

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

July 6, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

OATH OF OFFICE/INTERIM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - The Oath of Office was administered to Lorraine Crawford by Notary Public, Sally Tachick. Mrs. Crawford was recently selected to serve as an interim member for retiring Board member, Joyce Fischer.

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

RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved 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 Elem; 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.

1998-99 ANNUAL AGENDA - The Board unanimously approved the 1998-99 Annual Agenda which consists of dates for routine items to be presented to the School Board.

REQUESTS FOR EARLY GRADUATION - The Board unanimously approved early graduation

requests from two Homer High School students. 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.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB LEASE AGREEMENT - The Board unanimously approved a lease agreement for the Boys and Girls Club. The agreement is a renewal of last year's lease for space at Kenai Elementary School.

SUBSTITUTE AND TEMPORARY PAY SCHEDULE - The Board unanimously approved the pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 1998-99 school year. The salary amount for substitute teachers and nurses increased over the 1997-98 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT - The Board approved a one-year leave of absence request for the 1998-99 school year for Robert Harwood, driver/courier, Warehouse.

1998-99 TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS - The Board unanimously approved a tentative nontenure teacher assignment for the 1998-99 school year for Michael Williamson, math/science, Bartlett Elem/High; Connie Wirz, Title I teacher (.5), Kenai Middle; and Beverly Grogan, lead teacher, Bay View Charter.

STUDENT EXPULSION - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a high school student for violation of Board Policy 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION FIBER OPTIC JOINT LETTER OF INTENT - The Board unanimously approved the signing of a joint letter of intent with Homer Electric Association to provide fiber optic cabling to District schools. 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.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Scott O'Tremba, principal/teacher, Voznesenka School.

FY 1999 BUDGET AMENDMENT - The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the FY99 budget increasing the amount to a total of \$86,487,679. The additional funds are a result of the passage of CSSB36.

FY 1999 BUDGET EXPENDITURES PLAN - The Board approved an expenditures plan for additional funds generated by CSSB36. 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.

1998-99 BOARD GOALS - The Board unanimously approved six goals for accomplishment during the

1998-99 school year. These 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 ratio, 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; 5) to develop an equipment replacement plan that will include an evaluation of the District's technology plan and possible technology bond; and 6) to review special education expenditures.

REVISIONS TO BP 3541.1, SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS - The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3541.1, School-Related Trips, that adds language requiring drivers of school-sponsored trips to be 21 years of age or older and be registered with the District.

ADOPTION OF BP 5134, STUDENT PRODUCTION OF SERVICES AND MATERIALS - The Board unanimously approved the adoption of BP 5134 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.

AURORA BOREALIS CURRICULUM CHANGE - The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the Aurora Borealis Charter School proposal to delete all references to the Calvert curriculum and replace with language that adopts the scope and sequence of the Core Knowledge program.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 3, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

August 3, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

ASSESSMENT REPORT - Mr. McLain presented assessment information for the 1997-98 school year. A Board worksession was held prior to the regular meeting to review the data in more detail.

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.

HAZARD BUS ROUTE RESOLUTIONS - The Board approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Ninilchik Elementary/High School addition in the amount of \$99,324.

1998-99 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS - The Board approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved a resignation effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Stephanie Tazuell-Roberts, math, Nikiski Middle/High School.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENSION REQUEST/SUPPORT - The Board unanimously

approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the 1998-99 school year for Marya Kalugin, bilingual/migrant tutor, Voznesenka School.

CERTIFIED DIPLOMA RECOMMENDATIONS - The Board unanimously approved certified diploma definitions, a statement of charge, four committee action plans for 1998-99 and six recommendations and statements.

SIX YEAR ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS AND PLAN - The Board unanimously approved the Six-Year Enrollment Projections and Plan. The plan includes enrollment projections and school construction needs for 1998-99 through 2003-2004. Amendments to the school construction list were approved that added covering of the Homer Middle School ice rink, an addition to the Nikolaevsk School gymnasium, and moved Items Number 14 through 18 to the bottom of the list. A worksession was held prior to the meeting to review this information.

REGISTERED AGENT/KENAI PENINSULA BUILDING AUTHORITY, INC. - The Board unanimously approved 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.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Steven Jones, principal, Susan B. English School.

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.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 17, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

August 17, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board of the Districtwide Inservice, August 19, 1998, at Kenai Central High School. The new employee breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the inservice begins at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Ms. Marlene Byerly was selected as NASSP's Alaska Secondary School Principal of the Year and Mr. Dan Walker is 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.

1998-99 TEACHER ASSIGNMENT - The Board unanimously approved 1998-99 teacher assignments for Jim Helgeson, middle school, Nanwalek School and Olga Timofeeva, English, Kenai Central High School.

RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Richard Smith, Special Education/resource, Kenai Central High; Tammy Woffinden, English, Kenai Central High and Wayne Vaughan, music, Ninilchik Elementary/High School.

POLICY REVISIONS - The Board unanimously approved 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. An amendment was unanimously approved that added language dealing with a student's refusal to submit to a Rapid Eye Exam, Breathalyzer and/or urinalysis.

ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION - The Board unanimously

approved the nomination of Mari-Anne Gross to the AASB Board of Directors.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, September 14, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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John Dahlgren, Superintendent September 14, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - Mr. Dahlgren announced that he had received letters from the commissioner of education approving the request for a curriculum change from Aurora Borealis Charter School and from the Aurora Borealis Charter School Academic Policy Committee requesting the use of the Kenai Elementary building to house their students.

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 their 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, student accomplishments, cocurricular achievements, reports on various programs throughout the District and progress made on the strategic plan and Board goals. Mr. Dahlgren reported that the next administrator meeting will be September 23 and 24, 1998. Mr. Dahlgren presented a listing of worksessions and reports to be presented at future board meetings from November 16 through May 17, 1998.

FISCAL YEAR 1999 BUDGET REPORT - Mr. Hickey presented a report reflecting budget accounts that were changed as a result of the 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.

RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective August 1998, from Jenifer Cameron, art specialist, districtwide and Suzie Stafford-Hawker, special education/resource, Seward Middle/Sr. High School.

TENTATIVE NONTENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS - The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure 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 - The Board unanimously approved 1998-99 teacher assignments for Michael Ashwell, chemistry/physics, Kenai Central High; Michael Audette, music, Ninilchik School, Susan Biggs; music (half-time), 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, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High; David Martian, Grade 6, North Star Elementary; Theodore Riddall, athletic director, Nikiski Middle/Sr., Katherine Serge English/social studies (half-time), Voznesenka School; Debra Womack, special education/resource (temporary), Redoubt Elementary; and Mariah Wolf, middle school/counselor at Susan B. English School.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST 1999-2000/CERTIFIED - The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the 1999-2000 school year for Miriam McKay, choir, Skyview High.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS 1998-99/SUPPORT - The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for Katie Carmody, head custodian, Sears Elementary for the remainder of 1998-99; for Rochelle Hanson, school secretary I/special education aide, Port Graham Elementary High for the 1998-99 school year; for Jerry Hanson, custodian, Port Graham Elementary/High for the 1998-99 school year; and for Efrocia Polushkin, special education aide, Voznesenka School effective until January 1999.

ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATIONS - The Board approved resignations effective June 1999 for John K. Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools and Jacquie Imle, principal, Sears Elementary.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION - The Board unanimously approved an administrative recommendation to request proposals from transportation companies for a two or seven year contract period.

AASB RESOLUTIONS - The Board unanimously approved submitting the 1998 Belief Statements and Core Resolutions with the exception of Resolutions 1.1 Opposing Mandated School Consolidation and 1.2 Opposition to Mandated Borough Formation. The belief statements and resolutions will be considered at the AASB statewide conference in November 1998.

HEALTH COPAYMENT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT/KPEA - The Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kenai Peninsula

Administrators' 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.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 5, 1998, 7:30 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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John Dahlgren, Superintendent October 5, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS - Mr. Ralph Steeves, principal, 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. 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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - Mrs. Gross welcomed Miss Charise Calvert, Soldotna High School student, as the newly elected School Board Student Representative.

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. Mr. Dahlgren reported that the District will provide clinics for those students and staff requiring a second measles inoculation. He stated that the clinics will be October 9 from 3-6 p.m. at Mt. View Elementary and 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 as well.

BUDGET TRANSFER - The Board unanimously approved budget transfer number 37 for \$20,000 to the District Media Center to purchase media for districtwide use.

PRIMARY SPONSOR OF GAMING PERMITS - The Board unanimously approved a listing of Primary and Alternative Members in Charge of Gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for 1999.

1998-99 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS - The Board unanimously approved 1998-99

teacher assignments for Katherine Schwartz, districtwide art specialist and Margaret Brewster, library, Homer High.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST - The Board unanimously approved an early graduation request from a Homer High School Student to graduate a semester early, at the end of the first semester, 1998-99.

STUDENT EXPULSION NUMBER 1 - The Board approved the expulsion of a Soldotna High School student for violation of BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

STUDENT EXPULSION NUMBER 2 - The Board approved the permanent expulsion of a Kenai Central High student for violation of 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

ESTABLISHMENT OF REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT FUND - The Board unanimously approved the creation of a special revenue fund for equipment in the KPBSD Chart of Accounts and designated \$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.

ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved resignations from Sharon Radtke, assistant superintendent, Human Resources; Paul Epperson, principal, Sterling Elementary and Bob Bellmore, principal, Nikiski Middle/Sr.

BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR - The Board unanimously approved a calendar to be used as a guideline for preparation of the 1999-2000 School District Budget.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 19, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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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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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

November 2, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

The November 2, 1998, school board meeting was held at the Homer High School Auditorium, Homer, Alaska.

SCHOOL REPORTS - Mr. Glen Szymoniak, McNeil Canyon Elementary principal, introduced Rebecca Boone and her first grade students who performed a song from their Three Bears show and Debbie Piper's second and third grade students who sang Everybody Has Music Inside.

Ms. Karen Wessel, Homer Flex lead teacher, introduced current and past graduates who spoke in support of the Homer Flex School.

