
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

April 14, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Board Policy, Social Studies and Science Electives, Kachemak-Selo Education Specifications, P.E. Curriculum, and the FY15 Budget.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mrs. Michael Hanson, Hope School principal, presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the school's vision; 4-star Alaska School Performance Indicators (ASPI) rating; parent-teacher conference and parent volunteer 100% participation; graduation and dropout rates; various programs; technology; staff; and student participation in the success of all the school. Mrs. Hanson introduced Hope School teacher, Ms. Patty Truesdell, who discussed the Hope community and volunteers; school electives; extra-curricular activities; student cooking program; student cooperation; former graduates' successes, partnership and collaboration with Cooper Landing School; and the unique challenges of Hope School.

Mr. Nate Crabtree, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary principal, presented a PowerPoint focusing on the school's 5-star ASPI rating; work on the standards referenced reporting; academic data trends; the "Caribou Compliments" reward program designed to improve student behavior in the common areas of the school (versus the classroom); goals and plans for growth; and excellent staff, parents, and community. Mr. Crabtree introduced students Mr. Lance Chilton, Miss Kylie Ness, and Miss Taylor Conaway who discussed the Parent Teacher Association, student activities, and student daily news and announcements (including a demonstration). Students Mr. Parker Mattox and Mr. Zackary Ness discussed the school's student led lunch time clubs. Miss Carson Dement discussed the school program, which she is organizing, to raise money for the purchase of art carts. Mr. Guy Peterson discussed the school's recycling program, which he organizes and which with his father assists. Miss Brandiee Bowers discussed the forensics program and performed her District first place award winning Interpretive Reading from "On the Banks of Plum Creek."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that the finance department is working with the company "Revtrak" to pilot a program, at several District schools, that would allow online payments of student fees and school lunch purchases, and he thanked Mrs. Olson and her staff for their work on this project. He announced that the District is petitioning the State of Alaska to allow the state's improvement plan process be combined with the District's, as based on the Strategic Plan, instead of requiring two separate plans, and he thanked Mr. Dusek for his work on the request. He reported that District hiring is in progress; stated that a district recruitment team is currently in Portland, OR; that a team attended the Job Fair in Anchorage part of the week of April 7; and stated the District vacancies are lower than usual with 41 current teacher vacancies. He expressed his condolences to the Kvasnikoff family for the recent passing of Mr. James Kvasnikoff, former District employee.

2014-15 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board unanimously approved an amended motion for a tentative meeting schedule for Board meetings for the 2014-15 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for Stephanie Mullaly, ELL Tutor, Seward Area Schools, effective August 12, 2014 to December 19, 2014; and Joyce Rawson, Special Education Intensive Needs Aide, Kenai Middle School, effective the 2014-15 school year.

2014-15 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a new administrator contract for Alan Haskins, Susan B. English School.

2014-15 TENTATIVE TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved Tenured Teacher Contracts for Sheryl Hingley, Soldotna Elementary School; and David Patat, Skyview Middle School.

2014-15 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS AND TENURE: The Board unanimously approved Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts and Tenure for Kathrine Abraham, Moose Pass School; Adrienne Bostic, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Peter Dahl, Soldotna Elementary School; Holly Davis, Soldotna Elementary School; Jacob Doth, Nikiski Middle/High School; Jeanne Duhan, K-Beach Elementary School; Jake Eveland, Redoubt Elementary School; Jenna Fabian, Seward Elementary School; Karen Hamlow, Soldotna High School; James Harris, Soldotna High School; Katy Journey Scrivo, Seward Middle School; Anna Karron, River City Academy; Sami King, Seward High School; Jon Kulhanek, Fireweed Academy; Elizabeth Kvamme, Soldotna Elementary School; Darcy Marcou, K-Beach Elementary School; John Marquez, Kenai Central High School; Emily Mayberry, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Meredith McCullough, Kenai Central High School; Kyle McFall, Soldotna High School; Valerie McLeod, Mountain View Elementary School; Serina Montgomery, Sterling Elementary School; John Morton, Kenai Central High School; Jennifer Olson, Paul Banks Elementary School; Leigh Ray, Seward Elementary School; Brianna Redfern, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Jennifer Riddall, Aurora Borealis Charter; Theresa Salzetti, K-Beach Elementary School; Jonathan Sharp, Chapman School; Natalie Tews, Kenai Middle School; Tiffany Tillman, Sterling Elementary School; Hannah Vincent, K-12/Assessment; Gary Wertz, Nikiski Middle/High School; Anna Widman, Nikiski Middle/High School; Lacey Wisniewski, Kenai Middle School; and Mandi Young, Mountain View Elementary School.

2014-15 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a revised list of Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts for the 2014-2015 school year.

<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=30392>

2013-14 LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Sherry Nauta, K-Beach Elementary School; Amy Ware, Port Graham School; and John Wensley, K-Beach Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved a revised list of resignations.

<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=30441>

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 3515 Access and Keys and AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Bryan Hickey, Ninilchik School, effective the 2014-15 school year.

2014-15 NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Martha Crawford, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Stephanie DeVault, Elementary Multi-Grade Teacher, Port Graham School; Tyran DeVault, Multi-Grade Upper Elementary/Secondary Generalist Teacher, Port Graham School; and Megan Fowler, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School.

FY15 BUDGET: The Board unanimously approved the FY15 Budget as revised.

EDUCATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR KACHEMAK-SELO SCHOOL: The Board approved the Kachemak Selo School Educational Specifications.

GREATLAND ADVENTURE ACADEMY CONTRACT EXTENSION: The Board unanimously approved Greatland Adventure Academy's request to extend their contract to March 2020.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: The Board unanimously approved the Key Performance Indicators as presented.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 3260 Materials Fees (NEW), and revisions to BP 6187 Charter Schools, and BP 3000 Concepts and Roles.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 5, 2014, 7:00 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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