

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

November 6, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Dr. Ron Keffer, Homer High principal, commended Homer High School for its excellent staff, supportive community and involved parents and students who come to school eager to learn. Dr. Keffer gave a computer-generated presentation highlighting student achievements in music, creative arts, computer technology, vocational education and cocurricular activities. He announced that the Homer High choir and theater programs (120 students) presented the musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. He featured student artwork displayed in the school building including ceramics, paintings, and sculpture. He announced that 105 new computers were installed for student use, which has enabled the creation of three computer labs. He explained that each student can log on to the fiber optic network, access their files on the District server, and use applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point. He stated that teachers can assign research on the Internet, which can be used safely by students because of the District's filtering system. He stated that teachers can also use advanced software such as Interactive Physics or the Geometric Sketchpad. He announced that FFA students recently traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to participate in the National FFA Convention.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a certificate of appreciation to Shirlie Gribble for being selected as one of the 1999-2000 British Petroleum Teachers of Excellence.

The Board presented golden apple awards to Paula Setterquist, Homer Area school volunteer, and to Cindy Smith, Homer High School kitchen manager, for their service and dedication.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson announced that Diane McBee, North Star Elementary teacher, was awarded the 2000-2001 Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellow Award and that Dick Sander and Sharon Conley are the two Alaska recipients of the Larry Graham Aspiring Principal Scholarship from the Alaska Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals.

Budget Transfer: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 75, which transfers \$15,000 to cover costs for classroom computers and printers for Aurora Borealis Charter School.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contracts: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teaching contract for Attila Harrison, music, Seward Middle/High; Dan Hill, special education/resource, Soldotna High; Saundra Hudson, math, Homer Middle and for Wendy Lefton, art, Homer Middle.

New Teacher Appointment: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2000-2001 school year for Kimberly Denesen, emotionally handicapped (temporary), districtwide Special Services; Wendi Dutcher, math (temporary), Skyview High; School and Kathryn Cross, school psychologist (temporary), districtwide Special Services.

Leave of Absence Request-Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence, effective for the remainder of the 2000-2001 school year, for Laura Norton, school secretary II, Voznesenka Elementary/High School.

Request for Sabbatical: The Board unanimously approved a request for an unpaid sabbatical without benefits for the 2001-2002 school year for Dale Moon, vocational education, Skyview High. The Board failed to approve an amendment to pay \$1000 towards Mr. Moon's TRS or insurance coverage while on sabbatical.

2001-2002 ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS: The Board unanimously approved the 2001-2002 projected enrollment at 10,061 students. He explained that the projections are the basis for determining the budget in the areas of instructional supplies and staffing formulas.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 20, 2000, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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