

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

January 17, 2000

NEWS IN BRIEF

**School Reports:** Mr. Ken Meacham, Redoubt Elementary principal, reported that one of the school goals is to improve reading skills as measured by CBM and DIBELS. He noted that the school started a reading room which contains reading resources for staff. He reported that 46-50 students participate in the After-the-Bell Program, Math Club and Reading Club after school. Several students demonstrated their reading abilities by reading from their big book, "The Best Things About Title I at Redoubt." Students sang "Mi Cuerpo" in Spanish and English. Mr. Meacham displayed several pieces of art created by Redoubt Elementary students and noted that Dr. Schwartz will be conducting an inservice February 21 on integrating art into writing and language arts.

**Awards and Presentations:** Mrs. Larned presented an award of appreciation to Mr. Walt Ward for being selected as Vocational Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Crawford presented an award of appreciation to Mr. Hank Overturf for being selected as Assistant Principal of the Year.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Peterson reported that she has declined requests from other districts to facilitate their high school qualifying exam. She reported that the Homer High School principal hiring process will begin with meetings on January 26 with the school staff and site council. She reported that in conjunction with KPEA, the District will conduct a mentor teacher retreat. Dr. Peterson reported that she has received 124 evaluations of administrative staff and 52 evaluations of Central Office staff. She noted that the Technology Work Group will meet on February 3 at 10 a.m. She announced that the Budget Review Committee will meet January 20 and 24 and that the joint budget worksession with the Assembly will be March 7 at 10 a.m. Dr. Peterson reported that the District has been recognized as a "What Parents Want" award winning school system by School Match.

**Financial Reports:** Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending November 30, 1999, and December 31, 1999.

**Budget Transfer Report:** Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 57 through 185 for various schools and departments within the District.

**Charter School Budget Adjustment for FY00:** The Board unanimously approved general fund budget transfers from Aurora Borealis Charter School, who was overfunded by \$5,404; from Bay View Charter School, who did not open and was funded \$87,196 and Homer Charter School who was under funded by \$8,820. An amendment was approved increasing the Homer Charter School student enrollment from 25 to 26.

**Termination of Bay view Charter:** The Board unanimously approved the termination of the Bay View charter. The recommendation was made because the deadline for reconsideration had passed.

**New Teacher Assignments:** The Board unanimously approved teaching assignments for the 1999-2000

school year for William Wise, (temporary) special education/educationally handicapped, Special Services Program and Johnna DeGray, (temporary) science, Nikiski Middle/High School.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher: Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Cindy Weeks, math, Nikiski Middle/High School.

AR 5144, Elementary and Secondary Discipline Guides: This item was tabled until the February 7 meeting.

Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permit: The Board unanimously approved a Primary and Alternative Member in Charge of Gaming for Hope Elementary/High and Aurora Borealis Charter Schools for the 1999-2000 school year.

FY00 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: The Board unanimously approved adjustments to balance the FY00 budget. The following adjustments are primarily in response to a significant shortfall caused by declining enrollments: adjust salary and fringe benefits to reflect actual hires, -\$421,116; establish an e-rate budget, \$250,000; increase the Connections Program budget as a result of additional enrollment, \$384,097; reduce the transportation fund subsidy, -\$50,000; eliminate unallocated equipment, -\$177,433; and reduce unallocated Other, -\$23,503. The net effect of these changes total -\$37, 955.

Revised 2000-2001 Enrollment Projections: The Board unanimously approved revisions to the 2000-2001 enrollment projections. The recommendation was prompted by the steady decline in enrollment. Mr. Hickey suggested the District not use the originally approved figures to calculate the FY01 budget but revise the enrollment projections to reflect a K-12 student body of 9,971.

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

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