Service area; facility leases for Kachemak Selo, Razdolna, Homer High Flex, Aurora Borealis Charter and Voznesenka Schools; and a lease to the Boys and Girls Club for space in the Kenai Elementary School.

Ms. Germano asked for an explanation of the North Peninsula Recreation Service area lease. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the lease is for students to use the pool and ice arena and, in turn, the North Peninsula Recreation Service area operates a community school program that includes the use of the school gymnasiums. He stated that the lease is a reciprocal agreement and that no money is involved.

BOARD REPORTS:

Dr. Anderson reported that he attended the Certified Diploma Committee meeting. He reported that the Committee discussed lowering pupil-teacher ratios at the elementary level and noted that the consensus was that it might be more beneficial to provide a directed use of the same number of teachers instead. He stated that Dr. Roland Good would be here in February to provide the Board with valuable information concerning the use of elementary teachers. He encouraged the Board to consider alternatives to the use of elementary teachers rather than straight pupil-teacher ratio reductions. Dr. Anderson stated that he would like to express his concern to area legislators during the upcoming worksession regarding proposed regulations that specifically excludes reimbursement for students who return to school to complete their high school diploma. He stated that the Department of Education is writing administrative regulations to that effect.

Mrs. Larned reported that she attended the Vocational Education Curriculum Committee meeting. She stated that the Committee should be ready to report to the Board in January. She stated that the committee discussed the possibility of offering correspondence program courses through individual high schools via the use of technology.

Mrs. Gross reported that she spent three days attending the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Board of Directors meeting. She stated that the Board of Directors discussed the possibility of eliminating the coaches' box for basketball. She stated that the National Federation of Student Activities has instituted a coaches' training program, which has been considered a good idea. She stated that ASAA is collaborating with the University of Alaska to offer summer classes or distance delivery courses for coaches to take for credit. She stated that win/loss records may determine who is awarded the third berth for the Region III basketball state tournament for next year.

Ms. Germano stated that she attended the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association (KPSAA) meeting and that the Association discussed a change to bring the District into compliance with ASAA requirements. She stated that students must be enrolled in four classes in the district that they represent.

Mrs. Gross stated that all students may participate in cocurricular activities with district permission. She stated she believes that Commissioner Holloway would like to see extracurricular activities be offered to any student regardless of whether they are enrolled in public school. Mrs. Gross reported that Commissioner Holloway stated she is receiving mixed messages from teachers, administrators and school boards concerning extracurricular participation and asked for a unified voice. Mrs. Gross stated that she expects to see legislation this session requiring districts to allow all students to participate in extracurricular activities regardless of where they are enrolled.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Substitute Teacher Contract, Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignment, Resignation and 1998-99 Teacher Assignment.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a substitute teaching contract for Ann Frantz, special education/resource, Seward Middle/Sr. High.

TENTATIVE TENURE ASSIGNMENT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a tentative tenure teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Wendy Todd, special education/districtwide.

RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board deny a resignation request from Chris VanBuskirk, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High School.

1998-99 TEACHER ASSIGNMENT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Heather Lentz, occupational therapist, districtwide.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 4. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1999-2000 SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFIED STAFFING FORMULA:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the staffing formula for special education/certified employees that will be used to calculate the 1999-2000 budget.

ACTION

Ms. Germano recommended the Board approve the 1999-2000 special education/certified staffing formula as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.

1999-2000 SPECIAL
EDUCATION CERTIFIED
STAFFING FORMULA
(Continued):

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to the special education/certified staffing formula to change the small elementary schools to coincide with the K-8 elementary schools, which would change the resource staffing ratio to 1:12. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

1999-2000 SPECIAL
EDUCATION SUPPORT
STAFFING FORMULA:
ACTION

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the staffing formula for special education/support employees that will be used to calculate the 1999-2000 budget.

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the 1999-2000 special education/support staffing formula as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL CALENDAR/
INSERVICE DATES:

Mr. Ed McLain recommended the Board approve the 1999–2000 school calendar and tentatively approve school calendars for 2000–2001 and 2001-2002. Mr. McLain reported that the Calendar Committee met on October 13 and reviewed the current school year calendar and solicited input. He reported that they met again on November 10 to finalize their work. Mr. McLain noted that on the proposed calendar, the districtwide inservice is scheduled for August 18, followed by two teacher work days and a site inservice day on August 23 with school beginning for students on August 24. He stated that the entire first quarter would proceed uninterrupted through October. Mr. McLain explained that parent/teacher conferences would be scheduled on minimum days so that instructional days will not be used. He stated that bus and lunch schedules would be standardized to save on transportation costs.

Mr. McLain stated that schools can set afternoons and evening hours for parent/teacher conferences and that the schedule would allow for 25 conferences per teacher. He added that this schedule would accommodate parents with children in several schools. Mr. McLain stated that the proposed schedule separates parent/teacher conferences from inservice days. He stated that principals have commented that they would like more time to focus inservice days on individual site inservice needs. Mr. McLain noted that October 29, November 11 and November 12 are inservice days, February 7 through 10 are parent/teacher conferences, May 15 is the final inservice day and May 24 is the last day for students. Mr. McLain thanked the Calendar Committee members for their hard work.

SCHOOL CALENDAR/
INSERVICE DATES
(Continued):

Dr. Anderson asked for an explanation of a minimum day. Mr. McLain stated that Alaska state law requires that students receive five hours of instruction in order to be considered a minimum day. Mr. McLain explained that the proposed calendar would require students to attend school for 5 hours and that 2 hours would be used for parent/teacher conferences, including one-half hour for lunch. He stated that the schedule would continue for all four days and that conference times could be flexible and conferences could be held in the evening. Ms. Germano asked whether enough time was scheduled for elementary schools to conduct parent/teacher conferences. Mr. McLain explained that 2.5 conferences could be held per hour allowing for 25 conferences per teacher. He stated that he would work with larger elementary schools to accommodate their parent/teacher conference needs. He stated that the state is not in favor of using instructional time for parent/teacher conferences. Ms. Germano expressed concern that 20 minutes for a student-led conference was not enough time. Mrs. Mullins asked whether the August 23 inservice date is a districtwide inservice. Mr. McLain stated that August 23 is a site inservice and that August 18 is the districtwide inservice. Mr. McLain stated that the Department of Education is considering a review of each inservice request because they feel that such days are turning into teacher work days. Mrs. Mullins stated that Commissioner Holloway has referred to districtwide inservice days as "drive-bys" and was not in favor of them.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the proposed school calendars and inservice dates. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 98-99-3, Acceptance of Amendments to the Bylaws of the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association, Inc. (AML/JIA):

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a resolution accepting amendments to the bylaws of the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association, Inc. (AML/JIA) expanding the board of trustees to nine members. Mr. Dahlgren explained that last year, after bids were accepted, the Borough changed the insurance carrier to the AML/JIA group.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Resolution 98–99–3.
Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 98-99-4, Support for Participation in the Alaska ReForm in the Classroom Through Technology Integration and Collaboration (ARCTIC) Project:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a resolution supporting the involvement of the District in the ARCTIC technology intern program developed and offered by the Tri-Rivers Educational Computer Association (TRECA) consortium of school districts in Ohio. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the project allows a District teacher to travel to Ohio and train in the area of technology. He stated that over the five-year period, the intent is to train 10 Alaskan teachers each semester or 20 per year. He stated that the grant would pay for the teacher's expenses while in Ohio and substitute costs. He added that the teacher would also receive mentor support throughout the following year. Mr. Dahlgren suggested that ARCTIC grant applications circulate through Central Office so that there is not a concentration of teachers applying from one area. He stated that Mr. Darren Jones, the District's applicant, has not heard whether he has been awarded a grant. Dr. Anderson asked how the grant is funded. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the \$4.5 million is a part of a federally funded competitive grant that was written by a consortium of districts from Ohio.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Resolution 98–99–4.
Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Miss Calvert congratulated Mr. Walker on his award and stated that she had the opportunity to hear him speak at the AASB student leadership conference and was impressed with his outlook on teaching. She thanked Mr. Ladd for his school presentation.

Mrs. Gross congratulated Mr. Walker for being selected as Alaska's Teacher of the Year. She stated that she is proud of the quality of teachers in the District. She wished those present a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Larned extended congratulations to District employee award winners. She stated that she hoped the Board will think about the idea of offering correspondence programs via technology and asked the members for their input. She stated that she would like to see students return to the District. She wished those present a Happy Holiday.

BOARD COMMENTS (continued):

Mrs. Mullins thanked Mr. Ladd for his presentation and stated that she recently had an enjoyable visit at West Homer Elementary. She expressed her congratulations to District employee award winners and stated that she appreciated their hard work. She congratulated Mr. Glaze for being selected as the Assistant Principal of the year and stated that it was an outstanding honor. She wished those

present a
Happy
Holiday.
Ms. Germano
echoed
congratulations
made by
previous
Board
members and
thanked
Mr. McLain
for his work
on the
Calendar
Committee.
Dr. Anderson
expressed his
appreciation
for all of the
work the
District staff
is doing.
The Board
concurred that
Mr. Arness
will write a
letter
requesting that
the Board be
allowed input
in the
Borough
maintenance
budget.
Mr. Arness
apologized to
Miss Calvert
for
overlooking
her during the
voting of
business items
on the agenda.

ADJOURN: At 8:45 p.m.,
Ms. Germano
moved the
School Board
Meeting be
adjourned.
Mrs. Mullins
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of December 7, 1998,
were approved on January 4, 1999,
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

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January 4, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD
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Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent,
Operations and Business Management

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human
Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:	Mr. Harry Lockwood	Mr. Ken Tarbox
	Mr. Bill Popp	Mrs. Karen Mahurin
	Mr. Tim Peterson	Mrs. Marlene Byerly
	Mr. Pete Sprague	Mr. Maurice Glenn
	Mrs. Gretchen Becker	Mr. Larry Semmens
	Mrs. Jane Stein	Mrs. Bekkie Jackson
	Mr. Ben Eveland	Ms. Barbara Ralston
	Ms. Susan Little	Ms. Jacquie Imle
	Mrs. Leona Oberts	Mrs. Marita Parks

Mr. Drew O'Brien
Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum of Board members, (Mr. Joe Arness, Mrs. Debra Mullins, Ms. Deborah Germano, Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Dr. Nels Anderson, Mrs. Sammy Crawford), were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 2:01 p.m., Mrs. Gross moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to conduct a student hearing and to discuss negotiations. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 p.m., Ms. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Joe Arness	Present
	Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
	Mrs. Susan Larned	Absent/Excused
	Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
	Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
	Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
	Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
	Miss Charise Calvert	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of December 7, 1998, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Maurice Glenn, Nanwalek Elem/High principal/teacher, reported that the school has an enrollment of 59 students. He stated that even though some families have left the village he expects the enrollment to remain unchanged. He stated that five homes are projected to be built during the summer of 1999 with another eleven family unit to be build the following summer. He stated according to his school's assessment results, his students must make improvements in the area of reading. He explained the Book-Link and Reading Buddies reading programs. He reported that students are becoming extremely enthusiastic towards creative writing and are writing news articles and stories. He reported that his students are participating in the Youth Area Watch Program, Native Youth Olympics, and are incubating salmon eggs in the classroom. He stated that the school has one of the most exceptional Bilingual Programs throughout the state and that he has noticed a substantial increase of his students' knowledge of their native culture and language. He thanked the administration for their support and asked for continued assistance to enable them to increase their assessment scores.

Mrs. Gross told Mr. Glenn that she was pleased that he has returned to Nanwalek because of his former knowledge of the community. Mr. Glenn stated that the site-based council president had recently commented that the educational environment of the school has made a complete turn around and that student attitudes are positive.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Ben Eveland and Mr. Harry Lockwood presented an award to Mr. Drew O'Brien for being selected to receive the Vocational Education Service Award. Mr. Arness presented awards of appreciation to Ms. Barbara Ralston for her dedication to education and the District and to Mr. Ken Tarbox for his outstanding volunteer service to the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reported that the Port Graham Elementary/High School is not in session because roofing trusses are separating. He stated that the Borough Public Works Department hopes to have the problem solved before Monday, January 11, 1999. He noted that school will be held on Saturdays until all of the missed days are made up.

Mr. Dahlgren reported that legal counsel has advised the District administration to allow middle school girls to participate in wrestling. He stated that the KPSAA board would make a recommendation to the Board to act on the recommendation allowing middle school girls to wrestle.

Mr. Dalgren announced that the ARCTIC Program has accepted Mr. Darren Jones' application for technology training. He also announced that Paul Sorenson, Kenai Middle School principal, has been selected as the Region III 1998-99 Secondary Principal of the Year and that his nomination will be forwarded to the state level for consideration.

Kenai Elementary Facility Review:

For the benefit of those present, Mr. Hickey reviewed the events that led up to the Kenai Elementary facility study. He reported that last school year three groups shared the Kenai Elementary building; People Count, Boys and Girls Club and the Kenai Alternative School. He reported that People Count recently relocated which allowed the Kenai Alternative School to move their office into the vacated space. He explained that the move also avoided the costs of making the second story compliant with the Office of Civil Rights for handicapped access. He stated that at the same time, the Aurora Borealis Charter school expressed an interest in moving into the vacant space. He stated that the Board directed the administration to conduct an analysis of the facility based on a study completed in 1992. He stated that a building walk-through was conducted that included approximately 10 people representing various interested groups. He stated that the five distinct areas of concern that were addressed were building code/life safety, environmental, handicap accessibility, functional/ educational program and maintenance. The total cost of each area of concern was \$2,582,182.65. He summarized by saying that the

Kenai Elementary Building can be made habitable by the Aurora Borealis Charter School if the District invests approximately \$1 million into the facility.

Kenai Elementary Facility Review (Continued):	Mr. Dahlgren explained that the next step would be to request capital project money from the Borough to fund the renovation. Mr. Arness directed the administration to conduct a worksession to discuss the Kenai Elementary Building and schedule that item on the corresponding School Board meeting.
CONSENT AGENDA:	Items presented on the Consent Agenda were 1998-99 Teacher Assignments, Resignations, and Early Graduation Request.
1998-99 Teacher Assignments:	Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teaching appointments for the 1998-99 school year for Heidi Farrand, (temporary half-time) music, Seward Elementary; Susan Howard, (temporary) grades K-3 at Port Graham Elem/High; and Kristina Owens (temporary, three-quarter time) grades 7-10 math/science, Port Graham Elementary/High.
Resignations:	Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations for Kathleen Abrams, grades K-3, Port Graham Elem/High (effective 1/1/99); John Abrams, grades 6-10 generalist, math/science, Port Graham Elem/High (effective 1/1/99); Nancy Tapsfield, language arts/drama/art, Seward Middle/Sr. High (effective 1/15/99); Lawrence Colston, math, Seward Middle/Sr. High (effective 1/15/99); and Taryn Holmes, math, Skyview High (effective 5/27/99).
Early Graduation Request:	Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve an early graduation request for a Nikiski High School student.
ACTION	Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item Numbers 1 through 3. Mrs. Mullins seconded.
	Motion carried unanimously.
StUDENT EXPULSION:	Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following: "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of BB.
ACTION	This matter came before the school board on January 4, 1999. Neither the student nor his parents were present. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and Dennis Dunn, Principal, Kenai Alternative High School were present. Board members present were Joe Arness, Dr. Nels Anderson, Lorraine Crawford, Deborah Germano, Mari-Anne Gross, Susan Larned and Debbie Mullins.

StUDENT EXPULSION

(Continued):

The uncontested evidence showed that on December 2, 1998 a staff member advised Principal Dunn that one student had been overheard saying that another student, BB, had a gun in his truck on school grounds. Principal Dunn contacted BB, a 20-year-old student, who admitted having a loaded gun in his truck, which was in the school parking lot. Upon being told the gun had to be retrieved BB was cooperative and took Principal Dunn and another staff member to the truck. A loaded .357 caliber pistol was retrieved from the truck and given to Principal Dunn. BB stated that he had forgotten that it was in the truck before coming to school. The weapon was taken to a vacant classroom, unloaded and secured. Principal Dunn unsuccessfully tried to contact the parents, and left a message. He then contacted the police who arrested BB for misconduct involving weapons in the fourth degree. Principal Dunn conducted a telephonic hearing on December 10, 1998 and concluded that BB violated Board Policy 5131.7(a). The administration recommended to the board that BB be expelled for not less than one calendar year beginning December 2, 1998, and that BB receive professional counseling addressing lack of judgment and decision-making processes.

Based on the evidence presented the board finds a one-year expulsion is required. Possessing a loaded firearm on school premises violates board policy KPBSD 5131.7(a) and Alaska Statute 14.03.160, and is conduct which is inimical to the welfare and safety of other students. Board policy and Alaska statutes require expulsion for at least one year each for such conduct, except that the superintendent may recommend a modification in certain cases. No such recommendation was made in this case. BB is accordingly expelled from this school district for a period of one year from December 2, 1998. He may not go on school grounds during the period of expulsion for any reason, nor may he attend any school event or function whatsoever." Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 98-99-5, Support of Challenger Learning Center:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve Resolution 98-99-05 supporting the use of a parcel of land adjoining the Kenai Central High School campus for the Challenger Learning Center and a covered ice arena. He explained that a request has been made asking the Board to give their formal support of the location of the proposed Challenger Learning Center and ice arena.

Ms. Germano verified that the proposed ice arena would be property of the city of Kenai.

Resolution 98-99-5, Support of
Challenger Learning Center
(Continued):

ACTION Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Resolution 98-99-05.
Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Charter School Budget
adjustments for FY99:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve budget transfers to Aurora Borealis Charter School for \$1,453; to Bay View Charter School for \$455; and to Homer Charter School for \$5,746. He explained that the adjustments were made based upon their actual enrollments as determined by the conclusion of the count period.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve budget adjustments for Aurora Borealis, Bay View and Homer Charter Schools as recommended. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

KPSAA Handbook Revision:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a revision to the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association (KPSAA) handbook to comply with eligibility requirements set by the Alaska School Activities Association. He stated that the District has been permitting correspondence students to participate in school activities. He explained that students must now meet the following criteria to participate in a KPSAA sponsored activity: 1) be enrolled in a minimum of four semester units in the school of that interscholastic activity that lead to the granting of credit toward graduation from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District; 2) be enrolled in a minimum of four semester units in a district correspondence program, flex or alternative school, or charter school that lead to the granting of credit toward graduation from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District; and 3) students attending a flex, alternative or charter school may only participate in the school within their attendance area. He recommended that students not meeting these criteria be allowed to continue their participation in activities until the end of the school year and then impose the new guidelines beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

Ms. Germano asked whether there were eligibility guidelines requiring classes to be consecutive or continuous throughout a part-time student's school day.

KPSAA Handbook Revision
(Continued):

ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the recommended revisions to the KPSAA handbook. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Adjustment: Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve revisions to the FY99 budget to accommodate a revenue shortfall of \$1,498,153. He noted that the reductions were made in the categories of teacher-unallocated, textbooks, data processing equipment, equipment, in-kind-Kenai Peninsula Borough, certified diploma, substitute allocations, and salary/fringe benefits.

ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the recommended adjustment to the FY 99 budget. Mrs. Mullins seconded.
Dr. Anderson remarked that removing \$1.5 million from the District budget is extremely difficult but that he would vote for the motion since he does not have a better solution.
Mrs. Mullins asked what the category "In-kind Kenai Peninsula Borough" was referring to. Mr. Dahlgren explained that insurance coverage was rebid this year and there was a savings.
Mrs. Mullins asked for an explanation of the amounts listed under CSSB 36. Mr. Dahlgren explained that in August the Assembly approved an adjusted budget that included the additional funds generated from CSSB 36. Mr. Dahlgren reviewed the staffing increases other expenditures that were included in the adjusted budget and stated that he funded most of the items but did not use of the money from CSSB 36.
Mrs. Mullins asked whether textbooks were purchased.
Mr. Dahlgren stated that \$500,000 worth of math textbooks were purchased.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP and AR 5145.12, Search and Seizure. Mr. Dahlgren explained that under the current policy, if a student declines a search or leaves school without allowing a search, the school has no recourse for discipline. He noted that the proposed revisions clarify that searches may involve vehicles, lockers, or other property on school grounds, owned or controlled by students; identify conditions to be considered in determining if a search is warranted; clarify that students are expected to cooperate with school officials conducting a reasonable search as described or allowed by this policy; direct school officials to make reasonable efforts to notify parents; and provide penalties for refusal to permit a reasonable search as described and allowed by this policy.

Ms. Germano asked whether the proposed policy allows a blanket search of lockers. Mr. Dahlgren quoted from the proposed policy, "The search shall be reasonably related in its scope to the circumstances which gave rise to the search. Items which are discovered as a result of authorized searches and found to be in violation of school policy may be subject to seizure by school officials and may also result in disciplinary action." He further noted that the supreme court has ruled that lockers are considered school property and are open for inspection anytime.

Mrs. Crawford expressed concern that a forty-five day suspension was excessive. Mr. Dahlgren responded that in a number of instances this year students have refused to be searched and while the parents are being contacted, the student runs away. Mr. Arness asked whether legal counsel had reviewed the language relating to possible expulsion.

Mr. McLain stated that legal counsel has reviewed and written the language regarding expulsion and recounted a scenario involving a student with a loaded weapon. He stated that the student fled the school but was apprehended later and the weapon was discovered. Mr. McLain stated that the changes would remove incentives for students to choose to take the penalty for insubordination rather than pay a more severe penalty for items discovered during a search.

Ms. Germano stated that she felt that the punishment for refusal to search is extreme. Ms. Germano argued that a student has the right to refuse a locker search. Mr. Dahlgren stated that school lockers can be searched. Mr. Hickey reiterated that school lockers are considered district property.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS (Continued): Mrs. Gross asked that the word "knowing" in the third paragraph of AR 5145.12, Search and Seizure be defined more clearly. Mr. McLain responded that the paragraph was written by the Borough attorney but that he would have it reviewed again.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Larry Semmens thanked the administration on the timeliness of the Kenai Elementary Facility report and stated that he was pleased with the study. He asked the Board to carefully consider the large cost items prior to making their decision on the use of the facility. He felt that his school could vacate the building for much less money.

Mr. Bob Nath, Aurora Borealis School parent, stated that they inspected many buildings in the area and feel that there is nothing better available than the Kenai Elementary building. He asked the Board to consider allowing their school to vacate the facility and that he expected that their school would grow as a result of the move.

BOARD COMMENTS: Miss Calvert stated that in the future she will be sure to clean out her gym locker to avoid a search.

Mrs. Gross wished those present a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Crawford congratulated Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Ralston and Mr. Tarbox on their awards. She invited those present to contact her with comments regarding the upcoming negotiations, employee retirement and the hiring of a new superintendent.

Dr. Anderson reported that during a worksession earlier in the day the Board was informed that they would be facing a \$5.5 million deficit next year. He invited those present to participate in the upcoming budget review committee meetings.

With the consensus of the Board, Mr. Arness requested that the Kenai Elementary renovation issue be discussed during a Board worksession and be scheduled on the agenda. He asked that those persons specifically interested in the facility be notified of the date and time of the worksession.

ADJOURN: At 8:45 p.
m.,
Mrs. Mullins
moved the
School
Board
Meeting be
adjourned.
Ms. Germano
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of January 4, 1999,
were approved on January 18, 1999,
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

January 18, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent,
Operations and Business Management

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human
Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Sue Liebner

Ms. Gloryann Bailey

Mr. Ben Eveland

Mr. Ken Tarbox

Mrs. Elaine Larson

Mr. Don Glaze

Mr. Mark Norgren

Mrs. Karen Mahurin

Mrs. Debbie Palm

Mr. Don Oberg

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Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds

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Mrs. Linda Raemaker

Ms. Kelley Smith

Mrs. Sharon Moock

Miss Cassie Smith

Mr. Tim Peterson

Mr. Bob Bellmore

Mrs. Vicki Leach

Ms. Julie Niederhauser

Mr. Rick Matiya

Mrs. Jodene McAuliffe

Mr. Malcom Rooper

Mr. Jim Montgomery

Mr. Jason Wilkins

Ms. Hillary Matthews

Mr. Bob Bauer

Mr. Ben McGarry

Ms. Christina Lagoutaris

Mr. Chad Mello

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum of Board members, (Mr. Joe Arness, Mrs. Debra Mullins, Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Dr. Nels Anderson, Mrs. Susan Larned, and Mrs. Sammy Crawford), was in attendance. Ms. Germano arrived at 11:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:01 a.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to conduct two student hearings. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:35 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Joe Arness Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins Present

Mrs. Susan Larned Present

Ms. Deborah Germano Present

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present

Dr. Nels Anderson Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford Present

Miss Charise Calvert Absent/Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of January 4, 1999, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mr. Arness noted that he had received a petition from Homer High School.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A.: Mr. Don Glaze, Kenai Peninsula Administrators' Association (KPAA) president, read a letter to the Board from KPAA opposing Board Directive 99-01. The letter stated that while KPAA supports the notion that students should have every opportunity to earn a prescribed number of credits, KPAA cannot support the process by which the directive was created. The letter stated that each community is unique, and each site possesses its own goals and ideals for what is best for students of that area. If sites do not maintain autonomy over issues such as schedules, they are losing an integral part of the decision making process. Mr. Glaze concluded by stating that at this time KPAA does not support Directive 99-01.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mrs. Sue Liebner, North Star Elementary principal, presented a computer-generated video that included a listing of school goals and examples of how the school is meeting those goals. The video featured students in classrooms and on the playground, local artists teaching students, a band performance, after-school programs, students working in the computer lab, office and custodial staff and many other activities from throughout the school year. Students from Mr. Gennari's class presented a reading theater from a selection titled, "The People Shall Continue."