Mr. Lance Peterson, theater director, introduced the Homer High School Performing Arts Department theater group who performed an excerpt from The Wizard of Oz.

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. Mr. Dahlgren also announced that Mr. Dan Walker was selected as the 1999 Alaska Teacher of the Year.

CLASS SIZE REPORT - Mr. Ed McLain presented the class size report based on enrollment as 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.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT - The Board unanimously approved substitute teaching contracts for Suzanne Klaben, special education/resource, Nikiski Elementary and Susan Howard, Grade 1, Redoubt Elementary.

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

BUDGET TRANSFER - The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 97 which transfers \$58,000 to schools for FY99 world language textbook adoption and budget transfer Number 98 which transfers \$324,522 to schools for FY99 math textbook adoption.

TEACHER TERMINATION - The Board unanimously approved the termination of a certified employee.

1999-2000 ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS - The Board unanimously approved the 1999-2000 projected enrollment at 10,123 students.

AURORA BOREALIS CHARTER SCHOOL LEASE AGREEMENT - The Board unanimously approved a lease agreement between Aurora Borealis Charter School and the Grace Brethern Church for use as a school site. The amount of the two-year lease is \$6,300 per month which includes some additional space.

POLICY REVISIONS - The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3315, Relations with Vendors. The changes 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 16, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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November 16, 1998

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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 announced that the governor has declared, by proclamation, that November 20, 1998 is 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.

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 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 congratulated the Nikiski High School girls' volleyball team for placing first in the 3A state volleyball championships and to Stacey Pault and Lucas Peterson for placing first in the state swimming/diving championships. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Elaine Larson, Sears Elementary music teacher, was selected by the Alaska Music Educators Association, to receive the 1998 Alaska Outstanding Music Educator Award.

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT - Mr. Bill Coghill, Mikunda, Cottrell and Company, presented the fiscal year 1998 audit report of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Mr. Coghill commended Mr. Hickey and Ms. 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 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.

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.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT - The Board unanimously approved a substitute teaching contract for JoAnn McClain, special education, Seward Middle/Sr. High.

TEACHER APPOINTMENT - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Kevin Harding, special education/resource (temporary, half time), Kenai Alternative High School.

RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved 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.

1999-2000 REGULAR EDUCATION/CERTIFIED STAFFING FORMULA - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for regular education/certified employees which will be used to calculate the 1999-2000 budget. An amendment was approved revising the pupil-teacher ratio to 1:22 in grades kindergarten through third.

1999-2000 SUPPORT STAFFING FORMULA - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for support employees which will be used to calculate the 1999-00 budget.

STUDENT EXPULSION - The Board approved the expulsion of a student for violation of Board Policy 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 7, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

December 7, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

Public Hearing - The Board heard public testimony on the Kenai Peninsula Educational Support Association, Kenai Peninsula Education Association and Kenai Peninsula Administrator Association negotiated agreements from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

School Reports - Mr. Rick Ladd, West Homer Elementary principal, presented a computer-generated tour of West Homer Elementary School. The tour showed pictures of their 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. He presented test scores confirming student improvement in reading comprehension, which was his school's primary goal. He 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 - Mr. Arness and Dr. Anderson presented plaques of appreciation to Mrs. Sheryl Sotelo, Grade 6, Tustumena Elementary and to Anne Pfitzner, Grade 3, Soldotna 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. Diane Bundy and Granite Christopher presented a cash prize of \$5,500 to Kenai Central High School for placing first in the ThinkQuest Contest.

Superintendent's Report — Mr. Dahlgren announced that Sheryl Sotelo was selected as a semi-finalist for Science Teacher of the Year, an award sponsored by Shell Oil Company. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Mr. Don Glaze has been selected as Assistant Principal of the Year. Mr. Dahlgren thanked Mr. Ladd for his technology presentation and commended his school for their commitment to student learning. Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board of the legislative worksession with the Assembly, School Board and Borough and School District administrations on December 8, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

Lease Agreements Report - Mr. Dahlgren presented a report, compiled 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; a facility lease 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.

Substitute Teacher Contract - The Board unanimously approved a substitute teaching contract for Ann Frantz, special education/resource, Seward Middle/Sr. High School.

Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignment - The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenure teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Wendy Todd, special education/districtwide.

Resignation - The Board unanimously approved an administrative recommendation to deny a resignation request from Chris VanBuskirk, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High School.

1998-99 Teacher Assignment - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Heather Lentz, occupational therapist, districtwide.

1999-2000 Special Education Certified Staffing Formula - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for special education/certified employees that will be used to calculate the 1999-2000 budget. The Board approved an amendment revising the staffing formula at the small elementary school from a pupil/teacher ratio of 1:15 to a ratio of 1:12.

1999-2000 Special Education Support Staffing Formula - The Board unanimously approved the staffing formula for special education/support employees that will be used to calculate the 1999-2000 budget.

School Calendar/Inservice Dates - The Board unanimously approved the 1999-2000 school calendar and tentatively approved school calendars for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002.

