

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

November 1, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

**Awards and Presentations** – Mr. Rick Ladd presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Ron Drathman for his years of service on the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association Board of Directors from May 1997 to May 1999.

**School Reports** – Mr. Alex Trout, building administrator at Kachemak Selo Elementary and Voznesenka Elementary/High Schools, gave a slide presentation showing pictures of each school. He explained that students come to kindergarten speaking English as a second language and that in the early grades, instruction is primarily delivered in Russian. Mr. Trout reported that Voznesenka Elementary has 131 students served by six certificated teachers. He reported that the instructional goal at Voznesenka Elementary is to improve reading comprehension skills. Mr. Trout reported that Kachemak Selo has 65 students with 4 certificated teachers. He stated that this is the second year the staff has been specifically working to ensure that all students are reading at or above grade level.

Mr. Steve Jones, Susan B. English Elementary/High Principal, submitted a written narrative and short video. His video report included information on parental involvement, test scores, the school's writing and communication goal, student participation in cocurricular activities and clubs, and community programs.

**Hearing of Delegations** – The 1999-2000 Teen Leaders of the Postponing Sexual Involvement Program explained the abstinence program, which is presented to seventh and grade students.

**Superintendent's Report** – Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. Hank Overturf was chosen as Alaska's Assistant Principal of the Year. She announced that BP Exploration is expanding their Teachers of Excellence Program to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, which includes financial and public recognition to the selected teacher.

**Class Size Reports** – Mr. Ed McLain presented the class size report based on enrollment as of September 24, 1999. 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.

**Resolution 99-00-04, Support for Participation in the ARCTIC Project** - The Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting the participation of a District teacher in the ARCTIC technology intern program.

**Revisions to Administrative Regulation 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments** – The Board

unanimously approved revisions to AR 5131.7. The revision deletes the reference to knife blade length.

2000-2001 Enrollment Projections – The Board unanimously approved the 2000-2001 projected enrollment at 10,140 students. A worksession was held prior to the regular meeting to review the enrollment projection information in more detail.

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

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