RECESS:	At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.
RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:	At 8:04 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.
AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:	Mr. Arness presented an award of appreciation to Elaine Larson, Sears Elementary music teacher, for being selected as the 1998 Alaska Music Educator of the Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:	Mr. Dahlgren reported that the administrators' meeting was held January 13 and 14, 1999. He also reported that interviews for administrator positions at Sterling, K-Beach and Sears Elementary Schools would be conducted beginning Thursday, January 21 through next Wednesday, January 27, 1999. He noted that principalships have been readvertised for Nikiski and Skyview High Schools due to a small applicant pool.
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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAMS:	Mr. Ben Eveland reported on vocational education enrollment offerings and presented a chart showing a decrease from 250 sections in 1987-88 to less than 150 sections this year. He noted that there was a slight increase in enrollment in classes that were not applied academics.
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Mr. Eveland reviewed the graduate follow-up study that was conducted from the class of 1992. He stated that out of 100 graduates, 44 continued on to a four-year degree program with 40% of those students completing their program.

Mr. Eveland briefly explained the Rotational Vocational Program Improvement Grant program that uses Carl Perkins federal funds to provide \$20,000 grants to three of the nine eligible District high schools on a rotating basis.

Mr. Eveland reported that the School-to-Careers Advisory Committee has established and implemented a vocational program review system, initiated a vocational service award program and assisted in the review of the revised District vocational education curriculum.

Mr. Eveland reported that several instructors were given the opportunity to be treated as employees of local businesses, including Unocal, The Peninsula Clarion, Kenai Peninsula Borough Department of Transportation and Zubeck Construction. The instructors worked as summer interns with their businesses clearing roadways, putting up signs, maintaining computers and performing environmental studies, laboratory distillations and engineering drawings and calculations.

Mr. Eveland introduced Ms. Katrina Adamson, Central Peninsula work-based learning aid. He explained that work-based learning aides are located in the Seward, Central and South Peninsula areas to arrange job shadows, provide speakers from a variety of occupational fields, provide occupational aptitude testing for students and provide work experience sites for students.

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
AND SCHOOL-TO-WORK
PROGRAMS (Continued):**

Ms. Germano thanked Mr. Eveland for his work and for sharing the vocational education update.

Mrs. Crawford asked what percentage of high school students are participating in the work coop program. Mr. Eveland referred to the packet of information distributed during his report.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending November 30, 1998, and December 31, 1998.

**BUDGET TRANSFER
REPORT:**

Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 37 through 164 for various schools and departments within the District.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Arness announced that there will be a meeting on February 1 with the Superintendent Search Committee (composed of Board members and association representatives) to develop a rating scale for use while reviewing candidate applications. He announced that interviews will be conducted on February 24 and 25, 1999.

CONSENT AGENDA:

One item was presented on the Consent Agenda, a 1998-99 Teacher Appointment.

TEACHER APPOINTMENT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Nancy Boyle, English (temporary), Seward High.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item Number 1. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Expulsion #1:

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following: "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of JM.

ACTION

"This matter was heard before the Board on January 18, 1999. Neither the student nor the student's parents were present. Marlene Byerly, Skyview High School principal, and John Dahlgren, Superintendent, were present and recommended expulsion of the student for being in possession and under the influence of marijuana on school grounds, in violation of Board Policy 5131.6(a).

Student Expulsion #1
(Continued):

The evidence presented showed that on December 16, 1998, the school secretary reported that a student checking back in from lunch smelled strongly of marijuana. Investigation revealed that this student, along with six other students, had left campus that day during the lunch break in the same vehicle, and that marijuana smoking had occurred in that vehicle. Although all of the students agreed that the driver did not smoke any marijuana, accounts differed as to which students had smoked marijuana. Some students advised the principal that JM had smoked marijuana. JM denied smoking the marijuana. However, JM failed a school-administered Rapid Eye Exam (REE), and refused to submit to a urinalysis ("UA") when requested to do so by the principal. JM told the principal that the UA would have been positive. JM has a previous drug policy violation that occurred during the 1997 school year. Based on the evidence submitted at the hearing, the Board concludes the student violated Board policy 5131.6 and accordingly has exhibited behavior of a serious nature which is inimical to the welfare, safety or morals of other students, and that expulsion for the remainder of the school year is warranted. JM is therefore expelled from the School District for the remainder of the 1998-1999 school year. JM shall not go on school grounds during the period of expulsion for any reason, nor shall he attend any school event or function whatsoever." Mrs. Mullins seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Crawford, Gross,
Larned, Mullins, Arness

ABSTAIN - Germano

Student Expulsion #2:

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following: "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of TS.

ACTION

"This matter was heard before the Board on January 18, 1999. The student, the student's mother, and three adult friends of the student's family were present. Marlene Byerly, Skyview High School principal, and John Dahlgren, Superintendent, were present and recommended expulsion of the student for being in possession and under the influence of marijuana on school grounds, in violation of Board Policy 5131.6(a).

Student Expulsion #2
(Continued):

The evidence presented showed that on December 16, 1998, the school secretary reported that a student checking back in from lunch smelled strongly of marijuana. Investigation revealed that this student, along with six other students, had left campus that day during the lunch break in the same vehicle, and that marijuana smoking had occurred in that vehicle. TS stated that he had needed to go to town to get gloves and had asked a fellow student for a ride. That student agreed, and there were seven students in the vehicle. However, when they left the school grounds the vehicle turned right, away from Soldotna. A pipe of marijuana was passed forward from the back of the vehicle by other students, and during the investigation some of the students told the principal that TS had been one of those who smoked the marijuana. The principal stated that those students would not be named because they had received threats about testifying. TS denied smoking, and stated that the students may have thought he smoked some because he had held the pipe for roughly five seconds on a couple of occasions before passing it on, and because he had smoked it in the past. TS admitted considering having some but stated he had decided against having any. The evidence also showed that TS failed one of the five tests included in a school-administered Rapid Eye exam ("REE"), that the teacher administering the test obtained verification from the school nurse regarding that reading, that TS uses an asthma inhaler and had been injured two weeks earlier in a bad snow boarding accident. TS submitted to a urinalysis ("UA") some time between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. the next day. The UA results were negative. However the principal was advised by the organization administering the UA that a negative result for marijuana is likely when the test

is administered within one day of consumption. Evidence showed that the test was administered between 2 and 4 p.m. the next day. TS had one previous drug policy violation that occurred during the 1996-1997 school year.

The Board finds that the evidence is insufficient to establish that TS violated substance abuse policy 5131.6. Although the Board recognizes that the administration was constrained in proving this case due to threats against witnesses, there was not sufficient corroborating evidence to support a finding by the Board that this student violated the Board policy. The REE was inconclusive and the UA was negative. That the student momentarily held the pipe while off-campus in these circumstances deserves punishment, but is not sufficient to support expulsion. Accordingly, the Board concludes that expulsion is unwarranted." Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS:

Mr. Hickey recommended that the Board approve student transportation contracts for a seven-year period to Laidlaw Transit for Service Areas I, II, III and IV. He noted that approving the contracts will not bring the District into alignment with the state's large district contracts but will align the District with the next possible cycle. He commented that the state is trying to encourage larger transportation contractors to enter the state and submit bids.

Mrs. Germano asked whether the routes could be split out and bid separately if the District should decide to provide their own transportation at a later date. Mr. Hickey stated that he believed some opportunities exist to terminate a portion of the contract, but there would be financial penalties to do so. He stated that financially and administratively he did not recommend the District take on any additional routes.

ACTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve contracts for a seven-year period to Laidlaw Transit for Service Areas I, II, III and IV. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

KENAI ELEMENTARY
FACILITY PLAN:

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved to instruct the District administration to enter into discussions with the Kenai Peninsula Borough administration with the expressed intent of housing the Alternative School, the Aurora Borealis School and the Boys and Girls Club in the building now known as the old Kenai Elementary. Suggestions as to the course of action should be reported to the Board by March 15 for Board action, if possible. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sandra Taylor, Aurora Borealis parent, expressed her appreciation for the Board's consideration of the Kenai Elementary building issue. She stated that she had information regarding a grant to apply for \$100 million dollars that could be used to improve the Kenai Elementary building for use by students.

KENAI ELEMENTARY
FACILITY PLAN (Continued):

Mrs. Suzanne Little, director of the Boys and Girls Club, extended thanks on behalf of the club for allowing the forum to present their concerns. She stated that the club is most interested in cooperating to best serve children in the Central Peninsula area. She added that the club feels very strongly that they do not lose control over the use of the facility and that control is extremely critical to club operations. She stated that she is looking forward to working with John Dahlgren and Mayor Navarre on developing a solution that will serve all interested groups and children.

Mrs. Jodene McAuliffe stated that her husband coaches a Boys and Girls Club basketball team, and her children attend Aurora Borealis Charter School and strongly support both organizations. She stated that the families at Aurora Borealis are interested in sharing the space at the Kenai Elementary building.

Ms. Julie Niederhauser stated that her son is on the waiting list for Aurora Borealis School, and she was pleased that the school might be housed in a larger facility. She urged the Board members to support the move to the Kenai Elementary building.

Mr. Malcom Rooper, vice president of programs and basketball coach for the Boys and Girls Club, expressed concern about the use of the gymnasium. He stated that it is very difficult to schedule practice time at the local elementary schools and that he was worried that sharing the gymnasium with another organization would cut into the basketball schedule.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Directive 99-01/High
School Credits:

Mr. Dahlgren stated that Directive Number 99-01 was presented at Board request. The directive states, "Each high school shall provide their students the opportunity to earn seven (7) credits within the regular school day each year. Exemptions from this directive may be granted by the Board in exceptional circumstances. The Board strongly suggests that the Central Peninsula high schools coordinate their schedules to allow students from other schools the option of participating in the unique or outstanding programs that each school offers."

RECESS:

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

RECONVENE after recess:

At 8:44 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Board Directive 99-01/High
School Credits (Continued):

Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds, principal of Soldotna High School, invited the school site council president, PTSA president, student council president, and Mrs. Sharon Moock (teacher) to come forward to speak to Directive 99-01. Miss Katy Howard, student body president, read a resolution from the student body supporting the decisions made by the site-based decision making council and PTSA regarding scheduling, staffing and promoting the general welfare of the student body and staff. The resolution opposes any Board directive that does not incorporate the views and philosophy of the Soldotna High student body, PTSA, site-based council and administrative staff.

Mr. Stogsdill, chairman of the Soldotna High School site-based decision making council, referred Board members to a letter opposing Board Directive 99-01 that was included in the Board information packet. He stated that twice during the last four years the site-based decision making council has conducted an extensive study of school scheduling. He stated that parents, teachers, students and administrators who are skilled in scheduling accomplished the effort. He stated that many elements were considered during the study, including assessment results and student achievement data; and in both cases, no scheduling change was warranted. He stated that the Soldotna High School community feels that they are meeting the needs of their students with the current scheduling configuration. He stated that the site-based decision making team unanimously believes that Directive 99-01 is not in the best interest of students. He asked the Board not to fix something that is not broken. He asked the Board to include input from those who will be impacted by the directive if it is to be considered further.

Board Directive 99-01/High
School Credits (Continued):

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Soldotna High School teacher, expressed concern that requiring seven courses will dilute the courses presently offered. She stated that adding another class to a six-period day would reduce all classes by 10 minutes for a total of six weeks of classroom time over the course of a year. She stated that it is already extremely difficult to teach everything that the District curriculum requires within the regular school year. She stated that in order to deliver a quality education to her students, she must spend ten hours at school. She stated that each evening she reads and prepares for the next day or corrects papers for about two hours and spends four to five hours each Sunday, along with six or seven other teachers, preparing for the next week. She said that by adding another class to her instructional load, which currently includes three different subjects and 120 students, she will not be able to deliver the same quality of education. Mrs. Moock listed the many other school activities she sponsors or assists with along with taking two college classes. She stated that she will need additional time to prepare for another class and does not feel that she has any more time to give. She stated that she does not understand why the Board would make such a change without consulting those who would be affected. She asked the Board to listen carefully tonight and make their decision accordingly.

Mr. Roger Liebner, president of the Soldotna High School PTA, stated that the Soldotna High PTA does not support Board Directive 99-01 for the reasons expressed by Mr. Stogsdill and Mrs. Moock. He asked the Board not to support the proposed directive.

Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds, Soldotna High School principal, reviewed the responsibilities of the Board of Education and the responsibilities of site-based councils. She quoted from the Alaska Schools Initiative for Quality Schools, Administrator's Section 10d., which states that administrators facilitate parents and families as partners in education and that performances that reflect this practice include involving parents and communities in meaningful ways in school or program decision making. She stated that if Directive 99-01 were implemented, it would equal six weeks less contact time between staff and students over the course of one year. She stated that the Board has asked schools to focus on the decline in math scores and that less contact time will not facilitate that goal. She stated that many students already feel overwhelmed with their current schedules, homework load and extra curricular activities and that less contact time will only add to their sense of deluge. She stated that Soldotna High

Board Directive 99-01/High
School Credits (Continued):

School does not have the internal resources to pay for Board directives that are not funded. She stated that this year the District lost 700 students to correspondence programs, and discussions should go into the possible ramifications that the proposed directive would have on continued declining enrollment. She stated that a directive of this magnitude will not be received well without ample notification and time for public comment and suggestion. She stated that as an educator committed to her profession, her credibility and usefulness, as well as the mission of the school site council, has largely been ignored.

Mr. Bob Bellmore, Nikiski Middle/High School principal, reported that the school community has been reviewing the topic of school schedules for the past year and a half. He stated that the school previously operated a seven-period day but moved away from that schedule because it was not meeting their school's student's needs. He stated that the school is now considering a block schedule. He stated that he would not address the pros and cons of school scheduling but rather the process by which the directive was made. He referred to several letters to the Board from himself, the Nikiski site-based decision making council, PTSA, faculty, and student body, all opposing the directive. Mr. Bellmore highlighted a portion of the Alaska Schools Initiative for Quality Schools, Item 14, which states that partnerships and collaboration are established between the school, parents, families, businesses and other community members. He reminded the Board that schools were empowered a few years ago to establish site councils that would be represented by the previously mentioned groups and that this effort has been successful. He asked the Board not to support Board Directive 99-01.

Mr. Jim Montgomery, Kenai Central High School site-based council member, read a letter submitted by the president of the council. The letter stated that the KCHS site-based council strongly opposes directives that undermine local control. The letter stated that after three years of intensive research, the council has made scheduling decisions. Classes are offered before and after the school day. The council feels qualified to make those decisions without Board interference. The council supports the belief that decisions relating to issues such as schedules are best left to the local councils since they are most familiar with what works best for their students and community. He stated that the council strongly opposes Directive 99-01.

Board Directive 99-01/High School Credits (Continued):

Mr. Jason Wilkins, Skyview High School student body president, read a letter which was included in the Board information packet. The letter stated that the Skyview site-based council has studied all possible course schedules and has determined that the present schedule is the best one for the students. He stated that students at Skyview High School want to maintain the ability to have input on their academic program and that the best approach is through site-based councils.

Ms. Christina Lagoutaris, parent, stated that she did not believe that Directive 99-01 would be beneficial to Skyview High School. She did not want to see the scheduling changed because the current schedule meets the needs of both her children. She stated that student athletes enjoy the flexibility of the Skyview High School schedule and are able to participate in more community activities. She stated that site-based councils help make decisions that are unique to each school.

Mr. Ben McGarry, Skyview High School student body vice president and PTSA student representative, he stated that Skyview High School supports site-based councils and views the recent Board scheduling mandate as a violation of a decision that should be left to the individual school. He stated that each school should reserve the right to make its own decisions. He presented a petition signed by more than 150 students opposed to Directive 99-01.

Mr. Ronnie Kier, Skyview High School site-based council member, reported that the council unanimously passed a motion supporting their right and commitment to a site-based curriculum. He read an excerpt from the Site-Based Decision making booklet distributed by the administration. He stated that scheduling is a right that the council takes seriously and would like to continue.

Mr. Chad Mello, Skyview High School junior, described his homework load and stated that by adding an additional class, it will take away weeks of time necessary to learn the material of the current six classes. He asked the Board to take another look at the possible consequences. He stated that by adding another class, students and teachers will lose valuable learning time from each class, forcing those affected to cram the information rather than becoming familiar with the material and learning it.

Board Directive 99-01/High School Credits (Continued):

Ms. Hillary Matthews, Skyview High School teacher, stated that she should be at home planning the next semester's classes but felt it was important enough to attend tonight's meeting. She asked the Board why the site-councils were established if they were not going to be allowed to make decisions that affect their schools. She told the Board that parents, teachers, students and administrators have spent many hours studying different schedules and that Skyview High has configured the type of schedule that works best for the students. She stated that many students would have a hard time keeping up their grades with seven periods. She asked the Board not to change what already works for the vast majority of students in order to accommodate the wishes of a small minority who have other options available to them.

Mr. Bob Bauer, Skyview site-based council member, stated that the Board wants students to take advantage of the unique programs offered at other schools, but doing so by micro managing the class schedules takes away from the autonomy that allows each school to be unique. He asked the audience to stand for a show of those who are against the Board Directive 99-01.

Mr. Sam Stewart, Kenai Central High School principal, stated that one of the first issues he addressed with the site-based council at his school was scheduling. He stated that they laid out a plan to research and weigh the pros and cons of a variety of schedules. He stated that the council surveyed parents, students and faculty, reviewed test results from schools on alternative schedules considered greater opportunity versus greater academic load and student stress. He stated that based on that information, they decided upon a schedule that works. He stated that by supporting Directive 99-01, the Board is invalidating the efforts of the KCHS site council. He asked the Board to consider carefully the ramifications of the proposed action when making their final decision.

Ms. Germano asked Mr. Stewart about the input solicited when an issue is brought forth for site-based council consideration. Mr. Stewart stated that when an important topic such as student scheduling is being considered by his site-based council, it is discussed at PTSA and faculty meetings and surveys are taken from students and parents.

Board Directive 99-01/High School Credits (Continued):

Mr. Ken Tarbox, Skyview High School parent, stated that when he makes an important decision he considers three criteria: fairness, greater good, and the pros and cons of the issue. He stated that the Board has failed in all three areas when he looks at the process by which the directive was developed. He commented that he is both elated and saddened by the show of people present: elated that site-councils are working and saddened because there seems to be a power struggle. He stated that parents want site councils to make decisions at the school level and not be directed from the top down. Mr. Tarbox suggested that the Board table the directive indefinitely or vote it down.

Mr. Justin Thompson, Soldotna High School student, stated that he was against Directive 99-01. He stated that the directive would not affect him since he will be a senior next year but will impact underclassmen. He stated that student athletes would struggle to keep up their grades. He stated that when a seven-period day was offered before, grades were much lower. He asked the Board to consider how the directive will affect sophomores and freshmen.

Mrs. Sandy Taylor, parent, stated that Directive 99-01 undermines those who volunteer their time to serve on site councils. She stated that site-based councils were given the responsibility to make decisions for their schools, but the Board is not listening to them. She cautioned the Board that they could potentially lose quality parent volunteers and their students as a result of the proposed directive.

Ms. Sandra Miller, Soldotna High teacher, reported that the emphasis of the new math curriculum is on increasing the amount of material, knowledge and skills that math students are to learn. She stated that this year is a very difficult year for math students. She said she spends every possible minute with students until about 5 p.m. and does not usually leave school until 7 p.m. She reported that her students are trying very hard to master the new curriculum. She told the Board that if instructional time is cut by six weeks, she could not imagine how difficult it would be to teach students what they need to know from the math curriculum. She stated that several years ago Soldotna High School operated a seven-period schedule, but it was not meeting the needs of the students. She stated that she could cover 50% more information in a six-period day.

Board Directive 99-01/High
School Credits (Continued):

Mr. Rich Patton, Homer High School principal, stated that his faculty studied the issue of scheduling a couple of years ago and they decided to develop a six-period schedule. He stated that he would share a summary of their findings.

Mrs. Marlene Byerly, Skyview High School principal, stated that student scheduling affects instructional practices, programs, environment, culture, discipline and resources. She stated that scheduling is the most important task that a school is charged with since it has a direct impact on student learning. She stated that she has read Dr. Cannady's book on block scheduling, spent a week attending an ASCD professional development conference on restructuring and school scheduling and spent another week attending the Third Annual National Conference on Restructuring Secondary High Schools. She stated that there is not one single answer to meet the needs of all high school students and high schools. She stated that the school community needs to be involved in making decisions about their school schedule. She stated that she has asked her school community two times if they would like to investigate other schedules, and 87% of the families stated that they liked the current schedule. She told the Board that Skyview's current schedule works well for the school and asked them not to change it. She stated that no schedule is so right that it would offset the damage done by eliminating the autonomy of site-based councils and local parents.

Mrs. Vicki Leach, parent, stated that everything she has read says that parent involvement makes good schools. She stated that one of the reasons she lives here is because of the school system. She told the Board that moving all of the high schools to one set schedule would not do anyone any good. She stated that she has a strong faith that the Board will vote against the proposed directive. She told the Board that she doesn't know how the proposed directive got this far but that some steps were missed.

Board Directive 99-01/High
School Credits (Continued):

Miss Cassie Smith, Soldotna High School student athlete and National Honor Society member, stated that she is enrolled in the early-bird Spanish class, has had to drop two advanced placement classes and did not take honors English because she could not keep up with the schedule.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Board Directive 99-01. Ms. Germano seconded.

Dr. Anderson stated that he was the Board member responsible for Directive 99-01. He stated that he appreciated the public testimony and agreed that the idea of trying to pass the proposed directive without further discussion from site councils was a mistake.

Dr. Anderson explained that a year ago the Board requested an evaluation of the implementation of a common schedule between the high schools in an effort to cut costs and use teachers and facilities more efficiently. He stated that a block schedule would allow vocational education students to attend other facilities and take advantage of another school's course offerings. He stated that another reason to consider a seventh period was that there are a large number of students who are taking correspondence courses, particularly health courses, because they cannot fit the courses they want into their six-period schedule. Dr. Anderson stated that there are also a large number of electives that are being ignored because students are taking academic classes and don't have time to take a woodshop or music class. He further explained that last year the Board increased the high school pupil-teacher ratio by a half, which reduced teaching staff. He stated that the Board received letters from Nikiski and Kenai Central High Schools requesting that the Board not implement the new graduation requirements because they felt they were going to have to cut too many classes. He noted that the Board was fortunate to add back those teachers this year; however, they will probably be cut next year too.

Board Directive 99-01/High
School Credits (Continued):

Dr. Anderson stated that increasing the number of periods also allows schools to offer 20% more classes and increases class scheduling options. He stated that by offering a seven-period schedule, two sections of a specific class could be offered thereby providing another opportunity to take the class. He stated that there are also some concerns regarding the subject requirements necessary to qualify for a certified diploma.

Dr. Anderson explained that right now when students arrive at the high school after failing every class in junior high, the teachers are expected to prepare them for graduation.

Dr. Anderson stated that he anticipates that districts will require students to meet certain requirements before they are allowed to take high school classes. He suggested that students might be forced to take remedial classes without high school

credit until they get caught up and then take classes for credit towards graduation. He stated that he realizes these ideas are off in the future, but they are the reasons for the Board directive.

Dr. Anderson stated that he felt that if the seven-period issue was going to be considered this year, it had to be brought up so that it could be adequately discussed among the schools and given to the principals in a timely fashion. He suggested that the Board suspend the rules and postpone action on the proposed directive for two months to allow further consideration and public comment.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board suspend the rules.

Ms. Germano seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Germano, Gross, Larned, Mullins

NO - Crawford, Arness

Motion carried.

ACTioN

Dr. Anderson moved the Board postpone action on Board Directive 99-01 until March 15, 1999. Ms. Germano seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Germano, Gross, Larned, Mullins

NO - Crawford, Arness

Motion carried.

Girls' Wrestling as a KPSAA Activity:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve an amendment to the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association (KPSAA) bylaws that will allow middle school girls to participate in the wrestling program.

Girls' Wrestling as a KPSAA Activity (Continued):

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to the KPSAA bylaws allowing middle school girls to participate in wrestling. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 3310.1, Equipment Fund Transfer. Mr. Hickey explained that the proposed policy provides language that governs the use of the equipment reserve fund.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Sharon Moock asked to speak to the Board as a concerned community member. She stated that she was astounded at what she saw happen at tonight's meeting. She stated that the date the Board chose to consider the proposed directive is the end of the third quarter, and this date is not convenient for teachers, administrators or students. She reminded the Board that site councils from five high schools have testified that they have studied the scheduling issue and they don't want it changed. She stated that she does not understand why the Board did not act on what the school communities were asking them to do. She stated that she hoped postponing the action was not a "thin veil" and asked what additional information was needed. She stated that she suspected that Mr. Dahlgren also opposed the proposed directive.

Mr. Chad Mellow, Soldotna High School student, stated that he would not be able to attend the March 15 meeting. He reminded the Board that they were elected as public servants and not rulers. He asked the Board to consider the public views that were expressed when they decide in the future to postpone against the wishes of the majority.

Miss Cassie Smith, Soldotna High School student, told the Board that the scheduling issue does not directly affect them, and she did not understand why the Board would pass such a directive.

Mr. Justin Thompson, Soldotna High School student, stated that he will not be able to attend the March 15 meeting to voice his opinion of the proposed directive. He stated that he agreed with Mrs. Moock's comments. He asked the Board to reconsider their decision to postpone and to vote against the directive.