Resolution 98-99-3, Acceptance of Amendments to the Bylaws of the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association, Inc. (AML/JIA) - The Board unanimously approved a resolution accepting amendments to the bylaws of the AML/JIA expanding the board of trustees to nine members.

Resolution 98-99-4, Support for Participation in the Alaska ReForm in the Classroom Through Technology Integration and Collaboration (ARCTIC) Project - The Board unanimously approved 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.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 4, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

January 4, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Reports - Mr. Maurice Glen, Nanwalek Elementary/High principal/teacher, stated that this year the school is concentrating their emphasis in the areas of reading and math. He explained the Book-Link and Reading Buddies programs. He reported that 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.

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 Ken Tarbox for his outstanding community 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 council has advised the District administration to allow middle school girls to participate in wrestling. He stated that the KPSAA board will make a recommendation to the Board to act on the recommendation allowing middle school girls to wrestle.

Mr. Dahlgren 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.

Kenai Elementary Facility Review Report - Mr. Hickey presented a report assessing the viability for reopening the Kenai Elementary building. The report included five distinct areas of concern, which were building code/life safety, environmental, handicap accessibility, functional/educational program and maintenance. The cost of each area of concern totaled \$2,582,182.65.

1998-99 Teacher Assignment - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved resignations for Kathleen Abrams, Grades K-3, Port Graham (effective 1/1/99); John Abrams, Grades 6-10 generalist, math/science, Port Graham (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 - The Board unanimously approved an early graduation request for a Nikiski High School student.

Student Expulsion - The Board unanimously approved the one-year expulsion of a Kenai Alternative High School student for violation of BP 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Resolution 98-99-5, Support of Challenger Learning Center - The Board unanimously approved Resolution 98-99-05 supporting the use of a parcel of land adjoining the Kenai Central High School campus for the construction of the Challenger Learning Center and a covered ice arena. The land is currently owned by the Alaska Mental Health Trust. Negotiations are ongoing to allow an exchange of Borough property for the Kenai property.

Charter School Budget adjustments for FY99 - The Board unanimously approved 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. These adjustments were made based upon their actual enrollments.

KPSAA Handbook Revision - The Board unanimously approved a revision to the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association (KPSAA) handbook to comply with eligibility requirements set by the Alaska School Activities Association. 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.

Budget Adjustment - The Board unanimously approved a revision to the FY99 budget to accommodate a revenue shortfall of \$1,498,153. 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.

First Reading of Policy Revisions - The Board heard a first reading of BP and AR 5145.12, Search and Seizure. 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.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 18, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

January 18, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Reports - Mrs. Sue Liebner, North Star Elementary principal, presented a computer-generated video which 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."

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 will be conducted beginning Thursday, January 21 through next Wednesday, January 27, 1999. He noted that job vacancies have been readvertised for Nikiski and Skyview High Schools due to a small applicant pool.

Vocational Education and School-to-Work Programs - Mr. Ben Eveland reported on vocational education enrollment offerings, noting that there was a slight increase in enrollment in classes that were not applied academics. He reviewed the graduate follow-up study that was conducted from the class of 1992. 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. 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 several 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, doing environmental studies, laboratory

distillations and engineer drawings and calculations. He reported that Work-Based Learning Aides have been provided in the Seward and 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.

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.

1998-99 Teacher Assignment - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1998-99 school year for Nancy Boyle, English (temporary), Seward High.

Student Expulsion #1 - The Board unanimously approved the one-year expulsion of a Skyview High School student for violation of BP 5131, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Student Expulsion #2 - The Board found insufficient evidence to warrant the expulsion of a Skyview High School student for violation of BP 5131, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Pupil Transportation Contracts - The Board unanimously approved student transportation contracts for a seven-year period to Laidlaw Transit for Service Areas I, II, III and IV.

Kenai Elementary Facility Plan - The Board unanimously approved a directive to 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 Kenai Elementary building. Suggestions regarding the course of action will be reported to the Board by March 15 for Board action, if possible._

Board Directive 99-01/High School Credits - The Board suspended the rules and postponed action until March 15, 1999, on Directive Number 99-01 which 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." During the closing comments Mrs. Mullins requested the Board reconsider Directive 99-01 at the February 1 School Board meeting with a worksession to be conducted earlier that day._

Girls' Wrestling as a KPSAA Activity - The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association bylaws that will allow middle school girls to participate in the wrestling program._

First Reading of Policy Revisions - The Board heard a first reading of BP 3310.1, Equipment Fund Transfer. The proposed policy provides language that governs the use of the equipment reserve fund.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 1, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

February 1, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

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

School Reports - Mr. Paul Sorenson, Kenai Middle School principal, stated that his middle school is unique because it houses 6th through 8th grade students. He reported that Kenai Middle School receives \$73,000 in Title I money, which is used to fund staff to operate the After-School and Summer School Programs. He stated that the school goals this year are to work on reading and language arts and that next year the school will work on math skills. Mr. Tim Peterson gave a computer-generated presentation and with the assistance of Mrs. Bird they highlighted the exploratory curriculum courses which include band, physical education, home economics, technology, metals, drama as well as other classes. 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 get caught up in their classes with the assistance of tutors. She explained that last year the Summer Program offered language arts, math, reading and the ASSETS program. Mrs. Bird concluded by directing the choir in a song titled, "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 service and dedication to the District.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Dahlgren announced that budget hearings begin this week 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; Thursday, February 11 at Nikiski High.

