

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Borough Administration Building
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

February 3, 1997

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President
Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President
Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk
Dr. Nels Anderson, Treasurer
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member
Mrs. Deborah Germano, Member
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Member
Miss Megan Corazza, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Superintendent
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,
Operations, and Technology
Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Hal Smalley	Ms. Penny Tinker
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Martushev	Ms. Lisa Hall
Mrs. and Mrs. Peter Norton	Mr. John Kistler
Ms. Virginia Robinson	Mrs. Rosemary Reeder
Ms. Dorothy Gray	Mr. Michael Murray
Mr. Rick Matiya	Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mrs. Nadine Russo	Mrs. Kathryn Kennedy
Ms. Donita Peter	Miss Tonya Kaloa
Miss Mary Jane Standifer	Mr. Jared Standifer
Ms. K.C. Chickalusion	Ms. Shana Loshbaugh
Mrs. Melody Douglas	Mr. Paul Fischer
Mr. Mike Wiley	Mr. Don Oberg
Mrs. Leona Oberts	Mr. Nazary Basargin
Miss Antonina Basargin	Mrs. Marya Kalugin
Miss Carolyn Norton	Mr. Stan White
Ms. Zina Kuzmin	Ms. Natalia Basargin
Ms. Efimia Basargin	Ms. Vaselisa Chernishoff
Mr. Dimitry Kuzmin	Mrs. Margaret Seelye
Mr. Richard Bartolowits	Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. All school board members were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 3:03 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mrs. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:30 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mrs. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Miss Megan Corazza	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed with an addition to Item 10a (1), Approval of Extended Field Trips, and the deletion of Item 10e, Approval of Expulsion #3.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of the January 17, 1997, Special School Board Meeting, and the minutes of the January 20, 1997, Regular School Board Meeting, were approved as written.

BARTLETT ELEM/HIGH SCHOOL REPORT: Ms. Penny Tinker, teacher, Bartlett Elem/High School, reported on activities occurring at their school. She noted the Native Village of Tyonek and the Boys' and Girls' Club of Tyonek sponsor many activities for Bartlett School students. Students Tonya Kaloa, Mary Jane Standifer, Jared Standifer, and KC Chickalusion were accompanied by Donita Peter, Bilingual/Bicultural teacher, in a song "Cedar Tree", which they composed as part of their bilingual/bicultural class. Ms. Lisa Hall, teacher, concluded the presentation by reporting on multi-grade thematic educational activities taking place this year.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Ms. Dorothy Gray, Districtwide Curriculum Teacher Specialist, urged the Board to review the "Hands-On, Minds-On Science" display in the meeting room. She noted this was developed as part of the POLARIS Program by KPBSD science teachers. She told the Board the POLARIS Program (Project Leading Alaska Restructuring in Science) encompasses the learning cycle model based on the Format System combined with the multiple intelligence theory, the Science Olympiad, and hands-on science experiments. The program is part of a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (continued): Mrs. Margaret Seelye, Homer parent, requested the Board sponsor soccer at the local area high schools. She questioned whether the district was in compliance with Title IX, gender equity for girls' and boys' sports. She urged the Board and administration to review the laws, take immediate steps to correct the situation, and requested a soccer league be formed this spring. She noted the soccer league realized that funding would come from outside sources this spring, but should be funded as an approved school district activity next year. Additionally, she requested a fair, objective evaluation of all borough school programs to determine whether other steps needed to be taken to be in compliance with Title IX.

Mrs. Kathryn Kennedy, Ninilchik SBDM Council Chairperson, and Mrs. Nadine Russo displayed a schematic design of the Ninilchik Elementary School wing replacement. They requested continued involvement in planning for the second story of the building. They also noted they are proud of the Ninilchik girls' basketball team who became champions at the recent Region II-A competition.

Mr. Richard Bartolowits, Ninilchik Title I Tutor, presented cost analysis information to board members on building a second story now as opposed to building in the future. He also presented enrollment data related to the capacity of the school. He urged the Board to support building a second story to the Ninilchik School facility.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Mr. Nick Martushev, Voznesenka PAC Chairperson, read a letter in which the PAC and community requested the Board to recognize their school as a K-12 school and staff it according to the district staffing formula. He noted the parents had written a letter to the school board related to this issue, but had not received a response. The parents were hopeful their high school students could remain in Voznesenka rather than traveling to Homer as an effort to maintain their culture and traditions.