Mr. Sam King, Soldotna High School student, pointed out that although there are some people who do support the proposed directive, they chose not to come and obviously did not care enough to speak to it.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(Continued):

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he believed in local autonomy and that schools should be able to make certain decisions at the local level.

Mrs. Taylor pointed out that money has already been spent by the site-based councils to study the same issue and recommended the Board take that into consideration.

Ms. Kelley Smith, Soldotna High School teacher and parent, stated that the opinion of those who testified was unanimous and that March 15 is too late in the school year to bring the proposed directive into effect for the next year.

Mrs. Reynolds stated that Dr. Anderson mentioned that sites have declining budgets and yet they are still trying to offer all things to all students. She told the Board that Mr. Dahlgren has asked the principals to develop a school profile showing what schools will look like in three to five years. She stated that her site council discussed the idea of satellite schools or schools that specialize in certain curriculums. She stated that it takes a cooperative effort at the site to achieve the ownership and buy-in for that type of change and such change will not work as a mandate from the top down. She stated that there are solutions to the issue but asked the Board to be a part of the planning process.

Ms. Audry Alfson, Nikiski Middle/High School teacher and member of the school site council team, expressed her concern about the postponement. She stated that she is proud of her school and felt that it was unfortunate that site-based decision making was being undermined. She stated that Nikiski is a community that is very involved in trying to provide the best education possible for their students. She reminded the Board that Nikiski Middle/High School has an unusual configuration of grade levels, 7-12. She expressed her appreciation to the Board members who voted against the postponement.

Mr. Bob Bellmore, Nikiski Middle High School principal, reported that his school has spent much time planning a block schedule for the next school year. He stated that the decision to postpone action on the proposed directive has put a damper on their plans. He stated that they would continue to move forward under the assumption that they will be given the autonomy to make the decisions that are necessary.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(Continued):

Miss Cassie Smith, Soldotna High School student, stated that she should have gone home to do homework but decided to come to the meeting to prevent the Board from giving her more homework next year.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Larned congratulated Elaine Larson on her award. She thanked the North Star Elementary staff for their presentation and thanked those present for attending tonight's meeting. Mrs. Mullins thanked those present for their comments regarding Directive 99-01. She stated that her children attended Nikiski Middle/High School with both six and seven-period schedules. She stated that she has spoken to a number of parents and teachers regarding the scheduling issue and has heard positive comments about both types of schedules. She stated that she was hoping to hear justifications for which schedule is the best for students. She stated that she had hoped to discuss scheduling with the different parent groups.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins gave notice of reconsideration for the February 1 School Board meeting for the motion to postpone Item 10f, Approval of Board Directive 99-01. She also requested a worksession to be conducted earlier in the day with the various parent committees to discuss the pros and cons of the scheduling issue.

Mrs. Crawford congratulated Sue Liebner and the North Star Elementary staff for a wonderful presentation and Elaine Larson for her music teacher of the year award. She encouraged the Board to listen to the professionals who are clearly asking to do what they think is best for District schools.

Ms. Germano explained that the reason to postpone was to allow time for input from parents. She told those present that she was offended by the assumption that if the Board doesn't do what the people have directed, they are somehow derelict in their duties. She asked how many parent groups, site councils and staff collectively review newly proposed curriculums.

BOARD COMMENTS

(Continued):

Dr. Anderson stated that the intent of the postponement was to allow people to have the opportunity to think about the proposed directive and possibly reconsider. He stated that it is evident that when the proposed directive is brought back, unless there is some support expressed, it will not be passed and he will also vote against it. He stated that what he hoped for was some cooperation between the Central Peninsula schools rather than viewing themselves as isolated entities. He expressed concern for the vocational education students and explained that the Board was told that the vocational education program had been adjusted for what the District can afford, not what is best for students. He stated that he is extremely upset that, in spite of pleas, the Board has received no response from the school communities regarding the adjustment of school schedules so that the money saved can be used more efficiently. He stated that he would like to offer a better vocational education program for students who wish to pursue a trade.

Mr. Arness stated that he was very involved in establishing site-based decision making councils because he believes in the concept. He stated that he appreciated Mr. Tarbox's comments about being heartened that site councils are working and saddened because members felt they must be present at the meeting because the District was attempting to usurp some of their authority. He stated he felt ashamed to be a member of the Board and felt that a mistake had been made. He stated that he would like to have voted on the issue and supported those who spoke against the proposed directive.

Dr. Anderson stated that he has a great deal of respect for Mr. Arness and feels that he is probably one of the most valuable members of the Board. Dr. Anderson added that he appreciated the other members of the Board as well. He stated that he and Mr. Arness disagree on occasion but he continues to have respect for Mr. Arness's opinions, attitudes and ideas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss negotiations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:25 p.m., Mrs. Larned moved the executive session be adjourned. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 11:26 p.
m.,
Mrs. Larned
moved the
School Board
Meeting be
adjourned.
Mrs. Crawford
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of January 18, 1999,
were approved on February 1, 1999,
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

February 1, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student
Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of
Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant
Superintendent, Operations and
Business Management

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant
Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant
Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:	Mr. Tim Peterson	Mrs. Colette Thompson
	Mr. Pete Sprague	Mr. Don Glaze
	Mr. Paul Sorenson	Mrs. Pat Porter
	Mrs. Rosemary Bird	Mr. Justin George
	Mrs. Kelly Gifford	Ms. Barb Vogel
	Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mr. Sarge Truesdell
	Mr. Chris Schrier	Mr. Dave Larson

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: The Kenai Middle School choir sang "The Star Spangled Banner," directed by Mrs. Rosemary Bird.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Joe Arness	Present
	Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
	Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
	Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
	Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Absent/Excused
	Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
	Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present/Excused
	Miss Charise Calvert	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of January 18, 1999, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Paul Sorenson, Kenai Middle School principal, thanked the School Board for the opportunity to show case the school and for their continued support for the middle school concept. He extended an invitation to the Board to visit Kenai Middle School. He stated that the school enrollment has been stable for the past four years. He stated that he projects an increase for the next school year. He reported that his school receives approximately \$73,000 in Title I funds, which are spent entirely on staff. He stated that in reviewing the needs of the students, more instruction time was needed in the areas of math, reading and language arts. He stated that his school organized a summer school program. He stated that approximately 33 students participated in the Summer School Program and 25 of those students are now receiving passing grades. He stated that Title I money also funds the After-School Program which meets for an hour after school, three days a week. He reported that there are 58 students participating in the After-School Program with several more on the waiting list.

Mr. Sorenson reviewed CAT/5 assessment scores and stated that the school's strengths are in the areas of science, social studies, language arts and the weaknesses are in the areas of math computation and spelling. He stated that the goal for next year is to focus on the area of math computation.

Mr. Tim Peterson gave a computer-generated presentation and with the assistance of Mrs. Bird, highlighted the exploratory curriculum courses, which include band, physical education, home economics, technology, metals, drama and other classes for a total of 26 offerings. Mrs. Bird stated that the exploratory team consists of seven members who teach two exploratory classes to each grade level. She reported that exploratory class schedules are altered at certain times of the year to accommodate special activities. For example, band and choir students need rehearsal time prior to a concert, in the fall the physical education teachers conduct a four-week swimming unit and in February they also host Jump Rope for Heart. Mrs. Bird reported that the problem of enough planning time and lopsided classes are two of the obstacles the exploratory team faces. She stated that the use of e-mail can accommodate most of the communication problems and that lopsided enrollment in some of the classes has been assisted by allowing band and choir students to opt out of one semester of physical education. She stated that another problem is limited parent conference time. She stated that Kenai Middle School has a lot to offer 6th graders and does not feel that 6th grade is too early for middle school. She stated that there is a huge difference between entering 6th grade students and

departing 8th grade students.

SCHOOL REPORTS
(Continued):

Ms. Connie Wirz explained that the After-School Program is not a remedial program but rather a support program and a place for students to study and catch up in their classes with the assistance of tutors. She stated that six tutors assist with 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Students learn study and organizational skills and are excited with their progress causing their self-esteem to improve.

Ms. Wirz explained that last year the Summer Program offered language arts, math, reading and the ASSETS program.

The Kenai Middle School choir concluded the report by singing, "Spread Your Wings and Fly."

Awards and
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Arness presented an award of appreciation to Mr. Brad Langvardt, Kenai Middle School head custodian, for his outstanding work and dedication to the District.

RECESS:

At 8:06 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:

At 8:15 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he had received a letter from the Kenai Peninsula Administrator's Association requesting to open negotiations with the Board and administration. The letter named Mr. Mark Norgren, Ms. Trena Richardson, Mr. Ralph Steeves and Mr. Glen Szymoniak as members of the KPAA negotiating team.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren announced that budget hearings begin the week of January 31, at 7:00 p.m. according to the following schedule: Wednesday, February 3 at Kenai Central High; Thursday, February 4 at Homer High; Tuesday, February 9 at Seward High; Wednesday, February 10 at Soldotna High; and Thursday, February 11 at Nikiski High.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that more items will be posted on the calendar included in the Board packet as soon as a complete list is compiled.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that the School Board meeting scheduled for February 15, 1999 has been cancelled in observance of President's Day. He stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 1, 1999, in Homer.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that Dr. Roland Good will give a presentation to the Board on the DIBELS Program on February 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Borough administration conference rooms A and B. Dr. Good will travel to the Homer area for presentations the following day.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT (Continued):

Mr. Dahlgren reported that the Superintendent Search Committee will review applications beginning February 1 through 8. He stated that there will be a special School Board meeting on Monday, February 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to review applications and select semi-finalists. The Board will also conduct a special meeting on Friday, February 12, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to select finalists to be interviewed on February 24-25.

Mr. Dahlgren reminded those present that administrative meetings are also scheduled for February 24-25.

Mr. Dahlgren solicited suggestions and comments from those present regarding qualities desired for the new superintendent.

Mr. Arness explained the interview process and invited those present to provide input regarding qualities for the new superintendent.

MENTOR PROGRAM:

Mrs. Radtke referred to a brief summary of the Mentor Program included in the Board packet and added that it was a pleasure to be involved with the mentor program and work with the Staff Development team. Ms. Dorothy Gray, staff development specialist, gave a computer-generated presentation, which included the goals and objectives of the Mentor Program. She provided statistics regarding the teaching profession by the year 2000. She stated that approximately fifty percent of new teachers will leave teaching within their first seven years and that the entire teaching profession

will all but turn over during the turn of the century. Ms. Gray complimented Mrs. Radtke for laying the foundation for the teacher mentor program. She explained that the program includes new teachers as well as teachers new to the District. She introduced Mr. Sarge Truesdell and Mr. Dave Larson, participants in the mentor program.

MENTOR PROGRAM
(Continued):

Mr. Truesdell explained that the mentor program has helped him immensely during his first year of teaching. He read quotes from other teachers participating in the teacher mentor program. He explained that as part of his mentorship program, he was able to observe a master teacher at another school. He stated that he observed Mr. Ken Felchle. Mr. Truesdell stated that the visit was extremely helpful because Mr. Felchle teaches the same curriculum and had many helpful suggestions. Mr. Truesdell stated that each participant each keeps a journal that is discussed at monthly meetings. He said that during their meetings the group listens to brief presentations, problem-solves "sticky" situations and discusses the proper way to handle them.

Mr. Dave Larson, Kenai Central High School teacher, stated that the mentor program acts as a strong safety net for teachers new to the District. He stated that the mentor program builds professional networking and provides new teachers with a non-threatening environment to discuss current issues and difficulties. He stated that the program stimulates and motivates new teachers to put into practice (in practical ways) the methods learned in college.

Mr. Larson suggested that the program could be enhanced by having master teachers in each of the curriculum areas speak to the group about their area of expertise. He read more quotes from other mentor teacher participants, which complimented the program.

Mr. Larson concluded by saying that the mentor program gave him a leap forward in his ability to deal with his apprehension as a new employee and gain trust in those with whom he works.

Mrs. Mullins asked how many teachers are participating in the program. Ms. Gray responded that there are 14 districtwide participants in the Mentor Teacher Program.

Mrs. Larned asked how teachers are made aware of the program. Mrs. Gray explained that during the new teacher induction in the fall, the teachers are invited to participate in the program, which is ongoing throughout the year.

CONSENT AGENDA: One item was presented on the Consent Agenda: two certified resignations.

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations for Vince Wagner, speech pathologist, districtwide special services and Catherine Szabo-Bendock, Grade 6, Sterling Elementary.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item Number 1.

ACTION Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM: Mr. Ed McLain recommended the Board approve the vocational and technical education curriculum for Grades 6-12. He pointed out that the document is intended as a guide for instruction and that it is cross-referenced to the State of Alaska Employability Standards, the National Occupational Skills Standards, and the Alaska Content Standards in math, reading, writing, and technology. He stated that the guide contains a listing of national standards as well as a listing of applied academic courses, which can be taken for vocational education credit. He thanked the Committee for its work and Donna Peterson for her leadership.

Ms. Germano asked whether the requirement for all 7th grade students to take keyboarding had been changed. Mr. McLain replied that the guide is as it was first presented. He stated he felt that the 9th grade requirement would be more of an implementation issue rather than a curriculum content issue.

Ms. Germano stated that she would like to see the schools follow the curriculum requirements and not interpret them differently.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he did not feel the curriculum required everyone to take keyboarding. He explained that he interpreted the curriculum language to mean that students must have keyboarding skills and, if not, they will be required to take the course.

Ms. Germano stated that elementary school parents have expressed a desire for 6th grade students to learn keyboarding. She expressed concern that students be placed according to their skill level and not required to take redundant courses.

Mr. McLain stated that there is a wide range of entry level technology skills among students, either well above or well below grade level. He stated that school staff needs to consider the individual students' needs and readiness.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the vocational education curriculum.
Ms. Germano seconded.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
CURRICULUM
(Continued):

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to the vocational and technical education curriculum guide to add the text, "students be placed where it is appropriate for them to be placed." And on page 13, Computer Applications, to strike the wording "recommended for all freshman," and include "students will have computer skills as a prerequisite."

Mrs. Mullins asked for a clarification of Ms. Germano's amendment.

Ms. Germano stated that she didn't want students placed in inappropriate classes. She stated she would rather students be placed in programs suitable for their needs.

Dr. Anderson suggested that the language be changed to say, "recommended for all freshman who need these skills." He agreed that students should not be forced to take classes that they do not need.

Ms. Germano reworded her amendment to add, "9-12 grade" and "Computer Applications I or placement."

Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board that every student has the option to test out of any class. He stated that students are usually placed according to skill level in each computer application class. He recommended that the scope be amended to say that students should be placed according to their skill level.

Mr. McLain suggested that the new wording be placed at the end of the second sentence on page ii: "... student needs and demonstrated abilities. Course placement will be made based on student needs and demonstrated skills."

Ms. Germano withdrew her amendment with the permission of the second.

Dr. Anderson expressed concern over a situation where a student was forced to take a keyboarding class but did not need it.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to the vocational and technical education curriculum guide to add the text at the end of the second sentence on page ii: "... student needs and demonstrated abilities. Course placement will be made based on student needs and demonstrated skills." Mrs. Larned seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM (Continued):

Dr. Anderson expressed concern that the Vocational Education Committee stated that the guide was the best they could do with the resources the District has rather than the best they could do. He stated that he will vote for the curriculum guide but felt that it needed improvement.

Ms. Germano stated that she shared Dr. Anderson's concern and appreciated the Committee's work on the Vocational Education Curriculum. She stated that she would like to see schools offer classes in each area of the vocational curriculum.

Advisory Vote: ABSTAIN

Amended motion carried unanimously.

Social Security
Modification for
Student Workers:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve agreements with Social Security that will allow the District to exempt student hires from future Social Security and Medicare reporting, effective June 30, 2000. Mr. Hickey stated that, if approved, the District would not have to deduct for FICA and Medicare from student employees and they would not have to contribute to Social Security.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve agreements with Social Security that will allow the District to exempt student hires from future Social Security and Medicare reporting, effective June 30, 2000. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reconsideration of
Board Directive 99-
01:

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board reconsider their action on Board Directive 99-01.

ACTION

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Larned, Mullins, Arness

NO - Germano

Advisory Vote: YES

Motion carried.

Dr. Anderson said that he appreciated the discussion regarding the Board directive and stated that he had thought about changing it from a mandate to a suggestion. He suggested that under the circumstances, the Board should vote against it.

Ms. Germano stated that she also appreciated the discussions concerning the Board directive and added that she hoped the site-based councils would continue to discuss staffing, scheduling and other issues.

Reconsideration of
Board Directive 99-
01 (Continued):

Mrs. Larned thanked those who spoke to the Board about the directive. She stated that many good points were addressed and much research was shared. She agreed with Ms. Germano's comment that the discussions were beneficial and appreciated.

Mr. Arness clarified that the main motion to approve Board Directive 99-01 was before the Board.

Motion failed.

POLICY REVISIONS BP
3310.1, Equipment
Fund Transfer and BP
and AR 5145.12,
Search and Seizure:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the adoption of BP 3310.1, Equipment Fund Transfer. The policy provides language that governs the use of the equipment reserve fund.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the adoption of BP 3310.1, Equipment Fund Transfer. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve revisions to BP and AR 5145.12, Search and Seizure. He stated that some of the language had been rewritten at Board request. He noted that Mrs. Colette Thompson, Borough Attorney, was present to answer questions.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve revisions to BP and AR 5145.12, Search and Seizure. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Ms. Germano questioned the student notification portion of the search and seizure policy. Mr. Dahlgren noted that two statements in the policy address the issue of written notification. He added that this information is mentioned in the student handbook and on the handbook test.

Ms. Germano stated that she was confused by the language in the regulation that states, "'Notice' of this policy shall be deemed provided if the school official has advised the student, either verbally or in writing..." She clarified that if the school fails to give the search information to the student in writing, giving the information to them orally is acceptable. Mr. McLain cited a scenario where students might transfer from another district during the school year. He stated that the new language places an expectation on the administrator to make sure that new students understand that refusing a search will result in penalties. Ms. Germano stated that she felt that it was an awfully big loophole.

POLICY REVISIONS BP
3310.1, Equipment
Fund Transfer and BP
and AR 5145.12,
Search and Seizure
(Continued):

Mr. McLain stated that the intent is to put an additional expectation on the administration to ensure that the student knows the search and seizure policy. Mr. Arness clarified that the notice is given at the time the search and seizure issue came up. Mr. McLain stated that the administration wants to make certain that students know that they are expected to allow the search, and if they do not, there will be penalties.

Ms. Germano expressed concern regarding previous lawsuits. She noted that at least one of them related to what was in writing and what was not.

Mrs. Colette Thompson responded that the lawsuit being referred to dealt with the expulsion of a student based on a new drug procedure that had not been formalized as a policy. She stated that the issue surrounding the lawsuit was the ability to expel a student based upon an administrative policy as opposed to a Board-approved policy. She stated that the purpose of the statements in the search and seizure policy is to ensure that students have actual notice before steps are taken to suspend or expel them.

Mrs. Mullins asked whether it was reasonable to search a student merely because another student has accused that student of doing something against Board policy. Mr. Dahlgren cited an example of a student accusing another student of taking his wallet and advised the Board that such a scenario would be cause for a search. Mrs. Thompson added that the principal would have to consider the facts to determine reasonable suspicion.

Mrs. Larned expressed concern about the 45-day discipline sanction. Mr. Dahlgren stated that currently, if a student refuses a search, it is treated as an admission of guilt. He added that there should be no reason why a student shouldn't submit to a search if there is reasonable cause.

Ms. Germano asked about parent notification. Mr. McLain stated that the sentences in question are part of the existing policy and not new language. He explained that whenever reasonably possible, parents are notified prior to a search but there are times when this is not possible. He stated that in those cases the administration is required to notify the parents as soon as possible after the search.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Larned, Mullins, Arness

NO - Germano

Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of BP 3120, Transfer of Funds. Mr. Hickey explained that the proposed revision changes the reporting of budget transfers to a quarterly cycle. He explained the problems that occur at the

end of the year with the expenditure of reserve money. He stated that administrators may spend reserve funds after budget transfers, but it is very difficult for the Accounting Office to ensure that there are no negative account variances. He stated that the proposed policy revision would allow more time and that the report would be given in July.

BOARD COMMENTS :

Mrs. Larned thanked the Kenai Middle School students, staff and parents for their school presentation. She stated that she enjoyed the singing, hearing about the exploratory classes and reviewing the artwork displayed on the walls.

Ms. Germano asked for the concurrence of the Board to request information from the administration regarding curriculum waiver requests made by the schools.

ADJOURN: At 9:37 p.m.,
Dr. Anderson
moved the
School Board
Meeting be
adjourned.
Mrs. Mullins
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of February 1, 1999,
were approved on March 1, 1999
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

February 8, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student
Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of
Schools

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant
Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant
Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Sharon Moock Mr. Carl Locke

Mr. Hank Overturf

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at
4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Joe Arness	Present
	Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
	Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
	Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
	Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
	Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
	Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present/Excused
	Miss Charise Calvert	Absent/Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the deletion of Item 4., Approval of Superintendent Semi-Finalists.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:01 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Ms. Germano seconded. Specifically, the executive session was to conduct two student hearings, discuss negotiations and review applications for superintendent of schools.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:25 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT EXUPLSION #1: Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following: "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of AD.

ACTION

STUDENT EXUPLSION #1
(Continued):

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on February 8, 1999. Those School Board members present were Mari-Anne Gross, Joe Arness, Dr. Nels Anderson, Deborah Germano, Susan Larned, and Debra Mullins. Present on behalf of the administration were Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent-Instruction, Mark D. Norgren, Assistant Principal, Soldotna High School. AD was present. AD's mother was present.

FINDINGS: The evidence showed that on January 25, 1999 a student teacher at Soldotna High School witnessed two boys exiting the swimming pool locker room. The student teacher believed he smelled marijuana on the boys as they walked by him. The student teacher entered the locker room and definitely smelled marijuana. The student teacher reported the incident and description of the two boys to the school office. The description led school administration to question AD and another boy. AD admitted to consuming marijuana in the pool locker room during the morning break (9:55 AM) just prior to the student teacher entering the locker room. AD admitted to smoking a pipe bowl of marijuana made of tin foil, after which the pipe was flushed down the toilet. AD was suspended for consuming marijuana during school hours in 1998. He was advised at the time of his 1998 suspension that further such violations would lead to an expulsion recommendation by the administration to the School Board. AD also admitted at the Board hearing that he smoked marijuana at school on January 25, 1999.

CONCLUSIONS: The second-offense use of marijuana is behavior inimical to the welfare, safety, and morals of other students.

ACTION: The student shall be expelled for a one-year period with an early readmission on the following conditions:

STUDENT EXUPLSION #1
(Continued):

1. a) The student shall be suspended for a period of 30 school days from January 25, 1999. Homework will be made available for pickup as determined by the administration. Teachers will provide homework on a weekly basis and will only provide work when the student returns the previous week's assignments. The student will not be allowed on school grounds during his suspension for any reason without the prior approval of the administration. His suspension also includes all school sponsored activities on school grounds. His immediate readmission is dependent on continued compliance with items 2, 3, and 4 below.

or

b) The student may opt to complete a District correspondence course of study developed by the school administration and counselors with readmission for the fall of 1999 with readmission dependent on compliance with items 2, 3, and 4 below.

2. The student shall show proof of completion of a substance abuse assessment within 30 school days of the date of distribution of this decision and shall maintain continued compliance with the conditions of a recommended treatment plan. This plan must include non-use of any controlled substance or alcohol.

3. The student shall not be involved in any further substance use. The student shall volunteer for random, chain-of-custody broad spectrum urine analyses at parent expense for two semesters following early admission to KPBSD.

4. Any evidence of substance use or violation of District policy on drugs and alcohol will result in reinstitution of a one calendar year expulsion.

Notice of Right to Appeal School Board's
Final Expulsion Decision:

You are hereby notified that you have 30 days from the date this final decision is distributed to file an appeal with the Superior Court of the State of Alaska at Kenai in accordance with the Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure." Mrs. Larned seconded.

STUDENT EXUPLSION #1 VOTE:
(Continued):

YES - Anderson, Germano, Gross, Larned,
Arness

NO - Mullins

Motion carried.

STUDENT EXUPLSION #2: Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the
ACTION following: "The Decision of the Kenai
Peninsula Borough School District in the
Matter of Expulsion of DS.

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on February 8, 1999. Those School Board members present were Mari-Anne Gross, Joe Arness, Dr. Nels Anderson, Deborah Germano, Susan Larned, and Debra Mullins. Present on behalf of the administration were Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent-Instruction, Mark D. Norgren, Assistant Principal, Soldotna High School. DS was present. DS' mother was present.

FINDINGS: The evidence showed that on January 25, 1999 a student teacher at Soldotna High School witnessed two boys exiting the swimming pool locker room. The student teacher believed he smelled marijuana on the boys as they walked by him. The student teacher entered the locker room and definitely smelled marijuana. The student teacher reported the incident and description of the two boys to the school office. The description led school administration to question DS and another boy. DS admitted to consuming marijuana in the pool locker room during the morning break (9:55 AM) just prior to the student teacher entering the locker room. DS admitted to smoking a pipe bowl of marijuana made of tin foil, after which DS flushed the pipe down the toilet. DS was suspended for consuming marijuana during school hours in 1998. He was advised at the time of his 1998 suspension that further such violations would lead to an expulsion recommendation by the administration to the School Board. DS also admitted at the Board hearing that he smoked marijuana at school on January 25, 1999.

CONCLUSIONS: The second-offense use of marijuana is behavior inimical to the welfare, safety, and morals of other students.