Mr. Dahlgren announced that the School Board meeting scheduled for February 15, 1999 has been cancelled in observation 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 Goode 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. Goode will travel to the Homer area for presentations the following day.

Mr. Dahlgren reported that the Superintendent Search Committee will review applications this week. He stated that there will be a special School Board meeting on Monday, February 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to discuss who will be invited for interviews, which are tentatively scheduled for February 24-25.

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

Public Input for the Selection of a New Superintendent - Mr. Dahlgren solicited suggestions and comments from those present regarding qualities necessary for the new superintendent. No one spoke.

Mentor Program - Ms. Dorothy Gray gave a computer-generated presentation with the assistance of Mr. Sargeant Truesdell, Soldotna Middle School teacher and Mr. Dave Larson, Kenai Central High teacher, which included comments and suggestions from new teachers who are participating in the mentor program. Mrs. Radtke 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.

Resignations - The Board unanimously approved resignations for Vince Wagner, speech pathologist, districtwide Special Services and Catherine Szabo-Bendock, Grade 6, Sterling Elementary.

Vocational Education Curriculum - The Board unanimously approved the vocational and technical education curriculum for Grades 6-12. The Board approved an amendment that adds the following text to 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."

Social Security Modification for Student Workers - The Board unanimously approved agreements with Social Security that will allow the District to exempt student hires from future Social Security and Medicare reporting effective June 30, 2000.

Reconsideration of Board Directive 99-01 - The Board approved the reconsideration of Board Directive 99-01 from the January 18, 1999 School Board meeting. The Board did not approve Board Directive 99-01, which would have mandated a seven period schedule for all high schools.

POLICY REVISION - The Board unanimously approved the adoption of BP 3310.1, Equipment

Fund Transfer. The policy provides language that governs the use of the equipment reserve fund.

POLICY REVISION - The Board approved revisions to BP and AR 5145.12, Search and Seizure. The revisions clarify that searches may involve vehicles 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; and provide penalties for refusal to permit a reasonable search as described or allowed by this policy.

First Reading of Policy Revisions - The Board heard a first reading of BP 3120, Transfer of Funds. The proposed revision changes the reporting of budget transfers to a quarterly cycle.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., at **Homer High School, Homer, Alaska**. A special School Board meeting will be held Monday, February 8, 1999 at 5:30 p.m. at the Borough Administration Building.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

March 1, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS - Two special School Board meetings were conducted on February 8 and 24, 1999. Applications were reviewed and Dr. Donna Peterson was interviewed and recommended for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

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. Mr. Hal Neace and several students demonstrated the laws of motion through the use of cars the students had created. Mrs. Margaret Blanding reported on an architectural project that 7th grade math students participated in using many math skills including percentages, fractions, measurements and problem solving. Mr. Mark Robinson directed the middle school choir in two selections and demonstrated the process of sight singing.

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 at the 1999 Alaska State Principal of the Year by the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals (AASSP).

Capital Improvement Projects - 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.

Early Graduation Requests - The Board unanimously approved two early graduation requests for a student at Kenai Central High School and a student at Nikiski Middle/High School.

1998-1999 Teacher Assignments - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1999-2000 school year for James Carlson, metals/drafting, Soldotna High.

Substitute Teacher Contracts - The Board unanimously approved 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Heather Truesdell, computers/business education, Skyview High and Stacy O'Tremba, Russian/art/social studies, Voznesenka Elementary.

Resignations - The Board unanimously approved 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.

Administrator Contracts - The Board unanimously approved an administrative assignment for the 1999-2000 school year for G. Scott Mengel, principal, K-Beach Elementary.