Ms. Antonina Basargin, Voznesenka Student Council President, told the Board their school will be graduating four students this year at their third graduation ceremony. She questioned the district's mission statement which states the district is committed to educate each child to the maximum of his/her capabilities, but Voznesenka school is not staffed as a high school. She stated there would be problems with students traveling to Homer for high school classes in distance travel, different religious holidays, religious fasting, family responsibilities and completing homework late at night.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS
(continued):

Mrs. Marya Kalugin, Voznesenka Migrant Tutor/Bilingual Tutor and parent, told the Board she strongly opposed cutting a teacher position at their school next year. She stated she started working for the school when it began 10 years ago and was delighted to see those early students graduating, She felt Voznesenka students should receive an equal education like other district students while maintaining their culture as well.

Miss Carolyn Norton, Homer High School student, spoke in support of not reducing staff at Voznesenka School. She stated it should not be considered a possibility that Voznesenka high school students attend school in Homer due to travel distance with undesirable road conditions, religious and cultural differences, lack of technology acceptance, an adjusted Voznesenka school calendar, home chores after school and little time for homework after travel.

Mr. Peter Norton, Homer resident, told the Board he did not feel they were following through with the district's philosophy and mission statement by not staffing the Voznesenka School as a K-12 school like other schools in the district. He noted the school is lacking in space, has no bus service, no food service, no librarian, no teacher lounge, no shop, no gymnasium, no frills or extras, and such a facility would be unacceptable anywhere else in the district. He felt a quality education was critical to all students and must accommodate all special needs.

Mr. Stan White, Voznesenka teacher, posed three questions for the Board. 1) If Voznesenka School became unavailable, what alternative would the school district adopt? 2) When the district receives funding for bilingual, migrant ed., and other funding for Voznesenka, is it fair, legal or morally right to spend less money on Voznesenka in staff, equipment, supplies and services than other schools in the district? 3) In taking away administrative and teaching time from the school, who suffers in the end? As a father of some Voznesenka students, he stated he spoke to express those concerns.

Ms. Zina Kuzmin, along with three other graduates of the 1997 class, Natalia Basargin, Efimia Basargin, Vaselia Chernishoff, invited Mr. Dahlgren to be their graduation speaker on May 27 at 7:00 p.m. She commented they are proud of the schools' students and school accomplishments. She also extended an invitation to the school board and central office administration to their graduation.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS
(continued):

Mr. Dimitry Kuzmin, Kachemak Selo Bilingual Instructor, told the board he was a graduate of Voznesenka School and his wife would graduate this year. He anticipated that his family would also graduate from Voznesenka School.

RECESS:

At 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Gross called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 8:40 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Gross stated a letter was received from the Homer High School student council requesting that girls' soccer become a borough sanctioned varsity sport. They felt there was an immediate need for equal opportunity in athletics in the school district, and demanded the district come in compliance with Title IX.

STRATEGIC PLAN ANNUAL
UPDATE/4-30-97:

Dr. Bromenschenkel told the Board that the administration is planning a third annual update for the strategic plan on April 30, 1997, at the Kenai Visitors and Convention Bureau. Following comments from the Board, it was determined there were scheduling conflicts with board members, and, therefore, should be rescheduled for another day, possibly Saturday, April 19, pending space availability at the same location.

MEETING WITH BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY:

Dr. Bromenschenkel announced a meeting between the borough assembly and school board has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss funding outside the cap.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Larned reported on attending the art curriculum committee meetings last week. She noted the committee plans to have the curriculum completed within the next few months. She also reported she attended a meeting of the vocational advisory committee which is preparing information on the vocational courses offered in the district. She noted schools are choosing a vocational student of the month in recognition of National Vocational Week in February. These students will be honored at the local chambers of commerce. The next vocational advisory meeting will be on February 28.

BOARD REPORTS (cont.):

Mr. Arness reported the KPSAA Board met last week where they discussed potential budget reductions in district activities. Schools will be surveyed on the reductions. They also discussed the soccer request and would like to see it funded from another source as a high school activity. From an activities standpoint this past weekend, he noted the KPBSD was very successful with three local teams going to state tournaments along with Ninilchik's championship. He also noted the calendar committee met and will be forwarding their recommendations to the board at the next meeting. The committee felt semesters should remain the same as this year.