ACTION: The student shall be expelled for a one-year period with an early readmission on the following conditions:

STUDENT EXUPLSION #2
(Continued):

b) The student may opt to complete a District correspondence course of study developed by the school administration and counselors with readmission for the fall of 1999 with readmission dependent on compliance with items 2, 3, and 4 below.

2. The student shall show proof of completion of a substance abuse assessment within 30 school days of the date of distribution of this decision and shall maintain continued compliance with the conditions of a recommended treatment plan. This plan must include non-use of any controlled substance or alcohol.

3. The student shall not be involved in any further substance use. The student shall volunteer for random, chain-of-custody broad spectrum urine analyses at parent expense for two semesters following early admission to KPBSD.

4. Any evidence of substance use or violation of District policy on drugs and alcohol will result in reinstitution of a one calendar year expulsion.

Notice of Right to Appeal School Board's Final Expulsion Decision:

You are hereby notified that you have 30 days from the date this final decision is distributed to file an appeal with the Superior Court of the State of Alaska at Kenai in accordance with the Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure." Mrs. Gross seconded.

STUDENT EXUPLSION #2 (Continued):

VOTE:

YES -
Anderson,
Germano,
Gross,
Larned,
Arness

NO - Mullins

Motion
carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:35 p.
m.,
Mrs. Mullins
moved that
the Board go
into
executive
session to
discuss
matters, the
immediate
knowledge of
which would
clearly have
an adverse
effect upon
the finances
of the
Borough.
Specifically,
the
executive
session was
to discuss
negotiations.
Ms. Germano
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:23 p.
m.,
Mrs. Gross
moved the
executive
session be
adjourned.
Mrs. Larned
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 9:24 p.
m.,
Mrs. Larned
moved the
School Board
meeting be
adjourned.
Mrs. Gross
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of February 8, 1999,
were approved on March 1, 1999
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

February 24, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human
Resources

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Arness invited the Board to participate in the Pledge of
Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Joe Arness Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins Present

Mrs. Susan Larned Present

Ms. Deborah Germano Present/Arrived 7:20 p.m.

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present

Dr. Nels Anderson Present/Arrived 7:05 p.m.

Mrs. Sammy Crawford Present

Miss Charise Calvert Absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the deletion of Item 3a.,
Approval of Superintendent Semi-Finalists.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:03 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to review superintendent candidate applications. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:44 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 10:45 p.
m., Mrs.
Gross
moved the
School
Board
Meeting be
adjourned.
Dr.
Anderson
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of February 24, 1999,
were approved on March 15, 1999
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

March 1, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice
President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano,
Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross,
Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford,
Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student
Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren,
Superintendent of
Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey,
Assistant
Superintendent,
Operations and
Business Management

Mrs. Sharon Radtke,
Assistant
Superintendent,
Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Don Oberg	Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mr. Tim Peterson	Ms. Teri Woodward
Mr. Mark Leal	Mrs. Angela McKinney
Mr. Hal Neace	Ms. Laura Brooks
Dr. Donna Peterson	Ms. Catherine Kennedy
Mrs. Melody Douglas	Ms. Margaret Blanding
Ms. Jill Kriens	Mr. Rick Ladd
Ms. Rene Jahnke	Mrs. Debra Turkington
Ms. Debra Lowney	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 1:01 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to conduct a student expulsion hearing. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Joe Arness	Present
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Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
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Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
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Present

Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
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Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
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Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
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Mrs. Sammy Crawford

Miss Charise Calvert

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the addition of Item 10i., Approval of Superintendent Appointment, the addition of a revised memorandum for Item 10c., Approval of 1999-2000 Administrator Appointments and the deletion of the Chapman Elementary School report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of February 1 and the Special School Board Minutes February 8, 1999, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Mark Leal, Homer Middle School principal, announced that March is National Middle School Month, which is sponsored jointly by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the National Middle School Association. He announced that his report would highlight the areas of math, science and art. He introduced Mr. Hal Neace who distributed information regarding a nuclear energy unit developed by four teachers at Homer Middle School. Mr. Neace introduced several students who demonstrated the laws of motion through the use of bottle cars created by the students. Mr. Neace explained that students were required to use a rubber band for the energy source for the cars and that the body of the car had to contain a polyethylene beverage bottle.

Ms. Margaret Blanding reported on an architectural project that 7th grade math students participated in by using many math skills including percentages, fractions, cross-multiplying, measurements and problem solving. She explained that the project required the students to design a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home with a garage that would meet all building codes for the Homer area for \$200,000. She stated that to prepare for the task, the students searched the web, listened to building contractors, investigated local buildings and learned about computer-assisted drafting. Ms. Blanding stated that students were eager to work on their projects and even stayed after school. She stated that students wrote clever advertisements for their homes in their language arts class. Ms. Blanding introduced two students who shared their house designs.

Mr. Mark Robinson directed the middle school choir in a demonstration of the process of sight singing. The choir sang two selections titled, "The River Sleeps Beneath the Sky" and "Journey."

Ms. Germano asked Mr. Leal what his enrollment projection is for next year. Mr. Leal responded that one of the smallest classes of 6th graders will be promoted to his school next year, therefore, Homer Middle School's enrollment projection will be 210. He reported that two staff members will be retiring at the end of this school year and that the positions will not be filled. He added that the low enrollment creates some difficulty in scheduling classes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Kathryn Kennedy, Ninilchik parent, thanked the Board for their assistance in the rebuilding of the Ninilchik Elementary/High School. She asked the Board to keep the school facility properly staffed and presented a visual demonstration, with the assistance of Waynette Burkhardt, using books to emphasize her point. Ms. Kennedy stated that at a K-12 school, there is a special challenge to meet the requirements of secondary level students. She expressed her concern about proposed teacher reductions and asked the Board to provide an equal opportunity education for Ninilchik students.

Ms. Germano asked what the projected enrollment is for Ninilchik. Ms. Kennedy stated that currently Ninilchik Elementary/High School has 235 students with 8.7 teachers teaching 47 classes. She stated that she anticipates the enrollment to decline next year.

Miss Elena Kuzmin, Miss Marfa Martushev, Miss Ludmila Martushev, Miss Drasida Reutov, Miss Klavdi Martushev, Miss Polly Basargin and Miss Faina Martushev, students at Voznesenka School, thanked Mr. Hickey for the portable building to house the junior high school students and for the new snow blower. They invited Mr. Hickey to visit their school.

Ms. Sharon Bayer, Chapman Elementary School nurse, stated that the two-tiered salary schedule is unfair. She stated that she is hired at a salary far below her years of experience and expertise. She stated that KPBSD nurses are the only school nurses in the state that are not certified. She noted that other medical professionals such as occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech pathologists are certified. She stated that school nurses are being denied professional recognition and are being paid 40% less than their peers. She stated that school nurses ensure that students can stay in school to learn. She asked the Board to eliminate the

two-tiered salary schedule and pay school nurses the salary they deserve.

Angela McKinny, a parent from Anchor Point, expressed her concern regarding coed wrestling at the middle school level. She stated that she was distressed to watch girls wrestling boys during a recent wrestling tournament. She stated that she has a son who wrestles and has taught her son not to inappropriately touch young ladies in private areas. She stated that she believes coed wrestling causes disharmony and asked the Board to separate girls and boys wrestling and not put young men in awkward predicaments.

Ms. Laura Brooks, thanked the Board for coming tonight. She stated that she represented a group of Homer High School parents who want to keep music education in schools. She referred to a recent news article correlating music education with high SAT scores.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Arness reported that he received a lengthy letter from Catherine Bishop concerning the Bayview Charter School.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A.:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA president, stated that last year bargaining went well and that the Association was optimistic this year. She stated that the Association listed five items in the interest of coming to an agreement before the last quarter of school. She stated that the response from the District negotiating team was that they were not interested at this time. She stated that the elimination of the two-tiered schedule is the primary focus of KPEA and KPESA. She stated that the two-tiered salary schedule creates polarization among employees and establishes a feeling of less money for equal work. She stated that the second tier does not attract quality candidates.

Mrs. Mahurin stated that, after meeting numerous times in bargaining, the Association has only made some minor house keeping changes. She stated that the proposal currently on the table is more costly than the original proposal, and she expressed concern that some Board members may not be seeing the proposals being exchanged. She stated that the Association team feels that the issue is not about money but about power, and they truly want a mutually agreed-to contract as soon as possible. She stated that there are employees who are taking home less money than they were making five years ago.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Arness presented awards of appreciation to Ms. Jill Kriens, Paul Banks Elementary School; Ms. Rene Jahnke, Paul Banks Elementary School; Ms. Debra Lowney, Homer Middle School; and Mrs. Debra Turkington, Paul Banks Elementary School, for their outstanding contributions to education and the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren noted that a Board budget worksession will be held Thursday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. and that the budget will be presented to the School Board on Monday, March 15. He also announced that a budget worksession with the Borough Assembly will be held on March 16, 1999.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mr. Paul Sorenson has been selected as the 1999 Alaska State Principal of the Year by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP).

Mr. Dahlgren announced that the Borough honor band festival was being held at Homer High School and that Miss Calvert was participating.

Capital Improvement Projects Report:

Mr. Hickey presented a listing of capital improvement projects for House District Number 7 for \$3,908,000, House District Number 8 for \$4,268,000 and House District Number 9 for \$3,911,000. He stated that although the Borough will not be able to fund a \$12 million request, it will help the District address some of the remaining items as capital and major maintenance projects.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Larned reported that she attended a School Career Advisory Committee meeting and that the Committee amended the guidelines for high school program improvement grants. She stated that a discussion was held regarding the building trades classes and a summer pilot work experience program for Port Graham students.

Mrs. Gross stated that she represented the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) at the national legislative fly-in for school boards in Washington D.C. She noted that it was interesting to observe educational legislation at the national level. Mrs. Gross reported that she recently attended the AASB Legislative Fly-in in Juneau. She stated that Board members were told that districts will receive full funding.

Ms. Germano reported that she attended a very interesting presentation by Dr. Roland Good on the DIBELS Program.

Mrs. Mullins reported that she also attended the AASB legislative fly-in. She stated that Board members met with all local legislators and the chairmen and cochairmen of the house and senate Health Education and Social Services and Finance committees. She stated that legislators seem to feel that districts would receive full funding as outlined in SB 36. She stated that HB 5 relating to vouchers received a ruling from the attorney general declaring that the legislation is unconstitutional. She noted that HB 6 seeks to change the constitution to allow HB 5 to occur. She reported that District Board members voiced their objections to the voucher legislation.

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the meeting with Dr. Roland Good regarding the DIBELS program. She stated she was impressed with the information.

Miss Calvert reported that she attended the AASB legislative fly-in in Juneau. She stated that she was impressed by the positive experience. She thanked the Board for allowing her to attend. Mrs. Gross noted that Miss Calvert did a nice job representing the District.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Early Graduation Requests, 1998-1999 Teacher Assignments, 1999-2000 Teacher Assignments, Substitute Teacher Contracts and Resignations.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS:

By memorandum, Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve two early graduation requests for a student at Kenai Central High and a student at Nikiski Middle/High.

1998-1999 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teaching appointments for the 1998-1999 school year for Connie Wheat, math (temporary), Seward Middle/Sr. High; Julie Ball, teacher specialist (half-time, temporary), Aurora Borealis; and Virginia Bucher, reading (half-time, temporary), West Homer Elementary.

1999-2000 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a teaching appointment for the 1999-2000 school year for James Carlson, metals/drafting, Soldotna High.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Heather Truesdell, computers/business education, Skyview High, and Stacy O'Tremba, Russian/art/social studies, Voznesenka Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations from Paula O'Connell, (effective 2/8/99) special education/resource, Sears Elementary, and Michael Ashwell, (effective 5/27/99) science/physics, Kenai Central High.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 5. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Contracts:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an administrative assignment for the 1999-2000 school year for G. Scott Mengel, principal, K-Beach Elementary.

ACTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the administrative assignment for the 1999-2000 school year for G. Scott Mengel, principal, K-Beach Elementary.
Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1999-2000 Administrator Appointments:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a revised listing of administrator and Central Office contracts for the 1999-2000 school year.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve a revised listing of administrator and Central Office contracts for the 1999-2000 school year.
Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1999-2000 Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a listing of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve a listing of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Physical Education Curriculum:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the K-12 Physical Education Curriculum Guide.

Mr. Brent Keene, West Homer Elementary School teacher, stated that he appreciated all of the work that went into producing the curriculum guide. He asked the Board to consider allocating the necessary teaching positions to implement the new curriculum. He stated that he teaches one-half time and does not have time to teach everything in the curriculum document to 330 students. He stated that students entering his school are becoming less physically able to achieve even limited goals.

Mrs. Crawford announced that Senator Stevens has proposed that every student have physical education each day. She asked whether money was allocated to fund that mandate. Mr. Arness stated that he did not know of any funds being allocated.

Ms. Deb Lowney thanked Mr. Keene for his comments and agreed with him that the Physical Education Curriculum document was well written. Ms. Lowney stated that in order to fulfil the requirements of the curriculum, more teaching time is necessary. Ms. Lowney explained that the onset of student health habits begins at a young age and that establishing good patterns early is critical.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the K-12 Physical Education Curriculum Guide. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Ms. Germano stated that she would like to see full implementation of the physical education curriculum guide.

RECESS:

At 8:55 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 8:58 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Title IX Indian Education Grant:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the 1999-2000 Title IX Indian Education Grant application in the amount of \$204,798. He explained that the grant is a five-year continuation grant.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the Title IX Indian Education Grant application. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Expulsion:

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following: "Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of the Expulsion of RB.

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on March 1, 1999. Those School Board members present were Joe Arness, Lorraine Crawford, Debra Mullins, Susan Larned, and Nels Anderson. Present on behalf of the administration were Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent—Instruction, and Sylvia Reynolds, Principal, Soldotna High School. RB was present with his mother.

FINDINGS: The evidence showed that on Wednesday, February 10, 1999, at approximately 7:50 AM, Assistant Principal Mark Norgren received information RB may be in possession of a weapon while on school grounds. RB is a 16 year-old junior at Soldotna High School. Sylvia Reynolds, principal, and Mr. Norgren, assistant principal, were present during an initial interview with RB, locker and backpack search. Upon obtaining RB's belongings from his locker, and escorting him to the office, RB admitted that he had been in possession of a .22 caliber Barretta pistol on the school bus on two separate occasions on February 9, 1999. RB stated he brought the gun to school on that date. He further stated that the gun was to be given to an acquaintance, and the acquaintance was to pick the gun up at Soldotna High School. Since the acquaintance went home sick, RB transported the gun home on Tuesday on the bus. On the

bus, RB showed the gun to another student. RB did not take the gun into school, but hid it outside wrapped in his jacket. RB stated to the Board that he had never fired the gun, nor had bullets for it. RB has had prior incidents including, but not limited to, fighting for which he was suspended, and bringing a knife to school after being told not to.

The incident was reported to the police, and the Soldotna Police Department made an incident report. RB and his parents were furnished with copies of the School District policies on Weapons and Dangerous Instruments, Discipline and Due Process.

CONCLUSIONS: AS 14.03.160 requires expulsion for at least one year for a student who violates AS 11.61.210(a)(8) by having a gun on a school bus. Possession of a gun on a school bus is inimical to the welfare and safety of other students. This student has had prior violence-related incidents. AS 14.03.160 allows for early readmission and modifying the one-year expulsion which are allowable in this case because the student did not load or fire the gun.

ACTION: Student shall be expelled from KPBSD for one calendar year. During the term of the expulsion, the student shall not be permitted on school grounds or at any school activities.

Early admission to KPBSD for the fall semester of 1999 will be allowed provided the following conditions are met:

1. Student shall undergo a formal mental health assessment to ensure that the student does not pose a threat to the safety and welfare of our school, students, and staff. Student will follow all recommendations of the assessment and prescribed treatment plan.
2. Student shall complete a District correspondence course of study developed by school administration and counselors.

Notice of right to appeal School Board's final expulsion decision.

You are hereby notified that you have 30 days from the date this final decision is distributed to file an appeal with the Superior Court of the State of Alaska at Kenai in accordance with the Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure." Mrs. Mullins seconded.

VOTE:

ABSTAIN: Gross, Mullins

YES: Anderson, Crawford, Larned, Mullins, Arness

Motion carried.

Policy Revision BP 3120, Transfer of Funds:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve BP 3120, Transfer of Funds. He explained that the revision changes the reporting of budget transfers to a quarterly cycle.

Ms. Germano clarified that all budget transfers would be final in the July report. Mr. Hickey stated that this change would allow the Business Office to close the books during the month of June.

ACTION

Mrs. Germano moved the Board approve BP 3120, Transfer of Funds. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT:

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the superintendent contract and the appointment of Dr. Donna Peterson as Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP and AR 5119, Access to District Schools By Private School, Correspondence and Other Programs. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the proposed revision brings District policy into compliance with state law regarding part-time student enrollment and removes priority for full-time students in the selection and availability of classes. The revision in the administrative regulation removes the delayed enrollment process for part-time students. Mr. Dahlgren noted that the proposed revisions have been reviewed by legal counsel and discussed with District administrators.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Miss Calvert congratulated Dr. Peterson on her appointment as the new superintendent. She thanked Homer High School for hosting the Borough honor band festival.

Mrs. Crawford thanked Homer Middle School for the report. She extended her congratulations to Dr. Peterson.

Mrs. Gross pointed out that the Homer Middle School choir is an example of the fine students and teachers in the Homer area. She stated that she attended the performance of Carousel and noted that several District students were in the cast and that it was a wonderful production. She stated that 14 Homer students participated in the Northwest Honor Choir festival in Portland, Oregon.

Ms. Larned stated that she enjoyed the school presentation and was especially impressed with the large number of students participating in the middle school choir.

Dr. Anderson stated that he was impressed with the nuclear energy unit developed by Mr. Neace, Mr. Howell, Mr. Clark and Mr. Parlow.

Mrs. Mullins thanked Homer for hosting the School Board meeting. She stated that she enjoyed the Homer Middle School report. She extended congratulations to Dr. Peterson and stated she was impressed with the interview and noted that Dr. Peterson was well prepared. She stated that the Board is appreciative that Dr. Peterson is willing to

take on the challenge of superintendent. Mrs. Mullins stated that she attended the Administrators' Meeting and participated in an interesting discussion regarding student expulsion.

With the consensus of the Board, Mrs. Mullins requested a worksession with the principals regarding policies that deal with expulsion. Mr. Arness directed Mr. Dahlgren to schedule a worksession regarding expulsion.

Ms. Germano welcomed Dr. Peterson to her new position as superintendent. She thanked Mr. Leal and the Homer Middle School staff for the school report. She stated that she appreciated the improvements to the lunch menu. Ms. Germano expressed her concern regarding the increase in student discipline incidents and asked the Board to consider future discussions on the topic.

Mr. Arness welcomed Dr. Peterson. Mr. Arness expressed his unhappiness towards Mrs. Mahurin for her negative characterizations of Board members. He stated that he objected to Mrs. Mahurin expressing her frustrations to the Board's constituency. He clarified to those present that his comments were his own opinion. He further stated that the process of negotiations

does not have to become personal and is sorry that it has. He assured Mrs. Mahurin that the Board is kept informed regarding the progress of negotiations.

ADJOURN: At 9:15 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of March 1, 1999,
were approved on March 15, 1999
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

March 15, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent,
Operations and Business Management

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human
Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds

Ms. Barb Vogel

Miss Andrea Gensel

Mr. Chuck Boll

Mr. Dan Gensel

Mr. Tim Peterson

Mr. Gene Dyson

Mr. Michael Lengenfelder

Mrs. Debbie Palm

Mrs. Sue Liebner

Mr. Pete Sprague

Mr. Don Oberg

Mr. Mark Norgren

Mr. Larry Semmens

Mr. Stuart Laurion

Mrs. Sharon Sauer

Mrs. Paula Laurion

Mr. Jay Sauer

Dr. Donna Peterson

Mr. Terri Woodward

Mr. Dave Spence

Mrs. Sandra Taylor

Mr. Justin George

Mr. Rick Taylor

Mr. Bob Nath

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Dan Gensel introduced Melissa Schmidt, Soldotna High senior, who sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Joe Arness	Present
	Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
	Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
	Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
	Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
	Dr. Nels Anderson	Present/Arrived at 8:26 p.m.
	Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
	Miss Charise Calvert	Present
APPROVAL OF AGENDA:	The agenda was approved with revisions to item Numbers 10a.(2), 10a.(4) and 10a.(5).	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	The School Board Minutes of February 24, and March 1, 1999, were approved as printed.	
SCHOOL REPORTS:	Mr. Joe Arness thanked Mrs. Reynolds for the Soldotna High School report, which was held earlier in the day at the school.	
PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:	Mr. Chuck Boll, Laidlaw Transit branch manager, presented a \$500 check to the District to be used for a student scholarship. Mr. Boll told the Board that Mrs. Penny Little made an offer to purchase a used special service bus from Laidlaw Transit. He stated that the senior vice-president of Laidlaw Transit who was attending a meeting to sign the seven-year contract told Mrs. Little and Mr. Hickey that Laidlaw would give the bus to the District. Mr. Boll handed the keys and title to Mr. Hickey.	

AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Arness presented awards of appreciation to Soldotna High School staff members Sharon Sauer, Dan Gensel, and Stuart Laurion for their outstanding service to education and the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board about the Assembly worksession on March 16 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Dahlgren reported that he recently attended a conference sponsored by the United States Department of Education concerning class size grant funds. He stated that the District could possibly apply for approximately \$430,000. He noted that the intent of the grant is to lower pupil-teacher ratios to 1:18 in Grades 1-3. He stated 82% of the grant money must be used for hiring and recruitment and 15% could be used for inservice. He stated that he was encouraged that none of the grant money is to be used for administrative costs.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that the District is also considering applying for Reading Excellence grant funds offered by the federal government.

Mrs. Gross asked when the District might receive the class size grant money. He replied that as soon as the Department of Education completes their calculation for each District, the money should be available. He stated that he is hoping to know something by the end of this week or next.

Ms. Germano asked how much money the District might receive for the reading grant. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the reading grant is a competitive grant by state and that there is \$212 million allocated to the country. He explained that grants for states the size of Alaska range between \$1 and \$4 million. He noted that each state must apply for the money and then, in turn, districts must apply to the state for the money.

Presentation of the FY 1999-2000 Budget:

Mr. Hickey presented the 1999-2000 budget to the Board. The Board will consider adoption of the budget at their April 5, 1999 meeting. He noted that it is the third draft and that the artwork used on the cover was created by Andy Tholberg, a Ninilchik Elementary/High School student. He added that the Business Office is trying to make the document more user friendly and to conform to national standards for budget presentation.

Student Nutrition Services:

Mr. Hickey presented the results of a recently concluded audit by the State of Alaska of the Student Nutrition Services program. He stated that the review found only one discrepancy and otherwise stated that it was a successful audit and that he was pleased.

Nikiski Elementary
Reconfiguration Cost Report:

Mr. Hickey presented the results of the Nikiski Reconfiguration Committee cost estimates to convert the Nikiski Elementary School to a middle school. He stated that the Committee meetings were held at Nikiski Elementary and involved the Borough Planning Department. The report contained lists of improvement costs, which were categorized into a high priority list totaling \$628,000 and a low priority list totaling \$343,000.

Mrs. Mullins asked whether the report had been given to the Reconfiguration Committee. Mr. Hickey stated that the report and improvement list will be sent to the Committee.

Mr. Arness asked for a timeline and list of steps to be taken if the reconfiguration were to occur. Mr. Dahlgren responded that a recommendation will be brought to the next Board meeting. He added that if the Board decides to proceed with the reconfiguration, then a request would be made to the Borough to appropriate the funds in their budget. He noted that funds could possibly be made available after July 1 with work possibly beginning during the summer of 2000.

Financial Reports:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending January 31, 1999 and February 28, 1999.

BOARD REPORTS:

Ms. Germano stated that she recently attended the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association (KPSAA) meeting and that a teleconference is scheduled March 18 to discuss student handbook and by-law changes. She noted that the annual meeting will be held April 15.

BOARD REPORTS
(Continued):

Miss Calvert reported that she received an e-mail message from Mr. Derek Peterson, AASB Director of Child/Youth Advocacy, asking her to serve on the child advocacy committee as the student representative. She stated that she has accepted the appointment.

Mrs. Gross announced that Mr. Derek Peterson will be in Homer on March 16 and 17 to conduct training on the ASSET building model. She stated that she will be attending.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Budget Transfer, Resignations, Leave of Absence Requests/Support, Leave of Absence Request/Certified and Substitute Teacher Contract.

Budget Transfer:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve budget transfer Number 256 for \$15,000 to cover costs for contracted services to assess and evaluate the operation, design and staff of Aurora Borealis Charter School.

Resignations:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignations of Susan Lepry, math/science, Homer Charter School; Jeannette Sorrels, special education/severe, Sears Elementary; Leona Oberts, lead teacher, Aurora Borealis Charter School; Ann Riedel, music, Chapman Elementary; and Liesl Davenport-Wheeler, music, Seward Middle/Sr. High.

Leave of Absence Requests/
Support: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Masha Yakunin, bilingual instructor, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School; and Robert Harwood, truck driver, warehouse.

Leave of Absence Request/
Certified: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Hilary Matthews, English, Skyview High School and Jacqueline Bock, special education/preschool, Sears Elementary.

Substitute Teacher Contract: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Susan Nabholts, 7th grade science, Kenai Middle School; and Shelli Colligan, Grade 1-2, Sears Elementary.

ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 5. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1999-2000 Administrator
Appointment: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the appointment of Richard Patton, principal, Homer High School.