1999-2000 Administrator Appointments - The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for the 1999-2000 school year for Aaron Stansberry, principal/teacher, Bartlett Elem/High; Fred Deussing, principal, Chapman Elementary; Steve Smith, principal/teacher, Cooper Landing Elementary; Karen Wessel, principal/teacher, Homer Flex; vacant, assistant principal, Homer High; Mark Leal, principal, Homer Middle; William Hague, principal/teacher, Hope School; vacant, principal, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary; Samuel Stewart, principal, Kenai Central High; William Overturf, assistant principal, Kenai Central High; Dennis Dunn, principal, Kenai Alternative; Paul Sorenson, principal, Kenai Middle; vacant, assistant principal, Kenai Middle; Alex Trout, principal/teacher, K-Selo; Glen Szymoniak, principal, McNeil Canyon Elementary; Ralph Steeves, principal/teacher, Moose Pass Elementary; James Dawson, principal, Mt. View Elementary; Maurice Glenn, principal/teacher, Nanwalek Elementary/High; Trena Richardson, principal, Nikiski Elementary; vacant, principal, Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Don Glaze, assistant principal, Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Carlton Kuhns, principal, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High; vacant, principal, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Susan Liebner, principal, North Star Elementary; Richard Toymil, principal, Paul Banks Elementary; Wayne Young, principal/teacher, Port Graham Elementary/High; Kenneth Meacham, principal, Redoubt Elementary; vacant, principal, Sears Elementary; Robert Boyle, principal, Seward Elementary; Malcolm Fleming, principal, Seward Jr./Sr. High; Steven Pautz, assistant principal, Seward Jr./Sr. High; vacant, principal, Skyview High; Gregg Wilbanks, assistant principal, Skyview High; Carolyn Cannava, principal, Soldotna Elementary; Sylvia Reynolds, principal, Soldotna High; Mark Norgren, assistant principal, Soldotna High; Todd Syverson, principal, Soldotna Middle; Lee Young, assistant principal, Soldotna Middle; Paul Kubena, principal, Sterling Elementary; Steve Jones, principal, Susan B. English Elem/High; Lisa Stroh, principal, Tustumena Elementary; Scott O'Tremba, principal/teacher, Voznesenka; Rick Ladd, principal, West Homer Elementary; Patrick Hickey, assistant superintendent, District Operations and Business Management; Edward McLain, assistant superintendent, Instructional Services; vacant, assistant superintendent, Human Resources; Rick Matiya, director, Bilingual/Alternative Education; Melody Douglas, director, Business/Finance; David Spence, director, Planning/Operations; vacant, director, Curriculum & Staff Development, Mick Wykis, director, Operations/Assessment, Don Boehmer, director, Special Services; Jim White, director, Data Processing; Philip Biggs, director, Technology; Roy Anderson, coordinator, Special Services and Norma Holmgaard, coordinator, Grants/Parent Involvement.

1999-2000 Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments - The Board unanimously approved a listing of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year.

Physical Education Curriculum - The Board unanimously approved the K-12 Physical Education Curriculum Guide.

Title IX Indian Education Grant - The Board held a public hearing and unanimously approved the Title IX grant application in the amount of \$202,016. The application will be forwarded to the Department of Education for funding consideration.

Student Expulsion - The Board approved the one-year expulsion of a student for violation of BP 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Policy Revision BP 3120, Transfer of Funds - The Board unanimously approved BP 3120, Transfer of Funds. The revision changes the reporting of budget transfers to a quarterly cycle.

Superintendent Appointment - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Donna Peterson as Superintendent of Schools beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

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. 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.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, March 15, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

March 15, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Reports - In lieu of a formal report, the Soldotna High School presentation was held at 1:00 p.m. at the school and included classroom visitations and performances by the swing choir, band and Star Sensation dance team.

Awards and Presentations - The Board 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 the class size grant funds. He stated that the District could possibly qualify to apply for \$430,000. He noted that the intent of the grant is to lower pupil-teacher ratios to 1:18 in Grades 1-3. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the District is also considering applying for Reading Excellence grant funds offered by the federal government.

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.

Student Nutrition Services Audit Report - Mr. Hickey presented the results of a recently concluded audit of the Student Nutrition Services program conducted by the State of Alaska. He stated that the review found only one discrepancy and otherwise stated that the Student Nutrition Services is "operating an excellent nutrition program."

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. The lists of improvement costs were categorized into a high priority list totaling \$628,000 and a low priority list totaling \$343,000.

Financial Report - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending January 31, 1999, and February 28, 1999.

Budget Transfer - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved the resignation 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 - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Susan Nabholts, Grade 7 science, Kenai Middle School; and Shelli Colligan, Grade 1-2, Sears Elementary.

1999-2000 Administrator Appointment - The Board approved the appointment of Richard Patton, principal, Homer High School.

Seward Bus Route Bus Purchase - The Board unanimously approved the lease/purchase of four buses in the amount of \$299,932. The expenditures are expected to be reimbursed at 100% with Department of Education appropriations through the Pupil Transportation fund.

Disposition of Kenai Elementary Facility - The Board postponed action until the April 5 meeting on the transfer of the Kenai Elementary building to the Kenai Peninsula Borough with the recommendation that the administration and Borough mayor reach an agreement concerning the future use of the facility.

Request for Re-appropriation of Revenue to the Equipment Fund - The Board unanimously approved a request that the Assembly redirect \$266,607 in currently appropriated revenue for the express purpose of funding the Equipment Reserve Fund. This transfer will help mitigate \$536,391 in equipment reductions required to balance the budget.

Bayview Charter School Contract Termination - The Board tabled action on the recommendation to terminate the Bayview Charter School's contract until the May 3 meeting and requested that a worksession be scheduled with the Academic Policy Committee prior to the meeting.

POLICY/REGULATION REVISIONS - The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP and AR 5119, Access to District Schools By Private School Correspondence and Other Programs. The revisions bring the 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.

Technology Referendum/Upgrades - The Board unanimously approved an amended recommendation to ask the Assembly their conceptual preference of bonding or cash to fund technology upgrades so that the District may design an appropriate technology program within those parameters.