Mrs. Gross commented she attended the science curriculum committee meeting last week and the POLARIS science demonstration, which were interesting and informative.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Extended Field Trip Requests, Resignations, and Leave of Absence Requests/Support.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for 8-10 Homer High School students to participate in Close-Up activities, April 19-26, 1997, in Washington, D.C.; for 15-20 Seward Jr/Sr High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., April 26-May 3, 1997, to participate in the Close-Up program; for 1-5 Seward High School BFA students to participate in Business Professionals of America national competition in Orlando, FL, April 23-29, 1997; for 12 Skyview High swing choir students to participate in the Heritage Music Festival, April 10-15, 1997, in San Diego, CA; for 12 North Star and Nikiski Elementary students to participate in the Educational Field Studies tour of Washington, D.C., June 8-15, 1997; and for 12 Nikiski Jr/Sr High School jazz band students to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii, April 23-29, 1997, to compete in EFS competition.

RESIGNATIONS: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1996-97 school year for Roger Prater, Principal/Teacher, Bartlett Elem/High School; and Paulette Martel, Physical Therapist, Leave of Absence, 1996-97.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/SUPPORT: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for Bonnie Larkin, Title I Tutor, Seward Elementary, effective the 1997-98 school year; and Sally Ash, Bilingual Instructor, Nanwalek Elem/High, effective the remainder of the 1996-97 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont.): Mrs. Fischer requested the Field Trip Requests be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

ACTION Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve items #2 and #3 on the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Miriam McKay, Skyview choir teacher, told the Board that in an effort to begin building the music program at the school, travel would draw students into the program. She stated this event is a national level competition where students will be judged on their performance as well as meeting other choir students and learning what they are doing elsewhere.

ACTION Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the extended field trip requests. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mrs. Fischer expressed concern that many of the extended field trips were not planned for the spring break as previously requested by the school board. She requested that the music programs remember the communities who support them in their activities, and that they give back to the communities during the summer parades. She felt this community support should be reciprocated.

Dr. Anderson expressed concern that board policy has not been followed in that the school board is to receive the extended field trip requests before any fund raising has begun. He felt travel is educational, but the policy needs to be followed.

Motion carried unanimously.

CO-PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH
INSURANCE:

Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve authorizing the administration to make employee payroll deductions in the amount that will insure the health insurance costs in excess of the district contribution are covered by employee co-payments. He noted the health insurance account currently has a deficit of \$300,000 and, based on past insurance history of the district, additional expenditures would be experienced. He anticipated the deductions would be between \$28-\$62 per month providing there are no major catastrophic claims. Due to the various employee pay schedules, he recommended the Board approve the co-payment plan. Any excess funds in the health insurance account after June 30 would be refunded to the employees on a per capita basis.

CO-PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH
INSURANCE (continued):

Mr. Hal Smalley, KPEA President, stated he felt the district was in violation of several sections of the KPEA Negotiated Agreement by forcing such action on the employees. He also felt the school board could be in violation of state statutes if they authorized the co-payment plan. He did not feel the Board should speak on behalf of the employees which he represents. He noted the district has emptied the fund by paying the \$650 employee payment which he felt did not need to be paid until later, and he would like to see interest on the payments. He noted KPEA would pay for an audit of the health insurance account to assure there was a deficit in the account. He was of the opinion that the Board could not take employee deductions without written permission from the employee.

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA President, noted her organization had a different philosophy on the co-payment situation than KPEA. Support staff members have been surveyed and she has talked to them for several months related to this possibility. She felt the organization could enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for this fiscal year on the premise that monthly payroll deductions, based on the best estimates available, would begin in February. Due to the various payroll employee methods, she did not feel it would be fair to take the co-payment in one large payment at the end of the school year. She felt the payments should be deposited in an interest bearing account where any remaining funds would be returned to participating employees at the end of the school year. She noted this would be a major topic at Saturday's meeting, and she was willing to work with the district as soon as possible so the least financial hardships would be felt by the employees.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, stated he had been watching this situation coming for quite awhile. He stated any person who signs up for the health insurance program has given the Board authorization to remove co-payments from their checks due to their participation. He noted one group of employees appeared to be willing to work with the Board while the other group was of the attitude that "I want mine, I want it now, and I don't care."

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following: "The administration is authorized to make a payroll deduction in an amount that will insure the health insurance costs in excess of the district contribution are covered by the employee's co-payment. Any excess health insurance funds remaining at June 30 of the fiscal year shall be refunded to the employees who are on the health insurance program on June 30 on a per capita basis." Mrs. Larned seconded.