1999-2000 Administrator
Appointment (continued): Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the appointment of Richard Patton, principal, Homer High School. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

ACTION

Ms. Germano expressed her continued concern for the appointment. She noted that two weeks ago the appointment was withheld and now it is back on the agenda and is assuming that the administration has a plan.

VOTE:

Advisory Vote - YES

YES - Crawford, Gross, Larned, Mullins, Arness

NO - Germano

Motion carried.

Seward Bus Route Bus
Purchase:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the lease/purchase of four busses in the amount of \$299,932. He stated that the Seward routes are the only ones that are served by District busses. He stated that the four busses will be distributed to the schools to use as activity busses. He noted that he expects the bus expenditures will be reimbursed at 100% with Department of Education appropriations through the Pupil Transportation fund.

Ms. Germano asked where the money would come from. Mr. Hickey replied that the District will be reimbursed at a rate greater than the lease price during the first year. He explained that there is a downward amortization of the busses in the first year so the District should recover the money. He added that the money would be put into a liability account to pay for the busses in subsequent years. He stated that he expects the District will receive 100% recovery of the cost of the busses.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the lease/purchase of four busses in the amount of \$299,932. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Disposition of Kenai
Elementary Facility:

Mr. Hickey provided history on the use of the Kenai Elementary facility. He stated that based on the Borough's interest in the facility and the potential availability of federal funds to renovate the building, the administration recommends the Board approve the transfer of the Kenai Elementary building to the Kenai Peninsula Borough. He further recommended that the transfer include the stipulation that the Kenai Alternative School be permitted full and continued access to the facility for as long as the building suits their needs. He also recommended that should the facility be rehabilitated to allow the occupancy of school children, consideration be given to providing Aurora Borealis Charter School space within Kenai Elementary.

Ms. Germano asked whether the Borough has any obligation to give special consideration to either the Kenai Alternative High School or Aurora Borealis Charter School. Mr. Dahlgren suggested that to protect the Board's interest, the District obtain a signed memorandum of agreement or contract from the Borough.

Ms. Germano asked why the District would give the Kenai Elementary building to the Borough if it is to be used to house students. Mr. Dahlgren explained that students cannot be housed in a portion of the building and that the Borough and Assembly have other options to fund renovations to the building.

Mr. Larry Semens, Aurora Borealis Charter School Academic Policy Committee member, stated that he didn't know who would be the best organization to own the Kenai Elementary building. He stated that during a conversation with the Borough mayor, the mayor stated that he did not feel the School Board had the desire to ask the Assembly for funds to renovate the building. Mr. Semmens asked the Board for a stronger commitment than was stated in Mr. Hickey's memorandum of recommendation. He stated that the school has spent many hours searching for another facility and has not found anything. He stated that he feels the mayor is sincere about allowing Aurora Borealis Charter School to use the Kenai Elementary building. He stated that he still feels that the ADA requirements should be critically evaluated to ensure that unnecessary renovations are not be made.

Mr. Mike Dunn, Aurora Borealis Charter School parent, expressed his concern with the memo of recommendation. He stated that he feels the school has been getting the run around. He stated that he thought the School Board was interested in housing the Charter School and asked the Board to assist them in locating a facility or grant money to fund a five-year lease.

Disposition of Kenai
Elementary Facility
(Continued):

Mrs. Sandra Taylor, Aurora Borealis Charter School parent, stated that she was assured that the Charter School relocation issue would not be drug out. She stated that because a decision was not made in a timely manner, the Charter School will have to pay for space through the end of June. Mrs. Taylor stated that she is concerned with the language in the recommendation memo that assures full use of Kenai Elementary for Kenai Alternative High School and only consideration given to Aurora Borealis Charter School. She stated that she feels the ADA issue is out of proportion and that there is a hidden agenda. She stated that she feels that there are political reasons why the District does not want the Charter School to relocate to the Kenai Elementary building.

Mr. Arness asked Mrs. Taylor what political overtone she was referring to. Mrs. Taylor stated that Board members were not aware that the Charter School wanted the use of the Kenai Elementary building even though they wrote letters. She stated that eight months have passed and they still don't have answer.

Lori Uponen, Aurora Borealis Charter School teacher, listed problems with the current Charter School facility. She stated that her classroom shares a wall with the gymnasium and it is extremely noisy and dangerous. She stated that each week she has to move her classroom furniture, equipment, and educational materials to accommodate the church Sunday school program. She expressed her appreciation for the Board's assistance with the Charter School so far and asked for their continued assistance in locating a new facility.

Mrs. Debbie Palm, echoed Mrs. Taylor's comments regarding the wording in the recommendation memo. She stated that according to her understanding of the Charter School legislation, it is expected that school districts assist in the location of a facility. She asked the Board to replace the word "consideration" in the recommendation memo with the words "full use."

Disposition of Kenai
Elementary Facility
(Continued):

Mr. Doug Haralson, Aurora Borealis Charter School parent, stated that the school is paying \$75,000 per year for a lease with a facility that has problems. He stated that occupancy in the Kenai Elementary facility could resolve those problems as soon as it is renovated. He stated that if the \$75,000 lease money were to pay for renovations at Kenai Elementary, there could be a 7-10 year return on the money. He stated that he doesn't care who owns the building just that the Aurora Borealis Charter School students are housed. He stated that for a \$1 million investment, the School Board would see some intangible benefits and that no one would be negatively impacted. He stated that he didn't see a reason why the District would want to turn the property over to the Borough. He asked the Board to change the recommendation specifying that the Charter School be allowed to use the Kenai Elementary building.

Mr. Bob Nath, Aurora Borealis Charter School parent, told the Board that the Charter School is the best school that his children have been in. He stated that there is a serious problem with the current facility. He stated that he did not understand why the District would give the Kenai Elementary building back to the Borough. He stated that there is a political undercurrent going on and that the Boys and Girls Club is concerned over the loss of control of the building. He stated that the Charter School doesn't want to drive out the Boys and Girls Club from the Kenai Elementary building. He stated that it was his understanding that there was supposed to be a meeting to decide the outcome of the use of the Kenai Elementary building but it did not happen. Mr. Nath stated that charter schools are an alternative method to education and

that it is working well.

Mr. Rick Taylor, Aurora Borealis Charter School parent, expressed concern for the location of the Charter School. He stated that he is not particularly concerned who is the owner of the Kenai Elementary building but is concerned about its future use. He stated that some of the renovation costs are not necessary. He stated that the Charter School has \$75,000 to invest in the facility each year. Mr. Taylor stated that the Charter School has the potential to be a model charter school throughout the state or nation. He stated that the current facility is crowded and unsatisfactory and that not too many teachers would teach under those conditions. He stated that the Charter School wants to work with the Boys and Girls Club.

Disposition of Kenai
Elementary Facility
(Continued):

Mrs. Holly Gutsch, Aurora Borealis Charter School parent, stated that without the use of the Kenai Elementary building, the Charter School will have a difficult time existing next year. She pointed out that the benefit of the Charter School is that many home-schooled students have enrolled who otherwise would not be enrolled in public school.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that long before the Charter School was formed, the administration recommended to the Board of Education that the Kenai Elementary building be returned to the Borough. He stated that he did not feel that the School District should be in the landlord business. The Board chose to keep the building and considered reopening it due to increased enrollment. The proposal went to the voters and it was voted down. Mr. Dahlgren listed the other rented and overcrowding situations throughout the District and stated that the Board and Administration must consider 39 other very special schools. He explained that the Kenai Elementary building belongs to the Borough but is administrated by the District.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the transfer of the Kenai Elementary building to the Kenai Peninsula Borough and that the transfer include the stipulation that the Kenai Alternative School be permitted full and continued access to the facility for as long as the building suits their needs and that should the facility be rehabilitated to allow the occupancy of school children, consideration be given to providing Aurora Borealis Charter School space within Kenai Elementary. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board postpone action on the disposition of the Kenai Elementary facility to the April 5 meeting until an agreement can be reached with the Borough. Ms. Germano seconded.

Mrs. Crawford asked what the District's legal obligation was to provide housing for charter schools. Mr. Dahlgren explained that charter schools have a lot of autonomy and can choose where they wish to be located. He added that the District has an obligation to provide housing if it is available within District facilities. He stated that the Charter School cannot be located in a facility that could be challenged.

Ms. Germano asked whether there was space in any District-owned buildings. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the Board can grant space in other buildings if they feel that it is available.

Disposition of Kenai
Elementary Facility
(Continued):

Mrs. Gross recounted the history regarding the renovation of the Kenai Elementary building and stated that the Board deemed the building unsuitable to renovate for student occupancy. She said that instead, the Board considered building a new elementary school.

Mrs. Mullins asked whether the administration would have time before the April 5 meeting to meet with the Borough mayor and Assembly leadership regarding the future use of the Kenai Elementary building. She stated that it was the District's responsibility to house students and not the Assembly's.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that either the District keeps the Kenai Elementary building and requests that renovations be done so that the Charter Schools can use the facility or the Borough takes over the building. Mr. Dahlgren stated that Mayor Navarre was thinking that if the Borough took ownership of the building then grant funds could be secured for renovation. He stated that discussions have been held in the Borough mayor's office with local legislators regarding funding to renovate the facility.

Ms. Germano asked where else the Kenai Alternative School students could be housed and how much it would cost. Mr. Dahlgren stated that it would cost approximately \$2,000 per month to rent a facility comparable to the Homer Flex School.

VOTE ON POSTPONEMENT:

Advisory Vote - NO

YES — Anderson, Germano, Gross, Larned, Mullins,

Arness

NO - Crawford

Motion carried.

Request for Re-appropriation
of Revenue to the Equipment
Fund:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board request the Assembly to redirect \$266,607 in currently appropriated revenue for the express purpose of funding the Equipment Reserve Fund. He explained that as a result of CSSB36, the District anticipated a \$1.8 million increase in the budget but declining enrollment brought the opportunities under the cap down to below the amount the Borough agreed to pay the District in this year's revenue. He stated this transfer will help mitigate \$536,391 in equipment reductions required to balance the budget.

Request for Re-appropriation
of Revenue to the Equipment
Fund (Continued):

Mrs. Larned moved the Board request the Assembly to redirect \$266,607 in currently appropriated revenue for the express purpose of funding the Equipment Reserve Fund. Mrs. Gross seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

Bayview Charter School
Contract Termination:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board terminate the Bayview Charter School's contract at the end of the 1998-99 school year for not maintaining a minimum enrollment of 20 students as stated in the contract.

Mrs. Lynne Hohl, Bayview Charter School Academic Policy Committee member, requested that the Board postpone their decision to terminate the Charter School contract until after their spring enrollment period in June. She referred to a memo dated March 9 to Mr. Dahlgren listing the focus areas that address the issue of increasing their enrollment. She read four additional items to the action plan. She stated that the parents and staff are working very hard to find solutions to their problems and asked for the Board's flexibility and understanding.

Ms. Germano asked how many parents are involved with the Academic Policy Committee and how often they meet.

Ms. Hohl stated that the Academic Policy Committee meets every two weeks and consists of one community member, five parents, and one staff member.

Dr. Anderson stated that the Board has received two letters that were not very complimentary to the operation of Bayview Charter School.

Mrs. Phyllis Shoemaker, Bayview Charter School parent, stated that the Charter School has made some mistakes but they are trying to rectify them. She stated that students have many different needs and that charter schools help meet the needs of some students. She stated that the Seward community in general supports the idea of charter schools. She asked the Board for a postponement until the enrollment period is over.

Ms. Germano asked whether exit exams were conducted for those students who have left the school. Ms. Hohl reported that informal interviews had been held that they would go back and hold formal interviews.

Mr. Larry Semmens, Mr. Mike Dunn, Mr. Doug McAuliffe, Mr. Bob Nath, and Mrs. Sandra Taylor each spoke in support of the postponement of the Bayview Charter School contract termination.

Bayview Charter School
Contract Termination
(Continued):

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the termination of the Bayview Charter School's contract at the end of the 1998-99 school year. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

RECESS:

At 9:32 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:

At 9:34 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Mrs. Larned stated that she would like to visit the Charter School and meet with the staff and parents during the May 3 School Board meeting.

Ms. Germano suggested that the Board meet with the Bayview Academic Policy Committee to hear their plan for increased enrollment and program changes during the May 3 meeting in Seward.

Mrs. Mullins stated that she would like to talk to the Bayview Academic Policy Committee. She stated that 5 to 7 students is not considered a school and that it is not cost effective to operate a school for so few students. She stated that she appreciated the memorandum from Bayview Charter School outlining their action plan. Mrs. Mullins asked how the postponement will affect the budget process.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that the budget will be brought to the Board as it was initially presented. He noted that if there should be any adjustments to the budget, the money from Bayview Charter School would probably be put into the unallocated account. He stated that the Administration would recommend a budget transfer.

Mrs. Gross expressed concern that both years the Bayview Charter School has begun the year with only 17 students and throughout the year the enrollment declines.

Mrs. Mullins asked how the Bayview Charter School contract termination will affect tenure teacher contracts. Mrs. Radtke stated that the current teacher at Bayview Charter School is not tenured. She stated the District must notify all nontenured teachers whether they will be retained prior to May 15.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board table the motion of the Bayview Charter School contract termination until the May 3 Board meeting and that a worksession be held with the Academic Policy Committee prior to the meeting.
Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy and Regulation
Revision:

Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve revisions to BP and AR 5119, Access to District Schools By Private School, Correspondence and Other Programs. He explained that the revisions bring District policy into compliance with state law regarding part-time student enrollment and removes priority for full-time students in the selection and availability of classes. The revision in the administrative regulation removes the delayed enrollment process for part-time students.

Mrs. Larned asked whether there were many problems this year with the removal of the priority for full-time students. Mr. McLain responded that this was the first year part-time students were allowed equal access to classes and that the policy generated a lot of questions from principals. He stated that building administrators are now more familiar with the law and are making an effort to fulfill the requirements. Mrs. Larned asked how many students were involved. Mr. Dahlgren stated that between 60 and 70 students participated as part-time students.

Ms. Germano asked about whether the cocurricular handbook should be included with the policy. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he did not feel it would be appropriate to include the handbook in the policy manual because the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) board governs eligibility by participating schools. He stated that student eligibility refers to state guidelines as well as Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association (KPSAA) guidelines and that it will be too confusing to include those guidelines in Board policy. He explained that the KPSAA handbook changes are approved on an annual basis. Ms. Germano asked whether a KPSAA handbook is available at all locations. Mr. Dahlgren stated that eligibility requirements are accessible at every building and posted on the District web site.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve revisions to BP and AR 5119, Access to District Schools By Private School, Correspondence and Other Programs as outlined. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Technology Referendum/ Upgrades:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board request the Assembly bring to the public a bond referendum in the amount of \$3 million for Districtwide technology upgrades or contribute \$1 million annually to the District equipment fund over the next three years. He explained that with the passage of CSSB36, the time has come to upgrade technology at all of our schools.

Technology Referendum/ Upgrades (Continued):

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board request the Assembly bring to the public a bond referendum in the amount of \$3 million for Districtwide technology upgrades or contribute \$1 million annually to the District equipment fund over the next three years. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION

Ms. Germano expressed concern that a more detailed plan was not included with the request. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the first step is to pass the recommendation and then the administration will develop a more complete plan, which will come back to the Board. He stated that \$3 million will bring all of the schools up to a standard within three years.

Ms. Germano asked why the \$1 million plan and recommendation didn't come to the Board together.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he needs to know if the Board supports the request before a lot of time is spent developing a plan without some direction.

Mr. Arness passed the gavel to Mrs. Mullins. Mr. Arness stated that he likes the idea of first deciding which approach to take but he did not feel that the memo of recommendation offered that choice. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he will ask District staff to develop a plan listing what would be purchased for \$1 million the first year, second year, and third year. He stated that his intent was to discuss with the Assembly whether to ask for a bond referendum and/or a contribution to the equipment fund. Mr. Arness stated that he was uncomfortable with the concept of spending \$3 million on technology without knowing what will be purchased.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that his intent was for the Board and Assembly to work together and decide the best way to fund the upgrades. He noted that since the assembly is the only organization that can tax, they should decide whether to take the issue to the voters or sell a bond. He stated that he would bring the issue back to the Board with a plan for the technology upgrade.

Ms. Germano asked whether the Board could speak to the Assembly regarding the referendum during the budget worksession on March 16. Ms. Germano mentioned that the Board has not talked about the Borough funding the cocurricular activities outside of the cap. Ms. Germano stated that she wanted to be sure the Board is addressing instructional needs.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he did not recommend that the Assembly be involved in cocurricular programs. He advised the Board to maintain control over all District activities.

Technology Referendum/
Upgrades (Continued):

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board amend the motion to state that the Board will ask the Assembly their conceptual preference of bonding or cash so that KPBSD may design an appropriate technology program within those parameters. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Mr. Arness stated that the idea behind his amendment is that the Board can now refer the referendum to the Assembly and have a discussion with them about how they wish to proceed.

Dr. Anderson stated that the Arness amendment is cleaner and accomplishes the same thing.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 10:03 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

Mrs. Mullins left the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Reconvene AFTER RECESS:

At 10:11 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

FIRST READING OF
POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of AR 5144, Due Process. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the proposed regulation changes are recommended to protect student safety and to bring the District into compliance with current practice. He stated that the Borough attorney has reviewed the changes.

Mr. Arness asked whether the Borough attorney agrees with the proposed changes. Mr. Dahlgren responded that the attorney agrees to the changes since they maintain the safety and security of student witnesses.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Mike Dunn invited the Board to visit the Aurora Borealis School.

Mr. Bob Nath thanked Mr. Dahlgren for pointing out the larger picture in his earlier statements. He asked for a listing from the administration of available space within the District that could be used to house the Aurora Borealis Charter School.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(Continued): Mrs. Sandra Taylor stated that she gave Mr. Hickey some grant information regarding \$100 million that could be used to renovate the Kenai Elementary building. She stated that the money was for charter schools that are cohabiting with entities such as the Boys and Girls Club or the Kenai Alternative School. Mr. Hickey stated that he read the grant information and from his interpretation, the District was not eligible. Mrs. Taylor stated that charter schools are eligible; but until the Board decides the future of the Kenai Elementary facility, they did not want to apply.

Ms. Germano suggested that the Charter School pursue the grants instead of relying on the administration.

Mr. Rick Taylor stated that the Aurora Borealis Charter School is the best outlet for attracting a large segment of home-school students. He stated that the Charter School has the ability to bring in funds to the District that may not ordinarily be available.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford thanked Soldotna High School for the school visit and report and congratulated Mr. Gensel, Mrs. Sauer and Mr. Laurion.

Mrs. Gross congratulated the District basketball teams and wished them well at state.

Ms. Germano thanked everyone who spoke to the Board. She echoed Mrs. Crawford's comments regarding the Soldotna High School report. Ms. Germano thanked the administration for their hard work.

Mrs. Larned announced that she became a grandmother this week with an 8 pound 9 ounce grandson born in Denmark. She stated that she appreciated the Soldotna High School report and especially enjoyed seeing the block schedule used to accommodate vocational education classes.

Dr. Anderson stated that he enjoyed the Soldotna High report. He suggested that students wear ear protection from the loud noise in the wood shop class. He stated that he recently attended the basketball games and cheerleading competition.

Mr. Arness stated that the girls' basketball team from Homer stayed at his hotel and he thought their behavior was exemplary.

Miss Calvert thanked the Board for attending her school and listening to the Soldotna High band.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dr. Anderson moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss negotiations. Mr. Dahlgren, Mr. Hickey Mrs. Radtke and Dr. Peterson were asked to attend. Ms. Germano seconded.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:25 p. m., Dr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned. Ms. Germano seconded.

ADJOURN: At 11:26 p.
m.,
Mrs. Crawford
moved the
School Board
Meeting be
adjourned.
Mrs. Gross
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of March 15, 1999,
were approved on April 5, 1999
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

April 5, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent,
Operations and Business Management

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Fred Deussing

Mr. Tim Peterson

Mr. Carlton Kuhns

Mr. Tim Navarre

Mr. Terry McBee

Ms. Elaine Velsko

Mrs. Diane McBee

Ms. Barb Bechtel

Mr. Gene Dyson

Ms. Cindy Rasmussen

Dr. Don Boehmer

Mrs. Sandra Taylor

Mr. Pete Sprague

Mr. Larry Semmens

Mr. Don Oberg

Mrs. Karen Mahurin

Mr. Justin George

Ms. Jayne Porter

Ms. Barb Vogel

Mr. Don Glaze

Mr. Todd Syverson

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, Mrs. Debra Mullins, Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Mr. Arness, Mrs. Susan Larned and Dr. Anderson, were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:05 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to conduct a student expulsion hearing.
Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:32 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Joe Arness	Present
	Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
	Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
	Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
	Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Absent/Excused
	Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
	Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present

	Miss Charise Calvert	Present
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of a school report from Chapman Elementary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of March 15, 1999, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Carlton Kuhns, Nikolaevsk Elementary principal, stated that he has an enrollment of 145 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. He noted that 70% of the students are Russian and speak English as a second language. He added that the remaining 30% of the population are non-Russian students that live outside the village. He stated that all elementary students receive Russian language instruction each day and that they are completely fluent in Russian and English by the 4th or 5th grades. He stated that at the high school level, Russian instruction is an elective and is well attended. Mr. Kuhns noted that over the past ten years, 57 students have graduated from high school and of that number, 8 students have completed a four-year degree, 22 students have completed a 2-year, associate degree or certificate program, and 10 students are working on a four-year degree. He presented assessment scores for analytical writing, math performance and CAT/5 reading, language, and math. He noted that test scores tend to be low at the elementary grade levels but soon increase or excel in the upper grades as students become more familiar with the English language. He reported that students who have returned from college have started businesses in the village or moved to Anchorage to pursue their careers.

He presented a video created by students showing the school facility, students in classrooms and students participating in after-school activities. He stated that he will have six students graduate in May 1999.

Mrs. Crawford asked what percentage of male and female students attended the high school. Mr. Kuhns replied that the breakdown of male and female was very close to even.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Fred Deussing, Chapman Elementary principal, stated that he has an enrollment of 121 students. He cited parent support as one of the main reasons why Chapman students perform incredibly well. He stated that the school goal is to foster a genuine love of reading among students and to enhance their reading skills across the curriculum capitalizing on their multiple intelligences. He reported that the staff instituted the Reading Mastery Intervention Program with primary students. He thanked Dr. Boehmer for supplying the materials, support and ongoing training to implement the program. He reported that 25 students in K-2 were identified as not reading or had severe reading problems. He stated that those students are now excited to read and feel good about themselves.

Mr. Deussing introduced Cindy Rasmussen, kindergarten through 4th grade special education teacher, and Elaine Velsko and Barb Bechtel Title I tutors. A packet of reading and assessment information was distributed and each teacher explained their involvement in the Reading Mastery Program. Each of the teachers thanked Dr. Boehmer for his assistance and support.

Mr. Deussing presented a short video which included demonstrations of students reading aloud.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. William Hill asked the Board about the District's policy on parent notification when a child is assaulted at school. He recounted an incident involving his son and stated that the incident occurred in the morning and he was not notified until 2:00 p.m. Mr. Arness suggested that Mr. Hill speak to the District administration to resolve the issue.

Angela McKinney thanked the Board for their support of Chapman Elementary School and for hiring remarkable teachers. She stated that she is happy to be a part of her children's education and thanked the Board for their open door policy.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Arness announced that he received an invitation to attend a meeting regarding the formulation of the Borough Maintenance Department budget from Borough Mayor Navarre. He noted that Borough Mayor Navarre, Mr. Dave Eagle and Mr. Jeff Sinz will attend from the Borough and that he and Mr. Hickey will attend from the District. He stated that the meeting will be held Wednesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m., and he invited other Board members to attend as well. Mr. Hickey stated that he will e-mail the Board with more details.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Arness presented awards of appreciation to Mr. Terry McBee, Soldotna Middle School and Ms. Donna Austin, Chapman Elementary for their outstanding service to education and the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren announced that schools in the Homer and Seward areas have had difficulty with roof snow loads; however, borough maintenance crews have worked to ensure that all schools remain open and operational. He noted that parent-teacher conferences at Seward Elementary were moved to the high school for one day.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that the Pupil-Teacher Ratio grant has been completed and was submitted before spring break.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that the positions of assistant superintendent for Human Resources and principal of Skyview High School have been readvertised.

EVALUATION OF HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND FIVE-YEAR PLAN:

Mr. Dahlgren presented a report compiled from Homer High, Kenai Central High, Nikiski High, Seward High, Soldotna High and Skyview High schools which outlined the direction of the schools for the next three to five years.

He noted that each school's plan was unique and he is satisfied by what they have submitted.

Ms. Germano asked what process was used to develop the school plans. Mr. Dahlgren described various methods used by the schools and gave examples.

Ms. Germano asked what kind of information is given to new administrators regarding site councils. Mr. Dahlgren explained that new administrators receive one day of training and further noted that the central office provided site council training in October which was attended by many administrators.

Ms. Germano expressed her frustration that one high school's goal was to use site councils within the next three to six years.

Mrs. Crawford asked about high schools moving towards the magnet school concept and whether there was any planning being considered by the administration. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the magnet school concept is already being used and cited examples.

BOARD REPORTS:

Ms. Germano reported that Derek Peterson conducted an ASSETS training session in Homer along with a community informational gathering.

CONSENT AGENDA:

One item was presented on the Consent Agenda, a request for leave of absence/certified.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/ CERTIFIED:

By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Deborah Olson, special education/severe education, Seward Middle/Senior High School.

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item Number 1. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENTS:

By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve administrator assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Robin Williams, principal, Nikiski Middle/Senior High; Micheal Wetherbee, principal, Ninilchik Elementary/High School; and Beverly Hunter-Gillaspie, assistant principal, Homer High.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the administrator assignments as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT EXPULSION:

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of KH.