First Reading of Policy Revisions - The Board heard a first reading of AR 5144, Due Process. The proposed regulation changes are recommended in the interest of student safety and to bring the District into compliance with current practice.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 5, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

April 5, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Reports — Carlton Kuhns, Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School principal, reported on the increased graduation rate and a follow-up of graduates who have continued on to further education. He presented assessment scores for analytical writing, math performance and CAT/5 reading, language, and math. He stated that all elementary students receive Russian language instruction each day and that they are completely fluent in both Russian and English by the 4th and 5th grades. He presented a video created by students showing the school facility, students in classrooms and participating in after-school activities. He stated that he will have six students graduate in May 1999.

Fred Deussing, Chapman Elementary School principal, cited parent support as the main reason why Chapman students perform incredibly well. He reported that the school instituted the Reading Mastery Intervention Program and that students have made enormous gains in the area of reading and language arts. Teachers Cindy Rasmussen, Barb Bechtel, and Elaine Velsko, explained the reading program in more detail and presented reading assessment scores that supported the program's success. Mr. Deussing presented a short video including demonstrations of students reading aloud.

Awards and Presentations — The Board presented awards of appreciation to Terry McBee, Soldotna Middle School and Donna Austin, Chapman Elementary School for their outstanding service to education and the District.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Dahlgren announced that schools in the Homer and Seward area 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 their schools for the next three to five years.

Leave of Absence/Certified — The Board unanimously approved 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.

New Administrator Appointments — The Board unanimously approved administrator assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Robin Williams, principal, Nikiski Middle/Senior High; Michael Wetherbee, principal, Ninilchik Elementary/High School; and Beverly Hunter-Gillaspie, assistant principal, Homer High.

Student Expulsion — The Board approved the one-year expulsion of a Kenai Alternative High School student for violation of Board Policy 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Disposition of Kenai Elementary Facility — The Board unanimously approved the transfer of the Kenai Elementary building to the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The transfer included 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. The recommendation further stated 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.

Nikiski Reconfiguration — The Board postponed action on a recommendation to approve the concept of a shift to the middle school model for the Nikiski area.

FY 1999-2000 Budget — The Board unanimously approved the FY1999-2000 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.

POLICY/REGULATION REVISION — The Board approved changes to AR 5144, Due Process. The changes protect the identity of students who act as witnesses in due process situations and bring the District into compliance with current practice.

1999-2000 Tentative Meeting Dates — The Board unanimously approved a tentative listing of school board meetings and miscellaneous dates for the 1999-2000 school year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING — The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 19, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

April 19, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

School Reports - Ms. Trena Richardson, Nikiski Elementary School principal, highlighted the reading program, which has been the focus of the school staff. She explained that the staff has dedicated a block of time each morning to work on reading and language arts. She explained that students are divided into multi-age performance groups at Grades 1-3 and 4-6. Cathy Carrow and Lindy Cox explained their involvement with the reading program and provided statistics showing student growth. 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 money. Taylor Moore performed an excerpt from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, which she had used in the recent Districtwide forensics meet.

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 has been 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.

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 elementary schools within the District was included in the Board packet and a worksession was conducted prior to the meeting.

Request for SABBATICAL AND Leave of Absence/Certified - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Fred Brewster, math, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High School.

Administrator Appointment - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mick Wykis, principal, Sears Elementary.

Nikiski Reconfiguration - The Board unanimously approved the concept of the reconfiguration to a middle school for the Nikiski area.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 3, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

May 3, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

The May 3, 1999, School Board meeting was held at the Seward High School Auditorium, Seward, Alaska.

Public Hearing/K.P.A.A. Negotiations - The Board heard public testimony from 7:00-7:30 p.m. regarding the Kenai Peninsula Administrator Association negotiated agreement.

School Reports - Mr. Malcolm Fleming, Seward Middle/High School principal, highlighted art, music and drama events occurring at the school. 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 listing of educational priorities developed by the nation's 1999 Teachers of the Year.

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 community of Moose Pass.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Dahlgren announced that he attended the Caring for the Kenai award ceremony, sponsored by Unocal. 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.

Teacher Assignments 1999-2000 - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Bob Ramponi, music, Nikiski Middle/Sr. High.

Resignations - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective the end of the 1998-99 school year for Kersten Christianson, language arts, Soldotna Middle; Christine VanBuskirk, music, Nikiski Middle/Sr.; Michael Lanegan, vocational education, Skyview High; and Bruce Christianson, special education/resource, Soldotna High.

1999-2000 Non-tenure Teachers for Tenure - The Board unanimously approved a list of non-tenure teachers for tenure for the 1999-2000 school year.

1999-2000 Tentative Non-tenure Teacher Assignments - The Board unanimously approved a listing of tentative non-tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year.

Cocurricular Activities and Handbooks - The Board unanimously approved recommended changes to the Cocurricular Activities Guidelines proposed by the KPSAA Executive Board.

Bay View Charter School Contract Termination - The Board approved an amended 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.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 17, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

May 17, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ninilchik Elementary/High School - Mr. Paul Kubena, Ninilchik Elementary/High School introduced Mr. Michael Audette, music teacher, and his fifth and sixth grade students. The students sang "Its Saturday." Mr. Kubena noted that Ninilchik Elementary/High is one of the most modern and updated facilities with eleven new classrooms and an unparalleled student-computer ratio. Mr. Eric Skjold, business education teacher, concluded the presentation with a short video featuring students participating in classrooms and extracurricular activities. The video also gave a tour of the reconstructed section of the school that was burned in 1996.