CO-PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH
INSURANCE (continued):

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether the Board was within state statutes to institute the program. Mr. Swarner responded the administration would continue researching this, but there are negotiated agreements which cap health insurance at \$395. She requested the money be placed in an interest bearing account. Mr. Swarner responded this would entail a great deal of bookkeeping for an insignificant amount of interest, possibly \$1.00 per employee. She also questioned whether retiring employees would be included on the plan. Mr. Swarner stated all employees are covered through June 30, 1997, if they complete their contracts with the district.

Mr. Swarner stated next year will be a different situation and he felt Memorandums of Agreement would be needed for next year's health insurance coverage. Mrs. Mahurin noted there were two different situations being addressed; she felt a Memorandum of Agreement was needed as a stop gap for this year, and a Memorandum of Agreement for next year with specified assurances for the program should be considered. Mr. Swarner stated he felt additional insurance projection information would be available at the close of the year and next year's plan could be projected on the basis of additional information on taxes, program payroll deduction costs, health insurance committee information, etc.

Mrs. Germano requested a clarification of the terms for health insurance coverage. Mr. Swarner stated if employees complete their employment contract, support staff included, the employees are carried on the plan during the summer months. Any employees on the plan as of June 30 would receive the refund.

ACTION

Mrs. Germano moved the Board amend the motion to add "1997" after June 30. Mr. Arness seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board amend the amendment that this is contingent upon confirmation from legal counsel that we are in compliance with the state law.

Amendment to amendment carried unanimously.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

RECESS:

At 9:50 p.m., Mrs. Gross called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 10:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

EXPULSION #1:

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

This matter was heard before the Board on Monday, February 3, 1997. The student, his public defender, his probation officer and his parents were present. Ms. Marlene Byerly, Principal of Skyview High School, Sam Stewart, Assistant Principal, Skyview High, and Mr. Thorpe, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, were present on behalf of the administration, which recommended permanent expulsion of the student for violation of the District's substance abuse policy 5131.6 on January 9, 1997.

The evidence presented showed that on January 9, 1997 JH and another student were observed by a teacher walking suspiciously down the hallway to the exit near the pool. The teacher informed Mr. Stewart who found JH and the other student outside the pool entry. Mr. Stewart, who smelled smoke in the vicinity of the two boys, suspected they had been using marijuana and took them to the office where they were searched. The search revealed that JH had a pot pipe on his person. The pipe contained residue, verified by the troopers. This is JH's third drug offense. He was suspended in junior high school on October 6, 1994 and April 6, 1995 for violating the District's drug policy.

Based on the uncontradicted evidence, the Board finds that JH did violate the District's substance abuse policy 5131.6 on January 9, 1997 and concludes that JH should be expelled from the District permanently. He may apply for readmission at the beginning of the second semester for the 1997-98 school year upon providing proof that he has completed four credits of correspondence work. He may apply immediately for re-admission for District correspondence. Except as necessary for such re-admission, JH shall not go on school grounds during the period of expulsion for any reason, nor shall he attend any school event or function whatsoever." Mrs. Germano seconded.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Fischer, Germano, Larned, Mullins,
Gross
Advisory Vote - ABSTAIN

Motion carried.

EXPULSION #2

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

This matter was heard before the Board on Monday, February 3, 1997. The student and his mother were present. Ms. Marlene Byerly, Principal of Skyview High School, Sam Stewart, Assistant Principal, Skyview High, and Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, were present on behalf of the administration, which recommended permanent expulsion of the student for violation of the District's substance abuse policy 5131.6 on January 9, 1997.

The evidence presented showed that on January 9, 1997 LS and another student were observed by a teacher walking suspiciously down the hallway to the exit near the pool. The teacher informed Mr. Stewart who found LS and the other student outside the pool entry. Mr. Stewart who smelled smoke in the vicinity of the two boys, suspected they had been using marijuana and took them to the office where they were searched. LS's pockets and shoes revealed no contraband. The nurse performed a Rapid Eye Exam on LS, which he did pass.

LS testified that the other student did ask him if he wanted to smoke, but he told him no. He admitted walking outside the pool entry, but denied smoking or possessing any contraband.