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on April 5, 1999. Those School Board Members present were Joe Arness, President, Debra Mullins, Susan Larned, Nels Anderson, and Sammy Crawford. Present on behalf of the administration were Ed McLain, Asst. Superintendent, Instruction and KPBSD Alternative High School principal, Dennis Dunn. KH was present. KH's mother was present. The hearing was conducted in accordance with the Hearing Outline with a presentation by the administration, an opportunity for questions and statements from KH, questioning by the School Board, and recommendations by the administration prior to the Board's deliberation and decision.

STUDENT EXPULSION
(continued):

FINDINGS: The evidence showed that on Wednesday, March 17, 1999 a student brought to Mrs. Halstead a note which stated that KH was in possession of a controlled substance at Kenai Alternative High School. This student stated that another student had given them the note. That student stated the note was found on the floor. Both informing students stated that KH had been showing the pot to others during the morning break. Principal Dennis Dunn questioned KH in the presence of Mrs. Halstead and asked her whether she had possession of anything she should not have. She stated she did. Principal Dunn asked her to give it to him and she gave him a plastic M&Ms container, which held marijauna. Principal Dunn attempted to call KH's mother but her phone was not working. The Kenai Police Department was contacted and KH was placed under arrest and given a notice and order of revocation. KH was released to her mother who came to school during the lunch period to pick her up.

KH was given the choice of an informal or formal hearing and on March 19, 1999 an informal hearing was held consistent with Board policy with Principal Dunn, Jerry Wilson, CPCS Family Support Specialist, KH and KH's mother present. Based on the facts above, KH was recommended for expulsion for violating KPBSD policy 5131.6 for the second time. Her prior incident involved a suspension from Soldotna Middle School in 1995 for violation involving marijauna.

CONCLUSIONS: Board policy 5131.6(a) requires the administration recommend expulsion for a second drug-related offense. This was KH's second offense. Possession of drugs in school is conduct inimical to the welfare, safety, and morals of other students and persons at the school. Early readmission from an expulsion may be beneficial to KH who is motivated to graduate and meet certain conditions (set forth below).

ACTION: KH is suspended through April 9, 1999 with an expulsion beginning on April 10, 1999 and ending on March 17, 2000. If all conditions set forth below are met KH may have early readmission to KAHS on January 3, 2000.

1. KH may have limited early readmission to participate in the ATOSS program from August 24, 1999 to December 17, 1999 and comply with the program requirements.

2. KH must complete an assessment with Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and follow through with the recommendations of the assessment.

STUDENT EXPULSION (continued):

3. KH must have 3 consecutive clean Urine Analysis (UA) at the expense of KH. The first UA must be performed within one week of attendance at ATOSS, and the next two will be random as specified by the administration. Any unclean UA will result in revocation of early readmission.

4. KH must complete a Psychological Assessment with Central Peninsula Counseling Services and follow through with the recommendations of the Assessment.

5. KH may have early immediate limited readmission to complete at least four correspondence study courses, which must be completed before readmission on January 3, 2000.

6. KH must complete 60 hours of community service prior to readmission.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL SCHOOL BOARD'S FINAL EXPULSION DECISION: You are hereby notified that you have 30 days from the date this final decision is distributed to file an appeal with the Superior Court of the state of Alaska at Kenai in accordance with the Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure." Mrs. Mullins seconded.

VOTE:

YES – Arness, Mullins, Larned, Anderson, Crawford

ABSTAIN – Germano

Motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF KENAI
ELEMENTARY FACILITY:

Mr. Dahlgren stated that Borough Mayor Navarre felt he needed to check with legal counsel to find out whether he could commit the Borough to a memorandum of agreement without receiving Assembly approval. He stated that the memorandum included in the Board packet is identical to the memorandum originally presented at the March 15 meeting.

Assembly Member Tim Navarre asked the Board to transfer the Kenai Elementary facility to the Borough without any strings attached. He stated that in the future, if the District felt that it was in their best interest, the Borough could transfer the facility back to the District.

DISPOSITION OF KENAI
ELEMENTARY FACILITY
(Continued):

Dr. Anderson stated that he had been opposed to giving the Kenai Elementary facility to the Assembly because he felt that it could possibly be used as a school again. He stated that he is also reluctant to transfer the building without at least a tacit agreement that consideration be given to the interested groups.

Mr. Navarre stated that the Assembly has heard the requests for the use of the building and does not have a problem with them. He stated that he felt it was in the best interest of the District to turn over the facility to the Borough since it is currently not usable. Mr. Navarre stated that if grant money becomes available, the Assembly may choose to turn the facility and the grant over to the City of Kenai to administer.

Ms. Germano expressed concern for District charter schools and their housing situation. She stated that she would like to see consideration be given to the Aurora Borealis Charter School.

Mr. Hickey stated that the recommendation language in the memorandum was written to take advantage of a financing opportunity that would not force the Board to reappropriate the other priorities on the capital improvements project list, therefore, setting aside other priorities. He stated that the language in the recommendation was meant to be ambiguous because he cannot speak on behalf of the Assembly.

Mr. Arness restated the postponed motion, "that the Board approve the transfer of the Kenai Elementary building to the Kenai Peninsula Borough and that the transfer include the stipulation that the Kenai Alternative School be permitted full and continued access to the facility for as long as the building suits their needs and that should the facility be rehabilitated to allow the occupancy of school children, consideration be given to providing Aurora Borealis Charter School space within Kenai Elementary."

Motion carried unanimously.

nikiski reconfiguration:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the concept of a shift to the middle school for the Nikiski area. He stated that the administration will include the cost to remodel the school in the priority list that will be submitted to the Board for their approval in FY00.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the concept of a shift to the middle school for the Nikiski area. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

nikiski reconfiguration
(Continued):

Mrs. Mullins reported that a Nikiski community member notified her that the Nikiski Parent Advisory Committees (PAC) will conduct a meeting Tuesday, April 6, to vote on the reconfiguration issue.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board postpone action on the Nikiski reconfiguration to the April 19 meeting so that the results of the Nikiski PAC vote can be reported. Dr. Anderson seconded.

fy 1999-2000 budget:

Motion for postponement carried unanimously.

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the FY 1999-2000 annual budget in the amount of \$85,647,900. Included in the budget is a request for Kenai Peninsula Borough contributions for in-kind and local appropriation to the "cap" for the general fund in the amount of \$29,435,314.

Ms. Germano asked whether the Kenai Alternative School budget needed to be changed with the transfer of the Kenai Elementary building to the Borough. Mr. Dahlgren replied that no changes should be made until the Borough decides on rental charges. He suggested that the Board pay attention to the offsetting costs of revenue from the Boys and Girls Club against the utility costs. He predicted that the lost revenue and deletion of the utility costs will probably balance out evenly.

Mrs. Sandra Taylor asked whether the lost revenue from the Boys and Girls Club and the elimination of utility costs would balance out. Mr. Dahlgren stated the lost revenue and elimination of utility costs would probably balance out or the District might receive a slight gain. Mrs. Taylor asked whether the Boys and Girls Club and the Kenai Alternative High School would be responsible for the utility expenses. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the owner of the facility would be responsible for any utility expenses.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the FY 1999-2000 annual budget in the amount of \$85,647,900. Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board amend the budget to include any savings from the transfer of the Kenai Elementary facility into the unallocated salary account. Mrs. Crawford seconded. Mr. Hickey asked the Board to approve the budget without the Germano amendment. He added that as soon as a complete assessment is made regarding any savings from the Kenai Elementary facility transfer, he will present a budget transfer for approval.

fy 1999-2000 budget
(Continued):

Ms. Germano withdrew her amendment.

Motion approved unanimously.

POLICY REVISION:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve changes to AR 5144.11, Due Process. He explained that the changes protect the identity of students who act as witnesses in due-process situations and bring the District into compliance with current practice.

ACTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the proposed changes to AR 5144.11, Due Process. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Ms. Germano expressed her concern about the language regarding reasonable attempt to contact parents. Mr. Dahlgren responded that the District is not trying to keep parents uninformed and he stated that he feels very comfortable with the effort that principals are making to contact parents.

VOTE:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Anderson, Crawford, Larned, Mullins, Arness

NO - Germano

1999-2000 TENTATIVE
MEETING DATES:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a tentative listing of School Board meetings and miscellaneous dates for the 1999-2000 school year.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve a tentative listing of School Board meetings and miscellaneous dates for the 1999-2000 school year. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Ms. Germano requested that Board meetings not be scheduled on inservice dates.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Larry Semmens thanked the Board for hearing the Aurora Borealis Charter School's request for space. He stated that he hopes the Assembly will have the same concern as the Board and that the school can afford the rent that is established. He noted that the money projected for the Nikiski reconfiguration would be enough to remodel the Kenai Elementary facility. Sandra Taylor thanked the Board for considering the Aurora Borealis Charter School's request for the use of the Kenai Elementary facility.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford thanked Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School and Chapman Elementary School staffs for their presentations. She extended thanks to all District teachers for their hard work. Mrs. Mullins stated that she was reluctant to give the Kenai Elementary building to the Assembly but felt that there was no other alternative for funding necessary renovations. She expressed her frustration that, as Board members, they have no taxing authority and can only make requests for items that the District needs. Mrs. Mullins stated that she will be contacting Assembly members and asking that they allow space for the Aurora Borealis Charter School in the Kenai Elementary building.

Mrs. Larned congratulated the staff members who were recognized by the Board. She stated that she was impressed to see how successful the Reading Mastery Program is at Chapman Elementary. She stated that she enjoyed comments made by the Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School principal concerning second languages and higher test scores.

Dr. Anderson concurred with comments made by Mrs. Mullins regarding Kenai Elementary, and Mrs. Larned's comments regarding the reading program.

Dr. Anderson asked the District to consider an all-weather playing field to minimize damage caused by early use of school outdoor fields. He asked for an assessment of damage already done to the fields and the cost of repairs.

Dr. Anderson stated that the high school reports were difficult to read.

Dr. Anderson noted that the District enrollment has declined below 10,000 with the majority of the withdrawals at the 10th grade level.

Ms. Germano thanked Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School and Chapman Elementary School staffs for their presentations. She stated that she echoed earlier comments regarding the Kenai Elementary facility. Ms. Germano asked for a worksession to discuss the District's technology plan. She stated that she would like to invite technology committee members to the worksession.

Mr. Arness asked Mr. Dahlgren to schedule a worksession prior to the next Board meeting to discuss the District's technology plan.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued):

Mr. Arness
echoed
earlier
comments
made
regarding
Kenai
Elementary.

ADJOURN: At 9:56 p.
m.,
Mr. Arness
moved the
School
Board
Meeting be
adjourned.
Mrs. Mullins
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of April 5, 1999,
were approved on April 19, 1999
with a correction.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

April 19, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent,
Operations and Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Trena Richardson Mr. Michael Lingenfelder

Mrs. Joan Kimball Dr. Donna Peterson

Mr. Christopher Kimball Mr. Sarge Truesdell

Mr. Gene Dyson Mrs. Heather Truesdell

Mrs. Karen Mahurin Mr. Gary Jackson

Mr. Wayne Pattison Mr. Todd Syverson

Ms. Terri Carter Mr. Mark Norgren

Mr. Jason Daniels Mr. Tim Peterson

Mrs. Jan Daniels

Ms. Dorothy Gray

Mr. Greg Daniels

Ms. Cathy Carrow

Mrs. Beth Martin

Ms. Ramona Paulk

Mrs. Judy Queen

Ms. GloryAnn Bailey

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Joe Arness

Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins

Absent/Excused

Mrs. Susan Larned

Present

Ms. Deborah Germano

Present

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross

Present

Dr. Nels Anderson

Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford

Present

Miss Charise Calvert

Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as written. With concurrence of the Board, Mr. Arness suspended the rules to allow testimony to be given for Item 10c., Nikiski Reconfiguration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of April 5, 1999, were approved with a correction.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mrs. Trena Richardson, Nikiski Elementary principal, thanked the central office staff for their support. She highlighted several school activities such as visits by guest authors and the art specialist, forensics meet, music, band, and the DARE Program. Ms. Richardson stated that the school's primary goal this year is to work on reading. She explained that the entire school instructional staff has dedicated a block of time each morning to work solely on reading and language arts. She explained that by including all instructional staff, students are divided into smaller multi-age performance groups at Grades 1-3 and at Grades 4-6.

Cathy Carrow explained that the school is using DIBELS and CBM to assess student reading abilities and to monitor progress. She provided a summary of the activities that are being accomplished in the reading program at each grade level. She reported that at-risk kindergarten students and their parents are taught activities that will assist with reading at home. Ms. Richardson stated that Ms. Carrow coordinates a community preschool program held every Friday which allows parents to learn activities to help their children get ready for school.

Lindy Cox, stated that The Language Program is used for students in Grades 4-6. She stated that the program is a nice continuum of skills that are taught in reading and language arts. She stated that Nikiski Elementary students are creative writers but lacked mechanical and grammatical knowledge. She stated that when grammar and writing mechanics knowledge increases, the students' creativity increases. Ms. Cox presented The Spelling Program and The Dictation Program which are also used to support The Language Program.

Wayne Floyd, teacher, and Brian Miller, student, provided a tour of the school web site showing the salmon egg-hatching project funded by the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation grant. Ms. Richardson stated that the salmon fry will be released in a lake near the school as soon as it thaws.

Ms. Richardson reported that Nikiski Elementary hosted the Districtwide Forensics meet, which included 200 students. Ms. Richardson introduced Taylor Moore who performed an excerpt from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, which she had used in the recent Districtwide forensics meet. Ms. Richardson concluded her report by inviting the Board to visit Nikiski Elementary anytime.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mr. Arness called the Board's attention to several letters included in the Board information packet. He stated that he received a certified letter and petition from several Nanwalek residents relating to a teacher.

AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:

The Board presented awards of appreciation to Joan Kimball, North Star Elementary and Ramona Paulk, Soldotna High School for their outstanding service to education and the District. The Board presented awards of recognition to Jason Daniels, K-Beach Elementary and Sargeant Truesdell, Soldotna Middle School, for their nomination to the 1999 Alaska's Sallie Mae First Class Teacher award.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mr. Ralph Steeves, Moose Pass Elementary principal/teacher, was selected as the Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals' Principal/Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that KPESA and KPEA negotiations have been completed and that a tentative agreement has been reached. He stated that the agreement will be available very soon for public comment and review and will be brought to the Board for approval at the May 17 meeting.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that the District budget will be presented to the Assembly during their April 20 meeting.

Ms. Germano asked the cost of the tentative negotiated agreements. Mr. Dahlgren stated that it is within the confines of the budget and could provide more specific information at a later time.

Financial Report:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending March 31, 1999.

Budget Transfer Report:

Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 165 through 322 for various schools and departments within the District.

Elementary School Program
Evaluation Report:

Mr. Dahlgren noted that a review of District elementary schools was included in the Board packet and that a worksession was conducted earlier in the day. He noted that survey results and recommendations were reviewed during the worksession.

Mrs. Crawford stated that she was hoping to see differences in assessment scores as related to pupil-teacher ratio in specials and reading classes.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Gross reported that she attended the National School Board Association conference in San Francisco as a representative of the Association of Alaska School Boards. She stated that she assisted in the presentation of the ASSET building model along with Derek Peterson, AASB Child Advocate, and a student. She stated that she participated as a member of the delegate assembly and voted on resolutions. She stated that there were several hundred sessions offered at the conference and added that she attended as many as she possibly could. She noted that many of the topics discussed are already in practice in this District.

Mrs. Larned reported that she also attended the National School Board Association Conference and came away feeling proud of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and the State of Alaska for being advanced in the areas of promising practices. She reported that many of the sessions stressed that, no matter what class is being taught, the arts need to be integrated across the curriculum. She reported that many sessions stressed the importance of the preschool years, and she praised Nikiski Elementary for their kindergarten program. She stated that she also heard some outstanding ideas relating to alternative schools.

Dr. Anderson stated that the National School Board Association Conference was a great learning opportunity. He stated that he attended as many sessions as possible on board governance, benchmark testing and standards on student achievement and found that there are improvements that can be made to District programs that don't cost money. He noted that nationwide benchmarks and standards for the arts have been established.

Mr. Arness reported that he, Ms. Germano, and Mrs. Mullins attended the Borough maintenance budget informational meeting. He stated that the Board members were told that Borough maintenance could spend a lot more or a lot less on District maintenance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Request for Leave of Absence/Certified, Rescission of Request for Leave of Absence/Certified, Class Size Reduction Initiative Grant and Substitute Teacher Contract.

Request for Leave of Absence/
Certified:

By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a leave of absence request from Susan Mathews, special education/occupational therapy, Sears Elementary; and a sabbatical request from Anne Pfitzner, third grade, Soldotna Elementary for the 1999-2000 school year.

Rescission of Request for Leave of Absence/Certified:	By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a request to rescind an unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Jackie Bock, special education/preschool, Sears Elementary.
Class Size Reduction Initiative Grant:	Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve the 1999-2000 Class Size Reduction Initiative grant for \$430,113. This grant is designed to lower class sizes in Grades 1-3 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.
Substitute Teacher Contract:	By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Fred Brewster, math, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High School.
ACTION	Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1, 2, and 4. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Germano asked how class sizes were determined to prepare the Class Size Reduction Initiative grant application. Mr. Dahlgren explained that staff is allocated at a 1:24 ratio in Grades 1-3. He explained in detail the class size calculation choices that were offered in the grant application.

Ms. Germano asked how the Class Size Reduction Initiative grant money would be spent at each school. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the administration will use the Board guidelines to change the staffing ratio in K-3 for elementary schools. He noted that reducing the pupil-teacher ratio from 1:24 to 1:23 generates 8.5 additional staff members.

Ms. Germano stated that she was disappointed with the grant application staffing list. She suggested that the staffing formula be reviewed and reconfigured because all elementary schools are impacted by the additional grant monies except McNeil Canyon Elementary. Ms. Germano stated that she felt McNeil Canyon should receive a pupil-teacher ratio reduction because of the multi-age classrooms. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the administration tries to treat all schools alike.

Ms. Germano asked whether the grant is written to a specific dollar amount. Mr. Dahlgren stated that it was not written to a specific amount and that the District fell short \$67,000.

Dr. Peterson explained that the State has directed districts to reduce staff in Grades 1-3 to 1:22 and that kindergarten would remain the same.

Consent Agenda Item 10a.(3) carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR
APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the appointment of Mick Wykis, principal, Sears Elementary. Mrs. Gross expressed her concern that Mr. Wykis will be leaving as the Director of Assessment after a year of extensive training. Mr. Dahlgren concurred with Mrs. Gross's comments but added that the Sears Elementary Site Council would like Mr. Wykis as their principal and Mr. Wykis would like to accept the job.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the appointment of Mick Wykis, principal, Sears Elementary. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

NIKISKI SCHOOLS
RECONFIGURATION:

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arness read the motion to postpone action on the Nikiski Schools Reconfiguration, "Mrs. Mullins moved the Board postpone action on the Nikiski reconfiguration to the April 19 meeting so that the results of the Nikiski PAC vote can be reported, Dr. Anderson seconded, motion passed unanimously." He called the Board's attention to a report from the Nikiski tri-council meeting on April 6, a letter from the Nikiski Middle/High School site council, and a memorandum from Mr. Don Glaze.

Ms. Lisa Quesnel, Nikiski area parent, expressed concern regarding the reconfiguration of the Nikiski area schools. She stated that she asked the Nikiski area tri-councils to show her the academic benefits from the reconfiguration and was not given an answer that she felt was adequate. She asked whether there would be split classes at the elementary level. She stated that the information provided to the community is misleading. She stated that she does not have enough information to make an informed decision regarding reconfiguration. She asked the Board to follow-up on the process if they vote for the reconfiguration.

Mr. Wayne Floyd, Nikiski Reconfiguration Committee member, stated that two years ago the reconfiguration issue was first brought up and the community was invited to participate. He stated that a survey was taken in the spring of 1998, and the students and community were in favor of the reconfiguration. He stated that the reconfiguration would allow more choices for placement of students. He stated that the numbers of students per class have been studied and projected. Mr. Floyd stated that he felt the reconfiguration would pull the community together and added that he supported the idea and urged the Board to move forward with the recommendation.

NIKISKI SCHOOLS
RECONFIGURATION
(Continued):

Ms. Germano asked whether the reconfiguration would cause the North Star Elementary School to be the largest elementary school in the District. Ms. Richardson stated that the projected enrollment in the fall of 2000 is 408 students. Ms. Germano asked whether the space was adequate.

Mr. Arness responded that North Star Elementary would be reconfigured to house kindergarten through 4th grade and Nikiski Elementary would house Grades 5-8. Mr. Arness explained that the original proposal was that the Nikiski schools would be reconfigured into Grades 1-5, 6-8 and 9-12, with the kindergarten students being housed at the middle or high school. He stated that with declining enrollments, the kindergarten students will now have room at the elementary school.

Mr. Arness asked when the capital improvements priority list would be submitted to the Board in FY 2000.

Mr. Hickey responded that the information may be available in July after the Assembly passes their budget.

VOTE ON NIKISKI RECONFIGURATION MOTION:

Advisory Vote: Abstain

BOARD COMMENTS:

Motion carried unanimously.

Miss Calvert thanked those who attended the worksession prior to the Board meeting and for the Nikiski Elementary report.

Miss Gross congratulated the Sallie Mae nominees and those who were recognized for their outstanding service to the District.

Mrs. Larned thanked Ms. Richardson for the Nikiski Elementary School report.

Mrs. Crawford congratulated the Sallie Mae nominees, and those who were recognized for their outstanding service. She thanked Ms. Richardson for the Nikiski Elementary School report. She announced that she and Mrs. Gross will be attending the AASB Legislative Fly-in this week in Juneau.

BOARD COMMENTS

(Continued):

Ms. Germano congratulated the State and District awardees. She called the Board's attention to letters in the Board information packet from the Paul Banks Elementary staff requesting additional staff. She stated that she would like to see staffing formulas change for the elementary and small schools. She added that McNeil Canyon Elementary School deserves staffing assistance the same as any other District School.

Dr. Anderson announced that the family of Tom Thorpe is urging friends and associates to send notes and e-mail messages to him on May 1. He stated that he attended sessions on board governance at the National School Boards Association Conference and would like to present the information to the Board at a future worksession or planning session.

Ms. Germano reported that she recently attended the Borough Mass Choir festival at Soldotna Middle School and that it was very enjoyable. She thanked the school for hosting the event.

Mr. Arness announced that public comment will be accepted regarding the Kenai Peninsula Administrators' Association contract at the May 3 School Board meeting. He stated that the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. to allow for comments ahead of the meeting.

Mr. Dahlgren verified that the School Board Planning Session is scheduled for June 8.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:10 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss administrator contracts. Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:04 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

At 10:05 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of April 19, 1999,
were approved on May 3, 1999
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Seward High School

Seward, Alaska 99664

May 3, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent,
Operations and Business Management

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Malcolm Fleming

Mr. Dan Walker

Mr. Ralph Steeves

Mr. David Dieckgraeff

Mr. Bob Boyle

Ms. Erin Knotek

Others present not identified.

KPAA NEGOTIATIONS: Mr. Dan Walker, Seward Middle/High School teacher, asked the Board to favorably consider the salary for District administrators because they have an extremely tough job and have given up some of the rewarding aspects of education.

RECESS: At 7:06 p.m., Mr. Arness called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 7:30 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Joe Arness	Present
	Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
	Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
	Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
	Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
	Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
	Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
	Miss Charise Calvert	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with a revision to item Number 11c.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of April 19, 1999, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Malcolm Fleming, Seward Middle/High School principal, highlighted art, music and drama events occurring at the school. He complimented Melissa Olver, art teacher, for an exceptional job and announced that one of her student's work has been submitted to the National Ocean Science Bowl art contest and is now on display in Washington, D.C. He announced that Nancy Boyle and Nancy Tapsfield assisted in the drama production, "You Can't Take it With You." He stated that John Damberg, music teacher, has focused the music program towards providing a strong jazz and percussion group. Mr. Fleming stated that Mr. Walker's award as Alaska's Teacher of the Year has been an exciting and positive event for the community of Seward. He encouraged principals to recommend teachers who are deserving of such an award. He stated that the Alaska Teacher of the Year is not financially supported by any particular organization and suggested that the Association of Alaska School Boards dedicate some money to allow the chosen teacher to attend the recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Dan Walker reported on his recent trip to Washington, D. C., to be recognized as Alaska's Teacher of the Year. He shared a draft list of educational priorities developed by the nation's 1999 Teachers of the Year. He read through categories of the list, which included strategies to provide for student needs, improvement of learning and teaching conditions, encouraging teacher professionalism, and promoting public understanding and involvement in educational issues.

Ms. Germano asked Mr. Walker to elaborate on the priority, "assuring effective teacher evaluation, including meaningful peer review." Mr. Walker stated that evaluations should be meaningful and assist teachers to be better. He suggested that fellow teachers be a part of the evaluation team.

Mrs. Crawford thanked Mr. Walker for his editorial in the newspaper regarding school safety. He replied that he would be submitting several more articles to the Peninsula Clarion.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Paul Prebys, Seward Elementary School speech/ language specialist, read a letter outlining some of his concerns. In the letter, he asked the Board to suggest that parents demand that the legislature equitably fund education. He advised the Board not to simply follow mandates that are being issued by the state and federal government, particularly unfunded mandates. He asked the Board to truly listen to the needs of students and teachers.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Mr. Dahlgren called the Board's attention to a memorandum from Mr. Ron Drathman proposing that a technology work group be established to develop a comprehensive technology plan. He asked the Board for direction.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A.: Mr. Dave Dieckgraeff asked the Board to fence the track. He expressed disappointment that the Board is not soliciting the site council's viewpoints.