Awards and Presentations - The Board 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 noted that graduation ceremonies begin this week.

Certified Diploma Report - Mr. Ed McLain presented the Certified Diploma Steering Committee Annual Report. The report included a list of the committee membership, activities related to the Committee for 1998-1999 and 1999-2000, and current Committee recommendations and statements. The appendices included the District K-12 instruction and assessment "flight path," interim grade level indicators, Grades 4-12 remediation site-based pilots, Grades K-3 reading intervention and assessment pilots, statement of charge and related board policy, and District Committee tasks overview and a glossary of terms.

Financial Report - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 1999.

Leave of Absence Request/Certified - The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Abby Smola, counselor, Soldotna High and Michelle Robbins, social studies, Homer Middle.

Leave of Absence Requests/Support - The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Becky Norman, bilingual instructor, Port Graham Elem/High and Elena Chernishoff, bilingual instructor/tutor, Voznesenka Elementary/High.

Substitute Teacher Contract - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Debbie Dover, kindergarten, K-Beach Elementary; Wendi Dutcher, math, Skyview High; and Terri Hoffman, Grade 2, Redoubt Elementary.

New Teacher Assignments/1999-2000 - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Susan Howard, K-2, Port Graham Elem/High and Kevin Harding, special education/resource, Kenai Alternative/Kenai Central High.

Early Graduation - The Board unanimously approved an early graduation request from a Soldotna High School student to graduate a semester early, at the end of the first semester, 1999-2000.

Student Expulsion #1 - The Board approved the expulsion of a Skyview High School student for violation of BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Student Expulsion #2 - The Board approved the expulsion of a Skyview High School student for violation of BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Student Expulsion #3 - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a Nikiski Middle/High School student for violation of BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Student Expulsion #4 - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a Kenai Central High School student for violation of AR 5144.1, "continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of reasonable school authority" and "behavior which is in some way harmful to the welfare, safety and morals of other students."

Student Expulsion #5 - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a Kenai Middle School student for violation of BP 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Student Expulsion #6 - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a Soldotna Middle School student for violation of BP 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Elementary School Report Recommendations - The Board unanimously approved a list of ten recommendations derived from the Elementary School Report.

Food Service Equipment Purchase - The Board unanimously approved the lease/purchase of updated food service equipment in the amount of \$153,954.

Fund Transfers - The Board unanimously approved a budget transfer for \$28,178.95 to cover costs for the development of on-line course materials for the Connections program.

REQUEST FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR HOMER FLEX - The Board removed this item from the agenda.

Major Maintenance/Capital Improvement Projects List - The Board unanimously approved a list of capital improvement projects in the total amount of \$1,600,640.

New Administrator Appointments/1999-2000 - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Gary Whitely, director, Curriculum/Staff Development and Todd Syverson, assistant superintendent, Human Resources.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 7, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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John Dahlgren, Superintendent

June 7, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

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.

Early Graduation Request – The Board unanimously approved a request for early graduation for a Homer High School student.

Substitute Teacher Contract - The Board unanimously approved 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Angela Koehler, activities, Kenai Central High and Susan Nabholz, math, Kenai Central High.

Teacher Assignments 1999-2000 - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved 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 - The Board unanimously approved a budget transfer for \$12,366 to cover costs of temporary wages necessary to process increased freight during the summer months.

Tentative NonTenure Teaching Appointment - The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher assignments 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 - The Board unanimously approved 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.

KPEA Negotiated Agreement – The Board unanimously approved the 1999-2002 Kenai Peninsula Education Association Negotiated agreement as presented.

KPESA Negotiated Agreement – This item was deleted from the agenda and will be considered at a later date.

KPAA Negotiated Agreement - The Board unanimously approved the 1999-2002 Kenai Peninsula Administrators Association Negotiated agreement as presented.

Student Expulsion – The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a Kenai Middle High School student for "behavior which is in some way harmful to the welfare, safety and morals of other students" (AR 5144.1) and for violation of Board Policy 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Certified Diploma Recommendations – The Board unanimously approved a list of recommendations and activities as recommended by the Certified Diploma Committee. These recommendations and activities will provide direction for District staff and sites to continue their efforts in support of the Certified Diploma.

Request for Acquisition of Property for Homer Flex School - The Board approved a request to the Borough Assembly to acquire the property known as "Remainder of Lot 17, AA Matto Subdivision" on behalf of the Homer Flex School.

BUDGET TRANSFER - The Board unanimously approved a budget transfer for \$57,617 to cover costs for curriculum orders for the Aurora Borealis Charter School.

Administrator Appointment - The Board unanimously approved an administrator appointment for the 1999-2000 school year for Mark Leal, assessment director, Central Office.

Nikiski Elementary Schematic Design Appropriation - The Board unanimously approved a request to the Borough Assembly for \$40,000 to cover costs of a schematic design to reconfigure the Nikiski Area schools.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 12, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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