The Board finds that the evidence is insufficient to establish that LS was in possession of marijuana. Other than the smell of smoke in the vicinity and the other student's version of the facts, which differs from LS, there is no evidence that LS was in possession of contraband. Although he did undergo a UA, which established drug use, there is no way of establishing from the positive UA precisely when the drug use occurred. Therefore, the Board concludes that expulsion is unwarranted. However, by LS's own admission he continues to use drugs outside of school. Because he has done well in the alternative school previously, the Board suggests that the administration consider placing him back at the alternative school." Dr. Anderson seconded.

EXPUSION #2

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Fischer, Germano, Larned, Mullins,
Gross
Advisory Vote - ABSTAIN

Motion carried.

FRONTIER SCHOOLING PLAN:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the Frontier School Plan for the district. He noted the plan was reviewed in worksession and contained the revisions suggested by the Board.

Mr. Mike Wiley, Seward resident, stated he was hopeful if this is a philosophical change on the Frontier School Plan, then the Board should reconsider it. He stated the residents of the Russian villages were requesting a no frills education and not asking for anything more than any other school in the district. He noted it is impossible in a district such as the Kenai Peninsula for all schools to be equal due to its geographical locations, but supply and staffing formulas attempt to keep things somewhat equal. He noted Voznesenka School is generating enough funds to make it equal to other schools, and he requested equal treatment for these Russian schools.

Mrs. Laura Norton, Voznesenka secretary, questioned why Voznesenka School, which is a leased facility, should mean getting lower staffing. She felt with creative staffing the students at Vozneseka could receive quality education. She noted the fact the school has six classrooms should not limit them to six teachers. She reminded the Board they received an official communication from the Voznesenka PAC to build a new school, but to date, they have not received a response on this request.

Mr. John Kistler told the Board that years ago the graduating classes at Ninilchik School consisted of 6 and 8 people. He recognized the need for a plan to address small schools' needs as they develop, and felt the plan was a beginning point for people in remote areas of the borough. He noted when he attended Ninilchik School, he rode the bus an hour and a half each way, did his chores when he arrived home, and managed to complete his homework. He supported adoption of the plan.

FRONTIER SCHOOL PLAN
(continued):

Ms. Vaselisa Chernishoff, Voznesenka senior, told the Board she was graduating this year and she would like to see her brothers and sisters graduate from Voznesenka School also. She stated Mrs. Idzerda and Mrs. Eluska were excellent teachers, who she would not like cut through the Frontier School Plan. She stated these teachers were very helpful to the students.

Miss Carolyn Norton, Homer student, told the Board that perhaps the travel and computer issues for Voznesenka students could be overcome, but the issues of culture and the language difference would remain.

Mr. Nazary Basargin, Voznesenka parent, told the Board that the school had grown to the point of having graduating classes. He stated parents felt there was a point where a new school was needed, and they had drafted a letter to the school board, but had not received a response other than an informal response. They would like to know the future of their school.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the Frontier Schooling Plan as presented. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Mrs. Germano questioned whether the Frontier Schooling Plan would reduce existing staff at Voznesenka School. Mr. Dahlgren responded one less staff would be staffed next year and the student projection was not met for this year. Dr. Bromenschenkel reminded the Board that at the time the budget was approved last year the Board took action to staff .5 additional teachers above the formula at several of the village schools including Voznesenka, which increased the staffing at the school. Mrs. Germano questioned whether there was a different supply allocation for Frontier Schools. Mr. Dahlgren responded that all supply formulas are based on the same per capita basis and the custodial formula has the same square foot formula. He also reminded the Board that Frontier Schools have been established due to temporary needs at Windy Bay and Beluga, not only the Russian villages.

FRONTIER SCHOOLS PLAN
(continued):

Mrs. Fischer commented that the Board has addressed some of the Voznesenka concerns and increased the staffing allocation last year. She also stated the village concerns were addressed during the worksession on Frontier School Plan. She noted that other students travel long distances from Cooper Landing and Funny River to Soldotna schools, and other building needs have been requested of the school board. The concern of building and operating new school facilities is a major problem. She did not feel this was a cultural issue.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved to amend the motion that Frontier Schools of 100 or more students be staffed at 17 students to one teacher including the principal/teacher. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mrs. Fischer questioned whether this would establish a high school program at Voznesenka which was not the original intent when the school was established. Dr. Bromenschenkel responded that he was not part of the original issue, but it is highly unlikely that funding would be available for a new facility. He felt the Frontier Plan was as fluid as possible for changes as new situations occur.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

SURPLUS OF HOMER
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve surplus the two buildings that currently house Homer Intermediate School at the end of the school year. He noted the buildings were built in 1935 and 1956, and have served the community well. With the opening of West Homer Elementary in the fall, 1997, the facilities would not be needed by the school district. Upon approval, this recommendation would be forwarded to the borough assembly for disposal of the buildings.