Ms. Germano asked whether there were parent groups at any of the Seward schools. Mr. Dieckgraeff replied that Seward schools also have PTSAs. He stated that there is a representative on the Seward site council who is also a PTSA member. Ms. Germano expressed concern that site councils communicate with their communities.

Dr. Anderson expressed concern regarding the site council involvement issue and asked Mr. Dieckgraeff for specific instances where councils have been left out of the decision-making process. He stated that the school nurse was hired without site council input. He stated that he did not realize the Board was not mailing hard copies of the packet. Mr. Dieckgraeff invited those present to the Seward site council meetings.

**AWARDS AND
PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Arness presented an award of appreciation to Erin Knotek, Moose Pass Community/Parent Volunteer, recognizing her for providing educational opportunities for the Moose Pass community.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Dahlgren announced that he attended the Caring for the Kenai award ceremony sponsored by Unocal. He reported that contestants selected as finalists share \$5,000 in U.S. savings bonds.

Mr. Dahlgren reported that school safety legislation is receiving a considerable amount of attention. He stated that the District critical incident template has been made available on the web site and that Mr. Hickey has also posted it on the ALASBO web site.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that the District retirement ceremony will be held prior to the Board meeting on May 17 at Skyview High School.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Crawford stated that she and Mrs. Gross recently attended the AASB fly-in in Juneau. She stated that they had time to lobby legislators regarding educational issues. She stated that during their conversations she felt as if legislators wanted to micro-manage schools. She expressed frustration over legislation with no fiscal note attached.

BOARD REPORTS (Continued):	Mrs. Gross reported that full funding is expected for SB65. She stated that proposed charter school legislation would eliminate the maximum number of charter schools and extend the time limit from 5 years to 10 years. She reported that she was assured that any legislation with a fiscal note would not be passed. Mrs. Gross stated that emergency preparedness legislation is moving very quickly and that HB210, the safe schools bill, is very detailed and provides for intervention programs. She stated that the large district forum met and discussed similar concerns. She stated that she heard an interesting presentation on statewide assessment.
CONSENT AGENDA:	Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Teacher Assignments 1999-2000, Substitute Teacher Contract and Resignations.
Teacher Assignments 1999-2000:	By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Robert DeMeulemeester, special education/resource, Skyview High; Steven Ratzlaff, Districtwide vocational education; Robert Carson, Soldotna Middle; and Linda Thompson, Districtwide intensive needs.
Substitute Teacher Contract:	By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Bob Ramponi, music, Nikiski Middle/High.
Resignations:	By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1998-99 school year for Kersten Christianson, language arts, Soldotna Middle; Christine VanBuskirk, music, Nikiski Middle/High; Michael Lanegan, vocational education, Skyview High; and Bruce Christianson, special education/Resource, Soldotna High
ACTION	Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 2 and 3, and to approve Item Number 1 separately. Ms. Germano seconded.

	Ms. Crawford expressed concern that teachers be assigned in the area of their certification.
	Motion carried unanimously. Consent Agenda Item 10a.(1) carried unanimously.
1999-2000 Non-tenure Teachers for Tenure:	Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a list of non-tenure teachers for tenure for the 1999-2000 school year.

1999-2000 Non-tenure Teachers for Tenure (Continued):

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve a list of non-tenure teachers for tenure for the 1999-2000 school year.
Mrs. Mullins seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

1999-2000 Tentative Non-tenure Teacher Assignments:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a listing of tentative non-tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year. Mr. Dahlgren corrected the assignment of Mr. Pat Shields to a .75 assignment.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve a listing of tentative non-tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Ms. Germano asked whether there are any teaching certificates that are limited. Mr. Dahlgren stated that only Type C certificates in the area of vocational education are limited. Ms. Germano stated that she would like to see a complete list of limited certificates.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cocurricular Activities and
Handbooks:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve changes to the Cocurricular Activities Guidelines as proposed by the KPSAA Executive Board. Mr. Hickey noted that the most significant change requires students to enroll in four classes in a District school or the Connections Program. Mr. Dahlgren explained that the change brings the District in line with Alaska Student Activities Association (AASA) standards. He noted that waivers have been granted through the end of the school year for those students who do not qualify.

Ms. Germano asked Mrs. Gross why AASA changed their requirements. Mrs. Gross stated that AASA was adamant that they wanted students to be enrolled in four classes to be eligible to participate.

Mr. Dahlgren further clarified that a student must also have passed four classes during the preceding semester and be currently enrolled in four classes leading towards graduation in a school or the district in which they are participating.

Mrs. Crawford asked why music festivals were scheduled on Mondays and Tuesdays instead of Fridays and Saturdays so that students would only miss one day. Mr. Dahlgren stated that Renée Henderson coordinates the dates around adjudicators. He suggested that Ms. Germano speak to the KPSAA Board about Friday and Saturday music festivals.

Cocurricular Activities and
Handbooks (continued):

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve changes to the Cocurricular Activities Guidelines as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson asked whether the Connections program would meet the requirements for student eligibility. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the District currently has students taking District correspondence study courses who are participating in high school cocurricular activities.

Ms. Germano expressed concern regarding the change to add the language, "Training rules are in effect 24 hours a day..."

Motion carried unanimously.

Bay View Charter School
Contract Termination:

Mr. Arness reminded those present that the recommendation to terminate the contract between Bay View Charter School and the School Board had been tabled to the current meeting.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board remove the Bay View Charter School contract termination from the table. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board amend the motion to terminate the contract between Bay View Charter School and the School Board and that the charter be made available only in the Seward area through January 1, 2000. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Mr. Arness stated that the intent of his amendment is to allow the Seward community the opportunity to reapply for a charter until January 1, 2000. He added that if there is no interest, then the charter will be made available to the entire District.

Ms. Germano clarified that the Bay View charter would be terminated and therefore they would have to submit an entirely new proposal.

Mr. Dahlgren asked whether the new charter school proposal would be approved by the Board and then by the State Board of Education. He stated that he did not know the ramifications of charter school terminations. Mr. Arness stated that he assumed that the application process would start over.

ACTION

Mr. McLain asked when other locations would be eligible to apply, either in the Seward area or outside the Seward area. Mr. Arness stated that another Seward charter school can apply any time and others may apply after January 1, 2000.

Bay View Charter School
Contract Termination -
ACTION (continued):

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Crawford, Germano, Gross, Mullins,
Arness

NO - Larned

Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Anderson, Crawford, Germano, Gross, Mullins,
Arness

NO - Larned

Advisory Vote - YES

Amended motion carried.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford thanked the Seward community for hosting the Board meeting. She reported that she attended the K-Beach mural dedication, which was funded by the artists-in-the-school program. She thanked Mr. Fleming and Mr. Walker for their presentations.

Miss Calvert thanked the Seward community for hosting the Board meeting. She stated that she enjoyed Mr. Walker's presentation, which included the educational priorities list.

Mrs. Gross thanked the Seward community for hosting the Board meeting.

Ms. Germano thanked the Seward community for hosting the Board meeting. She thanked Mr. Fleming and Mr. Walker for their presentations. She stated that she was curious about how specials are being served and why there are 30 students in a classroom at Seward Elementary. She stated that she attended the Middle School Mass Band concert and reported that students gave a wonderful performance.

Dr. Anderson reported that he attended the Soldotna High School spring band concert. He congratulated Miss Calvert for being awarded the John Phillips Souza award as outstanding band member for Soldotna High School for the year. He stated that he feels that Mr. Schneider conducts one of the finest music programs he has ever seen. He stated that the Soldotna High School band surpassed the NSBA student music presentations in San Francisco.

BOARD COMMENTS

(continued):

Mrs. Larned stated that she also attended the Soldotna High band concert and congratulated Miss Calvert on her award. Mrs. Larned stated that she was pleased to hear that the arts program is strong in Seward. She stated that she appreciated hearing from Mr. Walker. She thanked all District teachers for their hard work and stated that the District has a lot of talented teachers. She thanked the Bay View staff and parents for their presentation at the Board worksession and encouraged them to reapply for another charter school.

Mrs. Mullins thanked the Seward community for hosting the Board meeting. She stated that she was impressed with Mr. Walker's draft list of educational priorities, especially the peer review. She thanked Mr. Prebys for his letter to the Board and assured those present that the Board does read their mail. She stated that the Bay View Charter School termination decision was difficult to make. She stated that she hopes the amendment will give Bay View Charter School time to reorganize. She thanked Miss Calvert for representing District students and added that student representatives play a large part on the Board.

Mrs. Gross announced that the Pacific Region of the National School Boards Association will meet in Alaska in June, and she has asked Soldotna High School to provide music.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that the Finance Committee meeting would be held Tuesday, May 4, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Arness noted that Dr. Peterson and another District administrator will represent the administration on the joint Technology Committee. He appointed Ms. Germano and Mrs. Crawford to serve as Board representatives on the Committee. He appointed Mrs. Larned as an alternate for Mrs. Crawford. Mr. Arness stated that he hoped the amendment would allow Bay View Charter School staff and parents time to reorganize and reapply. He stated that it was his intent to allow Bay View Charter School storage space for their furniture and supplies, even though this provision was not included in his amendment.

ADJOURN: At 9:03 p.m.,
Mrs. Crawford
moved the
School Board
Meeting be
adjourned.
Mrs. Larned
seconded.

Motion
carried
unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of May 3, 1999,
were approved on May 17, 1999
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

May 17, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business
Management

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paul Kubena

Mrs. Marlene Byerly

Ms. Redmond

Mr. Justin George

Mr. Gene Dyson

Ms. Barb Vogel

Mr. Clark Fair

Mr. Bill Radtke

Mr. Pete Sprague

Mr. Tim Peterson

Ms. Terri Woodward

Ms. Karen Mahurin

Mr. Dave Carey

Mr. Dave Spence

Mrs. Vicky Leach

Mr. Michael Lengenfelder

Mr. Michael Audette

Mr. Storm Norman

Mr. Eric Skjold

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum of School Board members, Mrs. Debra Mullins, Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Mr. Joe Arness, Mrs. Susan Larned, and Dr. Anderson, were in attendance. Ms. Germano arrived at 11:15 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:01 a.m., Mrs. Mullins moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to conduct student expulsion hearings. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arness left at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:30 p.m., Ms. Germano moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Mullins invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Joe Arness Present/Returned at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Debra Mullins Present

Mrs. Susan Larned Present

Ms. Deborah Germano Present

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Absent/Excused

Dr. Nels Anderson Present

Mrs. Sammy Crawford Present

Miss Charise Calvert Absent/Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with revisions to Items 10a.(1), 10a.(2) and 10a.(5). It was noted that additional information was included for Item 10l. Item 10j was deleted and Item 10m. was moved to be considered after 10f.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of May 3, 1999, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Paul Kubena, Ninilchik Elementary/High School principal, introduced Mr. Michael Audette, music teacher, and his fifth and sixth grade students. The students sang "It's Saturday."

Mr. Kubena provided a brief history of Ninilchik Elementary/High School and noted that it is now one of the most modern and updated facilities. He stated that the reconstruction of the school has provided a state-of-the-art Mac/Dell Computer Lab, a professional quality sound recording studio, a new library with over 7,000 new volumes, and eleven new classrooms fully equipped with new furniture, televisions, satellite links, telephones and computers. He stated that the school has a thriving music program with strong elementary/high school jazz and pep bands. He stated that the vocational education program has produced outstanding graduates. Mr. Kubena announced that the girl's basketball team has won two state championships. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the principal of Ninilchik Elementary/High School for the past six years.

Mr. Eric Skjold, business education teacher, concluded the presentation with a short video featuring students participating in classroom and extracurricular activities. The video also gave a tour of the reconstructed section of the school.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Dahlgren reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Drathman, Assembly President, listing the members of the Technology Working Group. He reminded the Board that Mrs. Crawford and Ms. Germano would represent the Board. He stated that a meeting date would be set this week.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS (Continued):

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he received an announcement from the National Science Foundation that Miss Anne Pfitzner had received the 1998 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. He stated that Miss Pfitzner will receive \$7,500 to be used at her discretion for Soldotna Elementary School and students.

Mrs. Mullins announced that Ms. Debra Ingram delivered a letter to the Board.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Mullins presented awards of appreciation to Terri Woodward, Skyview High School; Dave Carey, Skyview High School; Clark Fair, Skyview High School; William Radtke, Kenai Middle School; and Sharon Radtke, Human Resources, for their outstanding service to education and the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board that graduation ceremonies begin on May 19, 1999.

Certified Diploma Report:

Mr. Ed McLain presented the Certified Diploma Steering Committee Annual Report. He thanked Donna Peterson for leading the Remediation Pilot Task Force, Mick Wykis for leading the Interim Grade Level Indicators Task Force, and Don Boehmer for leading the Reading Intervention Pilots Task Force. He called the Board's attention to a summary of the Committee's major accomplishments for the year. He reported that there are twenty-two remediation pilot programs in Grades 4 through 12 throughout the District. He explained that teachers and administrators applied for the remediation grants, and they are now in the process of submitting a final report. He stated that the final reports will be evaluated this summer and that decisions for next year will be made based on these evaluations. He commended Donna Peterson and Dorothy Gray for offering their support, guidance and evaluation. He reported that Mick Wykis and the Assessment Department are flagging students who fall below their grade level so that if intervention is necessary it can be accomplished early.

Mr. McLain reviewed the proposed activities for next year, which include intervention in Grades K-3 and Remediation in Grades 4-12. He stated that he will bring the recommendations back for approval at the June 7 School Board meeting.

Ms. Germano asked whether there would be requirements and clear guidelines regarding student retention. Mr. McLain stated that the policy on student retention was revised last year and is being closely followed. He added that the hope is to catch and remediate the situation before retention is considered.

Certified Diploma Report (Continued):

Ms. Germano stated that retention is based on grades and asked what will be done for students who struggle but earn passing grades. Mr. McLain stated that he visited a school where half of the students being considered for retention were at or above the minimum cut-off. He stated that those students had difficulties with other aspects of school success. He stated that he would like to review information related to standards-based grading to address the question of what to do when students are performing adequately by meeting academic standards, but not meeting expectations in other areas such as behavior or attendance.

Mrs. Crawford asked when the District could expect to see results in the way students learn and approach school. Mr. McLain replied that according to comments made by parents and staff, some results are already being noticed. He noted that the secondary special education program is reviewing strategies to provide special education students with the ability to read and write and have a vocational skill within a four-year period. He stated that the special education staff has been meeting individually with parents of special education children to develop a plan to help the students achieve a certified diploma.

Ms. Germano asked what accommodations would be made for high school students who are already well prepared for the high school exam. Mr. McLain stated that the District has given attention to the high-end students but the challenge will be on how to allocate the resources to do justice to the varied demands and expectations. He reported that one idea is to offer distance learning specialty courses for students who are high achievers. He stated that he would like to start a task force to work on the merit badge portion of the certified diploma.

Ms. Germano asked if a directive has been given to schools to address the reading issue in the different areas of the curriculum. Mr. McLain stated that when the money was secured for additional elementary teachers, principals were asked to provide a plan outlining how the additional staff was going to help advance reading instruction and achievement.

Financial Report:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 1999.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Unpaid Leave of Absence Request/Certified, Unpaid Leave of Absence Requests/Support, Substitute Teacher Contract, New Teacher Assignments/1999-2000, Resignations, Tentative Non-Tenure Teacher Assignments, and Early Graduation.

Unpaid Leave of Absence Request/
Certified:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve one-year, unpaid leaves of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Abby Smola, counselor, Soldotna High and Michelle Robbins, social studies, Homer Middle.

Unpaid Leave of Absence Requests/
Support:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve one-year, unpaid leaves of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Becky Norman, bilingual instructor, Port Graham Elementary/High and Elena Chernishoff, bilingual instructor/tutor, Voznesenka Elementary/High.

Substitute Teacher Contract:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Debbie Dover, kindergarten, K-Beach Elementary; Wendi Dutcher, math, Skyview High; and Terri Hoffman, Grade 2, Redoubt Elementary.

New Teacher Assignments/1999-2000:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1999-2000 teacher assignments for Robert Barnwell, Grades 3/4, Seward Elementary; Deborah Jacobson, science/health, Soldotna Middle; and Dean Vincent, primary grades, K-Beach Elementary.

Resignations:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of L. Tiel Smith, Grade 4, Redoubt Elementary; Randy Hunt, business education/ photography, Homer High; Holly Morris, Spanish, Homer High; Brenda Howe, math, Seward Middle/High; and Ric Ingels, science, Homer High.

Tentative Non-Tenure Teacher
Assignments:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve tentative non-tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Susan Howard, K-2, Port Graham Elementary/High and Kevin Harding, special education/resource, Kenai Alternative/ Kenai Central High.

Early Graduation:

Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve an early graduation request from a Soldotna High School student to graduate, at the end of the first semester, 1999-2000.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda items Numbers 1 through 7. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Expulsion Number 1:

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following “The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of HC.

ACTION

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on May 17, 1999.

Student Expulsion Number 1 (Continued):

FINDINGS: The evidence showed that on April 22, 1999, the student was thought to be intoxicated while in a classroom before the school day began. The vice-principal, Mr. Wilbanks, took the student to the nurse’s office for questions, where it became apparent from the student’s behavior and the strong smell of alcohol that the student had consumed a significant amount of alcohol. Mr. Wilbanks first contacted the student’s uncle, then the state troopers. A Breathalyzer test showed .156 percent alcohol. A subsequent search of the student’s locker revealed cigarettes, a knife, a bottle of alcohol, and a marijuana pipe. Evidence also showed that the student was previously suspended from November 16 through December 15, 1998, for marijuana use.

CONCLUSIONS: The second offense use of marijuana and/or alcohol, combined with possession of the above-described items in violation of Board policy 5131.6, is behavior inimical to the welfare, safety, and morals of other students.

ACTION:

1. The period of suspension currently imposed upon the student shall be extended to the end of school in order to enable the student to complete his school work for the present semester and school year. During this period of suspension, the student is restricted from attending any school activities on any school grounds in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District except as necessary to obtain his course work. The student shall coordinate his homework through his counselor, Mr. Rich Redmond.

2. The student shall be expelled for a one-year period commencing with the first day of school in August 1999 and ending with the last day of summer break of August 2000. The student may apply for early readmission for the semester beginning in January 2000 upon completion of one of the following two alternatives:

(a) The student may apply for limited early readmission in August 1999 for the purpose of attending the Alternative To Out of School Suspension Program ("ATOSS"), and may then apply for early readmission to regular school programs in January 2000 if he satisfactorily completes the fall 1999 semester at ATOSS.

or

Student Expulsion Number 1 (Continued):

(b) The student may apply for limited early readmission in August 1999 for District correspondence courses of study. Upon successful completion of three credits in a District correspondence course of study developed by school administration and counselors, and proof of completion of a substance abuse assessment and program the student may apply for readmission to regular school programs in January 2000.

In either case, early readmission shall be dependent upon continued compliance with the following:

3. The student shall not be involved in any alcohol or substance abuse. The student shall submit to random, chain-of-custody, broad spectrum urine analyses or breathalyzer tests, at the guardian's expense, for the entire one-year expulsion period.

4. Any evidence of alcohol or substance abuse or violation of District policy on drugs and alcohol will result in reinstatement of the one year expulsion."

Mrs. Larned seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Crawford, Larned, Mullins, Arness

ABSTAIN - Germano

Motion carried.

Student Expulsion Number 2:

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of MR.

ACTION

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on May 17, 1999.

Student Expulsion Number 2 (Continued): **FINDINGS:** The evidence showed that on April 22, 1999, the student was suspected of consuming alcohol by a staff member. Mr. Wilbanks and Mrs. Byerly confronted the student and detected a distinct aroma of alcohol. Mr. Wilbanks contacted the state troopers and the mother. The student admitted to consuming alcohol at the bus stop that morning. A Breathalyzer test resulted in .03 percent alcohol, and a search of the locker revealed no other material in violation of school policy. The student expressed remorse for his actions. Evidence also showed that this was a second violation of the School District's Board policy 5131.6, alcohol and other drugs; the earlier violation occurred in 1997 for possession of alcohol on school grounds.

CONCLUSIONS: The second offense violation of Board Policy 5131.6, prohibiting the use of alcohol and other drugs, is behavior inimical to the welfare, safety, and morals of other students.

ACTION:

1. The period of suspension currently imposed upon the student shall be extended to the end of school in order to enable the student to complete his school work for the present semester and school year. During this period of suspension, the student is restricted from attending any school activities on any school grounds in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District except as necessary to obtain his course work. The student shall coordinate his homework through his counselor.

2. The student shall be expelled for one year commencing with the first day of school in August 1999 and ending with the last day of summer break of August 2000, subject to the following:

(a) The student may apply for early readmission for the semester beginning in August 1999 if the student provides proof that he has completed 40 hours of community service. Such early readmission will be contingent upon continued compliance with items 3 and 4 below.

or

Student Expulsion Number 2 (Continued):

(b) The student may apply for limited early readmission in August 1999 for the purpose of attending the Alternative To Out of School Suspension Program ("ATOSS"), and may then apply for early readmission to regular school programs in January 2000 if he satisfactorily completes the fall 1999 semester at ATOSS. Such early readmission will be contingent upon continued compliance with items 3 and 4 below.

3. The student shall not be involved in any further alcohol or substance abuse. The student shall submit to random, chain-of-custody, broad spectrum urine analyses or breathalyzer tests, at his parent's expense, during his enrollment at ATOSS if applicable and during the entire term of his early readmission to school.

4. Any evidence of alcohol or substance abuse or violation of District policy on drugs and alcohol will result in reinstitution of the one-year expulsion."

Mrs. Mullins seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Crawford, Larned, Mullins, Arness

ABSTAIN - Germano

Motion carried.

Student Expulsion Number 3:

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of JM.

ACTION

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on May 17, 1999.

FINDINGS: J.M. is an eighth grader at Nikiski Middle School. On April 16, 1999, a student informed the school counselor Greta Cox that J.M. may be in possession of something illegal. Greta Cox questioned J.M.; Don Glaze, Assistant Principal, and Mr. Riddall, Activities Director, searched JM. They found a can inside his pants, which contained a cigarette, ZigZag paper, and a bud of marijuana as tested by Trooper Fowler. Trooper Fowler read J.M. his rights, placed him under arrest, and released him into his mother's custody. This is J.M.'s third violation of the KPBSD drug and alcohol policy.

Student Expulsion Number 3 (Continued): **CONCLUSIONS:** Board policy 5131.6(a) requires the administration recommend expulsion for a second drug-related offense. This was J.M.'s third violation. Possession of drugs in school is conduct inimical to the welfare, safety, and morals of other students and persons at the school.

ACTION: J.M. shall be expelled from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District for the 1999-2000 school year. J.M. shall be allowed to return to school at the beginning of the second semester (January 17, 2000) provided the following conditions are met:

1. Completion of the District's Alternative To Out of School Suspension (ATOSS) program in the fall 1999 semester.
2. Successful completion of the District sponsored "Parent to Parent Class" by J.M.'s parent(s). If certificate of completion has been received, this requirement is satisfied.
3. J.M. must enroll in, at parent(s) expense, an active assessment and substance abuse program approved by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and that evidence be presented that he is participating in the program.

4. J.M. must submit to random, chain-of-custody, broad spectrum urine analyses testing at parent(s) expense during the period of expulsion through the 1999-2000 school year.

5. J.M. must perform a minimum of forty (40) documented hours of community service.

6. A meeting be held with J.M. and his parents prior to his reentry.

It is further recommended that failure to meet all of the conditions listed above will result in J.M.'s expulsion being extended through the remainder of the 1999-2000 school year."

Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Expulsion Number 4:

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of BE.

ACTION

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on May 17, 1999.

Student Expulsion Number 4 (Continued): **FINDINGS:** The evidence showed that B.E., an eleventh grader at Kenai Central High School, on April 14, 1999, poked a tack into the back of a student as he walked by that student in the hallway. The victim student reported the incident to the office and was treated by the nurse. The puncture wound was apparent on the student's back. B.E. admitted to sticking the tack in the student's back. B.E. was involved in two other incidents this school year, which have resulted in injury. On September 9, 1998, B.E. threw a back pack at a student on the bus, which resulted in the student having to wear a neck brace. B.E. was suspended. On February 9, 1999, B.E. was suspended pending a manifestation hearing for fighting in the cafeteria wherein the other student received facial bruises. B.E. has had a serious history of insubordination, using profanity, and other inappropriate behavior. He has not taken responsibility for this conduct, and B.E. is a special-education student. A manifestation hearing was held on April 23, 1999, and it was determined that there was no relationship between B.E.'s behavior and his disability.

CONCLUSIONS: B.E. has violated AR 5144.1 by his continued willful disobedience and open and persistent defiance of reasonable school authority. His repeated violent conduct has injured other students and is harmful to the welfare and safety of other students.

ACTION: B.E. is permanently expelled but may apply for early readmission for the spring 2000 semester upon completion of an anger management program and a counselor's statement recommending readmission. The IEP team will meet to determine what services may be appropriate to provide B.E. during the expulsion."

Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Expulsion Number 5:

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of EB.

ACTION

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on May 17, 1999.

Student Expulsion Number 5 (Continued): **CONCLUSIONS:** E.B. violated KPBSD Policy 5131.7(C) by possessing explosive materials on school grounds and has made several recent threats of violence which are inimical to the welfare and safety of other students.

