

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

March 27, 2000

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SCHOOL REPORTS:** Mr. Lee Young, Soldotna Middle School principal, thanked Mr. Darrell Hagen for chaperoning students to Washington, D.C., during spring break. He stated that the students and staff have created an informative video of the school, which could be used to send home for parents to view with a videotape or compact disc. He thanked Ms. Cannava and Mr. Harro for their contribution towards creating the multi-media school report. Ms. Cannava thanked the Vocational Education Department staff for the Carl Perkins grant that provided funds for the equipment used to produce the video. Ms. Cannava also thanked the Community Schools Program for a grant covering the cost of the materials. The video showed the school facility, an interview with Ms. Paula Christensen regarding the middle school philosophy, pictures of students in extracurricular activities, a review of the school assessment scores by Mr. Young and examples of various community involvement and other student activities.

**Awards and Presentations:** The Board presented awards of appreciation to Beth Martin, head secretary, Soldotna High School; Justin "Buck" George, custodian, Soldotna High School; and Fran Stetson, resource teacher, Tustumena Elementary School for their outstanding contributions to education and the District. The Board also presented an award of appreciation to Mr. Paul Sorenson, Kenai Middle School principal, for being selected as the 1999 Alaska Secondary School Administrators' Association Principal of the Year.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Peterson noted that the minutes from the downsizing committee's first meeting are available on the District web site. She noted that the Technology Plan was presented to the Assembly at their last meeting, and the plan will be acted on at the April 4 Assembly meeting.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending February 29, 2000.

**Elementary and Secondary Discipline Guides:** The Board unanimously approved AR 5144, Elementary and Secondary Discipline Guides. The guides will replace the current Secondary Disciplinary Chart, E 5144.

**Resignations:** The Board unanimously approved resignations from Linda Kay Smith, special education/resource, Seward Elementary; Alex Trout, Kachemak Selo and Voznesenka Elementary/High principal; Christina Hum, generalist, Bartlett Elementary/High; Gregory Scott Mengel, principal, K-Beach Elementary; Aaron Stansberry, principal/teacher, Bartlett Elementary/High and Suzanne Stansberry, Grade K-2 teacher, Bartlett Elementary/High.

**Leave of Absence Requests/Certified:** The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of

absence request for the 2000-2001 school year for Jennifer Knutson, school psychologist, districtwide; and Todd Knutson, school psychologist, districtwide.

Administrator Appointment: The Board unanimously approved Dr. Ron Keffer as principal of Homer High School.

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

FY 2000-2001 Budget: The Board unanimously approved the FY 2000-2001 annual budget in the amount of \$86,078,978. 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 \$29,664,872.

2000-2001 Tentative Board Meeting Dates: The Board unanimously approved a tentative list of School Board meetings and miscellaneous dates for the 2000-2001 school year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 17, 2000, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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