ACTION

Mrs. Germano moved the Board approve to surplus Homer Intermediate School. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BARTLETT ELEM/HIGH SCHOOL
SBDM COUNCIL BYLAWS:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the Bartlett Elem/High School School Based Decision Making Council Bylaws as presented. He noted the bylaws were previously disapproved, but now satisfy the requirements of the district.

ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the Bartlett Elem/High School School Based Decision Making Council Bylaws. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1997-98 ADMINISTRATOR
CONTRACTS:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve a listing of administrator assignments for the 1997-98 school year.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the 1997-98 administrator assignments. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mrs. Germano stated she would like a more complete listing on the administrator assignments.

VOTE:

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

NO - Anderson

Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

ACTION

Mrs. Germano requested reconsideration of the motion.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Nick Martushev, Voznesenka PAC Chairperson, thanked the Board for their consideration of their village school. He extended an invitation to them to visit their school.

Mr. John Kistler told the Board that the Borough Assembly did not have a representative at the last school board meeting, so he was asked to report on the January 20, 1997, school board meeting to the Assembly the next evening. He also questioned whether parliamentary procedures were followed on the reconsideration motion.

Mr. Mike Wiley, Borough Assembly member, stated he was pleased the school board was pursuing discussion on funding outside the cap in a timely manner. He hoped the budget crunch could be alleviated but he was unsure he would vote for a tax increase to cover this. He spoke in support of the Frontier Schools and hoped there would be equity between all schools.

Mrs. Karen Mahurin requested clarification on the motion for health insurance co-payments, and whether the district would enter into a Memorandum of Agreement. Mrs. Gross responded the motion was that as recommended by the administration with the addition of 1997, and a request for a legal opinion.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
(continued):

Mr. Hal Smalley, KPEA President, commented KPEA will research the issue on the legality of co-payments as approved. He noted a request for information has been made of Mr. Swarner related to the health insurance issue. He felt their union needed this information to make an intelligent decision. He commented KPEA is willing to bring this issue to resolution, and not have a large employee assessment at the end of the year.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Mullins commented the question raised by Mr. Kistler related to the school board's parliamentary procedures was a good one. She stated she felt the board was lacking in this area of knowledge and requested the board hold a worksession on this topic in the future. Since the board makes many legal decisions, she felt a refresher course would be helpful.

Mrs. Larned told the Board that Soldotna High School and the City of Soldotna have begun a successful program where students operate the snack bar at the Sports Center. She was hopeful other community and school programs of this nature would be initiated.

Dr. Anderson commented he was appreciative of Mrs. Mahurin's willingness to work together on the co-payment issue. Likewise, he felt Mr. Smalley appeared to be working towards this same conclusion. He noted from the board's standpoint they need to go ahead with this, and he was hopeful the administration would be amenable to working with the employee groups.

Mrs. Germano extended congratulations to the Ninilchik basketball students on their championship. She questioned whether the school board needed to take action on KPSAA's requested to investigate the feasibility of soccer as a club sport, and if so, she requested this be on the February 17 agenda as an action item.

Mrs. Fischer asked Mr. Dahlgren to respond to an earlier request related to Title IX. Mr. Dahlgren responded there are four sports which are sanctioned through the state that are not equal representative sports for boys and girls. These are wrestling, hockey, football, and volleyball. Volleyball is restricted to girls only, except for village teams. The other sports are open to girls although they are predominately considered boys' sports, and girls do compete in these activities in the district. However, requests for

BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

girls participation in wrestling at the junior high level have been denied because it is felt this is not an age appropriate activity for junior high girls. He noted there is equity for boys and girls sports activities within the district, and he felt the district was in compliance with Title IX. He added this is currently being researched by the district's attorney and, hopefully, will serve the concerns expressed.

Mrs. Gross expressed appreciation to the people of Voznesenka for attending the meeting. She was impressed with their presentations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:12 p.m, Mr. Arness moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 11:30 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the executive session adjourned. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 11:31 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of February 3, 1997,
were approved on February 17, 1997,
with a correction.