ACTION: E.B. is suspended for the remainder of the 1999 spring semester. E.B. is expelled for the 1999-2000 school year. The IEP team will meet to determine what services may be appropriate to provide E.B. during the expulsion. E.B. may apply for early readmission at the fall 1999 semester any time after completing the following:

1. A mental health assessment by a qualified counselor or psychologist, which determines that E.B. is not a hazard to himself or others.
2. Completion of 40 hours of community service.

Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Student Expulsion Number 6: Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following “The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of MS.

ACTION

PROCEEDINGS: This matter was heard by the Board on May 17, 1999.

FINDINGS: The evidence showed that on Tuesday, May 10, 1999, the student was on the campus of Soldotna Elementary and stated that he was going to make a bomb to blow up the elementary school. The student was found to be in possession of explosive powder from three model rocket engines, which he had placed in a plastic bottle. He stated that he would ignite the bottle contents using straw or grass. The student advised the Board that he had no lighter or matches at the time, and that he never intended to actually cause an explosion. Evidence also showed that on April 28, 1999, the student had made a written entry at school threatening to blow up a teacher's truck. The administration had concluded that the student was not serious in that previous threat. An informal hearing was conducted Wednesday, May 11, 1999, in which the student was suspended with a recommendation to the School Board for expulsion.

CONCLUSIONS: The student violated Board Policy 5131.7 by possessing a dangerous instrument in the form of explosive materials on school grounds. Violation of this Board policy is inimical to the welfare, safety, and morals of other students.

ACTION: M.S. is suspended for the remainder of the 1999 spring semester. M.S. is expelled for the 1999-2000 school year. M.S. may apply for early readmission at the fall 1999 semester any time after completing the following:

1. A mental health assessment by a qualified counselor or psychologist, which determines that M.S. is not a hazard to himself or others.

2. Completion of 40 hours of community service."

Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Elementary School Report
Recommendations:

Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve a list of ten recommendations derived from the Elementary School Report.

Elementary School Report
Recommendations (Continued):

Dr. Anderson asked how the recommendations will be followed up. Mr. McLain stated that a number of sites are preparing safety and climate improvement plans for next year.

Mr. Arness requested that, in the future, the Board be allowed to discuss recommendations that are compiled from worksessions. Mr. Dahlgren suggested that the Board discuss the recommendations during the Board goal setting session.

ACTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the Elementary School Report recommendations as outlined. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Food Service Equipment Purchase:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the lease/purchase of updated food service equipment in the amount of \$153,954. He noted that the price does not include shipping and travel expenses. He stated that the District will pay for the equipment through a six-year lease.

Mrs. Mahurin asked whether the food service lease/purchase proposal was discussed during the budget worksessions. She asked where the money would come from to pay for it.

Mr. Hickey stated that the acquisition of the equipment came up after the budget process. He stated that \$44,000 in fund transfer will be used to cover any shortfall in the food services budget. He added that Michael Lingenfelder has saved equipment money from the food services budget in preparation for making the first lease payment.

Mrs. Mahurin asked whether there will be a reduction in hours or numbers of employees currently working in the food service department. Mr. Hickey stated that there have not been any discussions concerning a change in the employment status of any food service employees as a result of the lease purchase of equipment. Mrs. Mahurin stated that there is a lot of concern among food service employees that there is a plan to reduce hours and do some restructuring. Mr. Hickey stated that he was not aware of any significant reduction of any food service employee's time as a result of the purchase of the new equipment.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the food service equipment purchase. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Ms. Germano asked whether the new software will include the purchase of breakfast items. Mr. Hickey stated that the system is capable of accommodating a breakfast program if it becomes an option.

Food Service Equipment Purchase (Continued):

Motion carried unanimously.

Fund Transfers:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a budget transfer for \$28,178.95 to cover costs for the development of on-line course materials for the Connections program.

Ms. Germano asked what the computer equipment will be used for. Mr. Hickey explained that employees will use the equipment during the summer to prepare coursework for Connections students.

Ms. Germano asked whether there was already curriculum available rather than creating it. Mr. McLain explained that the District will use a combination of created materials and courses already available. He cited an example of the use of the University of Nebraska materials. He stated that the University offers a variety of courses but has some gaps. Mr. Dahlgren stated that part of the task would be to put the courses into units that parents could access and student progress could be tracked. He stated that the District will expect students on the Peninsula to meet the curricular standards of the parent as well as the District and state.

Ms. Germano asked what will happen to the equipment once the materials and curriculum have been developed. Mr. McLain stated that the computers will go with the teachers who will be teaching the courses.

Dr. Anderson asked what the response has been towards the Connections Program. Mr. McLain replied that as of two weeks ago fifty-eight students have signed up.

Ms. Germano asked how staff costs would be covered. Mr. Dahlgren stated that staff costs will come from the existing Correspondence Study budget this year or next year's budget. He reminded the Board that the Correspondence budget was increased by 100 students to accommodate the Connections Program.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve a budget transfer for \$28,178.95 to cover costs for the development of on-line course materials for the Connections program. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Major Maintenance/Capital Improvement Projects List:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a list of capital improvement projects in the total amount of \$1,600,640.

Major Maintenance/Capital Improvement Projects List (Continued):

Mrs. Mullins asked whether there was any consideration for the construction of a fence around the Seward Middle/High School track. Mr. Hickey stated that there have not been any discussions regarding a fence but the vandals who damaged the track have been caught and restitution is being sought.

Mr. Arness asked why the slides are being removed from the elementary school playgrounds. Mr. Hickey stated that the slides are being replaced with equipment that meets new child safety standards. He added that some of the older versions of slides were causing entrapment problems for small children. Mr. Dahlgren stated that there is a considerable amount of litigation regarding playground accidents.

Mr. Arness asked whether the capital improvement list was the place to address the Nikiski reconfiguration costs. Mr. Hickey stated that it was but that it was not included.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve a list of capital improvement projects in the total amount of \$1,600,640. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Administrator Appointments/1999-2000:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the appointment of Gary Whitely, director, Curriculum/Staff Development and Todd Syverson, assistant superintendent, Human Resources.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the appointment of Gary Whitely, director, Curriculum/Staff Development and Todd Syverson, assistant superintendent, Human Resources. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Debra Ingram, Soldotna High School parent, stated that she was told that there may not be a qualified teacher to handle special education classes next year. Mrs. Radtke responded that the resource teacher recently resigned and that the District transferred a severe education teacher to fill the vacancy. She stated that the severe education vacancy has been filled and that there is a fairly good pool of special education teachers.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Crawford stated that with six expulsions it was a long and difficult day. She extended her thanks to the Ninilchik School staff for their report. She congratulated Miss Pfitzner and the employees who received awards. She expressed concern regarding the number of retiring teachers and the loss to the District.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued):

Ms. Germano thanked the Ninilchik staff for their school report. She congratulated Anne Pfitzner for her award. She stated that the retirement ceremony that was held at Skyview was enjoyable. She expressed her concern that the District continue to place qualified teachers in positions. She stated that she continues to receive phone calls concerning the way staff is being shuffled. She stated that she hoped that there is a follow-up process to make sure that principals are placing teachers in appropriate positions.

Mrs. Larned stated that she was pleased to hear that two new art projects will be coming to Tustumena Elementary School as a result of the one percent art requirement. She extended congratulations to the honorees and thanked the retirees for their many years of service.

Dr. Anderson concurred with Mrs. Crawford's comments regarding the brain drain of hard-to-replace teachers. He asked the administration for a percentage of students who have taken and passed the test for the exemption from the tri-science course. He also requested to take the test himself.

Mr. McLain stated the he will be taking the high school qualifying exam.

Mr. Arness suggested that the Board members take the high school qualifying exam and the teacher's Praxis I test.

Mr. Arness stated that the Board would conduct their self-evaluation prior to the June 7 Board meeting.

Mr. Arness asked for the concurrence of the Board to reply to a letter from Travis Riley asking why the District does not celebrate Martin Luther King day.

Mr. Arness stated that he will be traveling to Hope Elementary/High to visit with the site council.

ADJOURN: At 9:35 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved
the School Board Meeting be
adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of May 17, 1999,
were approved June 7, 1999
as written.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

June 7, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Ms. Deborah Germano, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Member

Miss Charise Calvert, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business
Management

Dr. Donna Peterson, Director, Curriculum and Staff Development

Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Gene Dyson

Mrs. Karen Mahurin

Mr. Todd Syverson

Mr. Pete Sprague

Mr. Don Glaze

Mr. Mick Wykis

Mr. Justin George

Mr. Don Oberg

Ms. Terri Woodward

Mr. Dave Spence

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, Mrs. Debra Mullins, Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Mr. Joe Arness, Mrs. Susan Larned, Ms. Deb Germano, Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross and Dr. Nels Anderson, were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 1:33 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to conduct a non-retention hearing, two Level III grievance hearings and a student expulsion hearing. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:32 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Miss Charise Calvert	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with revisions to Items 10a.(3), 10a.(4), 10a.(6), 10a.(7) and 10h. Item 10g.(1) Approval of Budget Transfer Number 685 was added, and Item 10c. Approval of KPESA Negotiated Agreement was deleted from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of May 17, 1999, were approved as printed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Pamela Hershberger, parent, noted that the state and region basketball tournaments for 3AA and 4AA schools are scheduled during the District 1999-2000 spring break. She expressed concern that students and parents would be forced to choose between basketball and family spring break activities. She asked the Board to consider moving spring break to allow basketball teams that qualify the opportunity to participate in the tournaments.

Mr. Arness stated that the Alaska Association of School Activities (AASA) chose to change the dates for the basketball tournaments, and at this point, there is nothing that can be done. He explained that the District calendar has already been published, and many activities have been scheduled for next year.

Ms. Germano responded that spring break has been placed where it is because it was coordinated with the sports programs. She stated that there is never a good date for spring break when considering activities at the high school level.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that if spring break were a week earlier, students would choose to stay home for basketball practice because they would want to participate.

Mr. Arness stated that the Board will be aware of the basketball schedule when considering the calendar for the following year.

Ms. Ingram, parent, expressed her unhappiness about not receiving a response regarding the information distributed to the administration at a prior Board meeting detailing her dealings with Soldotna High. Ms. Ingram summarized issues concerning her son and requested a response.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

(Continued):

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he has asked Mr. McLain to investigate the points in Ms. Ingram's letter. Mr. Dahlgren stated that Mr. McLain has been in contact with Mrs. Reynolds and she will respond.

Mr. Arness told Ms. Ingram that someone would contact her before the end of the week.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND/OR P. T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A.:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA president, reported that the KPESA negotiated agreement has not yet been ratified but from the favorable response, she did not expect any problems. She stated that a letter should be submitted within the next ten days.

Mrs. Mahurin stated that she was not able to attend the retirement ceremony for Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke but wanted to publicly thank them for their many years of service to the District. She stated that she first met Mr. Dahlgren when he was the principal of KCHS and her child was a student there. She stated that her daughter's high school experience was positive and she thanked Mr. Dahlgren for his patience. She commended the Board for hiring Mr. Dahlgren as superintendent of schools. Mrs. Mahurin stated that she worked more closely with Mrs. Radtke and feels that there is a great respect and a liking for each other. Mrs. Mahurin stated that Mrs. Radtke does the work of more than two full-time positions. She suggested the Board take that into consideration during budget preparation time. She extended her thanks to Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke and wished them a long and happy retirement.

Mr. Don Glaze, KPAA president, stated that the association is anxious to have the KPAA negotiated agreement approved. He announced that he is the outgoing president and that the new president is Mr. Hank Overturf. He stated that the KPAA treasurer is Ms. Trena Richardson.

Mr. Glaze thanked Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke and other central office administrators for their hard work. He stated that moral in schools is high this year and gave credit, in part, to the relationship between the central office and school administrations. He stated that he appreciated the hard work by the Board on behalf of the teachers, administrators and students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board that the goal setting session will be held at Soldotna High School at 9 a.m. on June 8 in the library. He stated that Dr. Peterson will conduct the session.

Mr. Dahlgren extended his appreciation to the support staff, certified staff, administrative staff, and the School Board. He stated that it is an honor to be the superintendent of such a fine district. He stated that throughout the many conferences and statewide meetings, he is proud to tell others about the District. He stated that he feels that he is leaving the District in good hands. He wished the Board and the District the best in the upcoming years.

One Percent for Art at Tustumena Elementary:

Mr. Hickey reported that in compliance with the Art in Public Places Statute, 1% of the cost of the Tustumena Elementary Addition project has been dedicated to the purchase of an acrylic painting for the library wall and a ceramic and tactile display for the main foyer area of the building. He stated that the art selections were made as a result of meetings with Mr. Spence and the Tustumena community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Early Graduation Request, Substitute Teacher Contract, Teacher Assignments 1999-2000, Resignations, Budget Transfer, Tentative Nontenure Teaching Appointment, and Request for Leave of Absence/Support

Early Graduation Request:

By memorandum, Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve an early graduation request for a Homer High School student.

Substitute Teacher Contract:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Angela Koehler, activities, Kenai Central High and Susan Nabholz, math, Kenai Central High.

Teacher Assignments 1999-2000:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Heather Truesdell, (temporary) English, Skyview High; Robert Keller, special education/resource, Seward Middle/High; Jamie Harper, special services program manager; Matthew Estill, special education/resource, Kenai Central High; Ann Fantz, Grades 3-5, Moose Pass Elementary; Leanne Marlow, Grades K-2, Moose Pass Elementary; and Debbie Dover, (temporary) Grade 2, K-Beach Elementary.

Resignations:	Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1998-99 school year for William Hague, principal/teacher, Hope School; David Cain, school psychologist, District Wide Special Services; Donna Rae Faulkner, physical science, Homer High; Dudley Homelvig, English/physical education/vocational education, Kenai Central High; and Michael Stockburger, generalist, Kenai Alternative.
Budget Transfer:	Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a budget transfer to cover costs of temporary wages necessary to process increased freight during the summer months.
Tentative NonTenure Teaching Appointment:	Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a tentative nontenure teacher assignment for the 1999-2000 school year for Nancy Boyle, language arts/QUEST, Seward Middle/High School; Heidi Farrand, music, Seward Elementary; Julie Ball, kindergarten, Aurora Borealis; and Kristina Owens, Grades 3-6, Homer Charter.
Request for Leave of Absence/Support:	Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Janice Northey, secretary II, Soldotna Middle School and Roxanne Kaloa, Title IX tutor, Bartlett Elementary/High School.
ACTION	<p>Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve Consent Agenda items Numbers 1 through 7. Mrs. Mullins seconded.</p> <p>Dr. Anderson stated that he objected to two teachers taking leave for Parvol B19. He stated that these actions are contrary to the Center for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatric Committee's report on isolations for Parvol B19. He commented that during the times of tight budgets, he has a hard time recommending substitute teachers for isolations that organized medicine has decided is not appropriate. Mrs. Radtke stated that she asked for and received documentation and justification from both teachers' physicians.</p> <p>Ms. Germano stated that the salary budget transfer is an annual occurrence and asked why it is not normally included in the budget. Mr. Hickey stated he would find out the answer and report back.</p> <p>Ms. Germano asked what items were offered for sale during the student nutrition sale. Mr. Hickey stated that food with a shelf life is sold.</p> <p>Ms. Germano asked how much food is left at the end of the school year. Mr. Hickey stated that it depends on the food item. He stated that he would find out and provide more detailed information.</p>

Request for Leave of Absence/Support
(Continued):

Motion carried unanimously.

KPEA Negotiated Agreement:	Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the 1999-2002 Kenai Peninsula Education Association Negotiated agreement as presented.
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- ACTION** Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the 1999-2002 Kenai Peninsula Education Association Negotiated agreement. Mrs. Gross seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- KPAA Negotiated Agreement:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the 1999-2002 Kenai Peninsula Administrators' Association Negotiated agreement as presented.
- ACTION** Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the 1999-2002 Kenai Peninsula Administrators' Association Negotiated Agreement. Mrs. Crawford seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Student Expulsion:** Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the following: "The Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of DM.
- ACTION**
- This matter was heard by the Board on June 7, 1999.
- FINDINGS:** The evidence showed that on May 6, 1999, the student hit a female student on the buttocks as she walked past. She told another student, JF, that it hurt. JF turned to DM and said that he should stop hitting the female student. DM picked up an exacto knife and threw it diagonally across a table towards JF. It punctured JF's hand, who then showed his bloody hand to the teacher. Upon questioning by the assistant principal, DM first denied and then admitted throwing the knife, stating that JF is not his father and cannot tell him what to do. A police officer arrested DM, who was taken to the juvenile intake officer, but all criminal charges have been dropped. Evidence also showed that the student was previously suspended for one day, on April 16, 1999, for attempted assault. Additional evidence showed that DM was removed from his home by the state in February, 1999, due to causes beyond the student's control, and that he was recently placed in the same foster home as his sister. DM is currently enrolled in an intensive sixty-day Central Peninsula Counseling Services program which is working with him on anger management and impulse control, and he has seen a psychiatrist.
- Student Expulsion (Continued):** **CONCLUSIONS:** The willful and knowing throwing of an exacto knife against another student is a single act of a grave nature that is harmful to the welfare and safety of other students in violation of Board policy 5144.1 and administrative regulation 5144.1(a) and (b). It is behavior inimical to the welfare, safety, and morals of other students.
- ACTION:** The student shall be expelled for a one-year period commencing with the first day of school in August 1999 and ending with the last day of summer break of August 2000. The student may apply for early readmission for the semester beginning in August, 1999, subject to the following:

(a) The school administration must conclude, based upon evidence provided by the student, that his presence will no longer be inimical to the safety and welfare of other students and other persons employed or volunteering at the school; and

(b) The student may not be readmitted early until, at a minimum, he has successfully completed the full Central Peninsula Counseling Services program in which he is now enrolled, and has obtained a report from a psychiatrist indicating the student's anger, psychiatric and other associated behavioral problems are sufficiently under control that it appears safe to readmit the student." Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Certified Diploma Recommendations:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve a list of recommendations and activities that were developed by the Certified Diploma Committee.

Ms. Germano stated that the recommendations are pointed towards remediation and that nothing addresses the average or above-average student. She expressed her concern that the programs are all going to be remediation programs.

Dr. Peterson stated the District has identified as a need those students who do not meet the established standards. She explained that training and curriculum money goes towards the delivery of an education for the majority of students in the District. She stated that eventually above-average students will be addressed.

Certified Diploma Recommendations
(Continued):

Ms. Germano asked how the needs of the above-average student will be met when the focus is on the under-achieving students at the high school level. Dr. Peterson explained that high school students create their own schedule and make their selection based on coursework. She said that two courses have been added to the District course master, remedial math and remedial language arts.

Dr. Anderson assured those present that the Committee is trying to provide criteria excellence for top-end students and not just adequacy.

Mrs. Larned asked if there are plans for remediation summer school. Mr. Dahlgren explained that summer schools are operating at Kenai Middle School and Soldotna Middle School using Title I funds. He stated that in the future schools will offer after-school programs and tutorials. He added that the school day will be redefined because of standards-based curriculum, the expectations that the Board is putting on its students and the expectations that the state is putting on students with the qualifying exam. He stated that students must be successful at the benchmark areas, and if not, they will have to participate in summer school or after-school programs. He stated that parents will have to become partners if their child is going to graduate from high school.

Mrs. Crawford asked whether site-based remediation coordinators will be working largely with special education students. Dr. Peterson stated that every student who is not reaching the benchmarks must be identified. She explained that after the benchmark data is collected, a plan is developed for each of those failing students.

Mrs. Larned asked whether summer school attendance is voluntary. Dr. Peterson stated that summer school attendance has been encouraged but is now being used as an option for those students facing retention.

Ms. Germano asked whether summer school programs are being offered in other areas of the District. Dr. Peterson replied that money from the Quality Schools Initiative and Title I is funding summer schools and that schools developed their own plan of action. She reported that summer schools have been approved for Homer, Kenai and Soldotna this summer and that Seward will be added next year.

ACTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the certified diploma recommendations. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Acquisition of Property for Homer Flex School:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a request to the Borough Assembly to acquire the property known as "Remainder of Lot 17, AA Mattox Subdivision" on behalf of the Homer Flex School. Mr. Hickey called the Board's attention to additional information provided in the information packet listing an estimated \$140,000 of necessary upgrades to bring the building up to Uniform Building Code.

Mr. Arness asked why the acquisition of property for the Homer Flex School is a priority project. Mr. Hickey stated that the Homer Fire Marshall walked through the current facility and noted deficiencies that must be reconciled by August 15 or vacate the premises. He further explained that as a result of conversations with the leaseholder, the District administration decided to vacate the current facility. He stated that the District has been unable to locate any other E1 coded space to lease in Homer.

Ms. Germano stated that the proposed facility is good for the Homer Flex students. She stated that the old intermediate building was considered but that the costs would be higher if both floors are going to be used.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve a recommendation to request the Borough Assembly to acquire the property known as "Remainder of Lot 17, AA Mattox Subdivision" on behalf of the Homer Flex School. Ms. Germano seconded.

Mr. Arness passed the gavel to Mrs. Mullins.

Mr. Arness stated that he opposed the expenditure of \$420,000. He expressed his concern from a credibility standpoint.

Ms. Germano stated that a lot of time has been spent over the years searching for a school for the Homer Flex students.

Mrs. Larned stated that she was able to walk through the proposed building and that it seems like a perfect facility. She noted the possibility for other groups to join them in the building.

Mrs. Gross stated that she has followed the Homer Flex School since its inception and that it has been housed in some dismal facilities and that the proposed facility is a good recommendation.

Request for Acquisition of Property for
Homer Flex School (Continued):

VOTE:

YES – Anderson, Crawford, Germano, Gross, Larned, Mullins

NO – Arness

Advisory Vote – YES

Motion carried.

BUDGET TRANSFER Number 685:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve budget transfer Number 685 for \$57,617 to cover costs for curriculum orders for the Aurora Borealis Charter School.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve budget transfer Number 685. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Appointments:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve an administrator appointment for the 1999-2000 school year for Mark Leal, assessment director, Central Office.

Mrs. Radtke explained that the memorandum was revised because the person recommended for the Skyview High principal position is awaiting Department of Education certification and that the recommendation will come at a later meeting.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve an administrator appointment for the 1999-2000 school year for Mark Leal, assessment director, Central Office. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nikiski Elementary Schematic Design Appropriation:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a request to the Borough Assembly for \$40,000 to cover costs of a schematic design to reconfigure the Nikiski area schools. He noted that the total project should not exceed \$1 million including moveable equipment.

Ms. Germano asked why the schematic design was not on the capital improvement list. Mr. Dahlgren stated that Mr. Arness asked that the request be placed on the agenda.

Nikiski Elementary Schematic Design Appropriation (Continued):

Mrs. Crawford asked if a schematic design was developed for the Soldotna Middle School addition. Mr. Dahlgren explained that originally money was set aside for architectural design development for an additional middle school in the Central Peninsula area. He added that the project was put on hold, and in the meantime, the District requested that the funds be diverted to an addition to Soldotna Middle School. He stated that the request was forwarded to the Borough Mayor but the Borough has not taken action.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve a request to the Borough Assembly for \$40,000 to cover the costs of the Nikiski Elementary schematic design with the stipulations as outlined. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Mrs. Mullins noted that the reconfiguration of the Nikiski area schools was approved at a previous Board meeting. She stated that this is the next logical step and urged the Board's approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Miss Calvert apologized for not attending the last Board meeting. She stated that she was busy with graduation activities. She thanked those Board members who attended the Soldotna High School graduation.

Mrs. Gross extended her thanks to Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke. She expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Radtke for going above and beyond the call of duty. She wished them the best upon their retirement.

Mrs. Larned stated that the Soldotna High graduation was wonderful. Mrs. Larned asked whether the District funds out-of-state competitions. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the District has funded travel for out-of-state competitions in the past. He noted that there has not been a definition for what competitions the District should pay. He stated that most cocurricular activities are funded at the state level but not at the national level. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he has asked for a definition of what should be funded for the past ten years. Mrs. Larned extended her thanks to Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke for their hard work and wished them well on their retirements.

Mrs. Crawford stated that it has been a pleasure to have Charise serve on the Board. She stated that it was a wonderful experience to attend the graduation ceremonies. She thanked Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke for their work.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued):

Ms. Germano thanked Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke for their hard work. She stated that she enjoyed attending the graduation ceremonies.

Dr. Anderson stated that he would miss Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke. He stated that he and Mr. Dahlgren have had differing opinions in the past but their viewpoints have been more aligned over recent years. He stated that he appreciated Mrs. Radtke's exceptional hard work. Dr. Anderson referred to a recent newsletter listing acceptable and nonacceptable mathematics texts for middle schools and was concerned that District math texts fell into the unacceptable range. Dr. Peterson stated that it was the older version.

Mrs. Mullins stated that she appreciated the hard work by all of the parties involved in the negotiated agreements. She stated that she appreciated the mediator who worked with the teams. Mrs. Mullins noted that she enjoyed the graduation ceremonies. Mrs. Mullins noted that the retirement reception and music provided by two Skyview students for Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke was fantastic. She thanked to Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke.

Mr. Arness reminded the Board of the Board goal setting session at Soldotna High at 9:00 am. on Tuesday, June 8, 1999.

Mr. Arness presented parting gifts on behalf of the Board for Mr. Dahlgren and Mrs. Radtke.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 9:04 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Mrs. Crawford seconded. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss negotiations.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:25 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 10:26 p.m., Mrs. Larned moved
the School Board meeting be
adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of June 7, 1999,
were approved on July 12, 1999
as written.