
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

July 7, 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, Equipment Funds, Charter School In-kind Services and Rent, Emergency Action Plan Revision and Alice Training, Board Committees, Board Goals, and Kachemak-Selo School Site.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater noted the packet item "Site Council Evaluations", thanked Mr. Sean Dusek for developing the new report format, and commented on the commitment of the site councils. He also noted packet item "School Annual Reports to the Superintendent" which summarizes positive school events throughout the year including community outreach. Dr. Atwater reported that at the end of June, Mr. Jason Daniels, K-Beach Elementary teacher, and he participated in a Washington D.C. congressional meeting (organized by Senator Mark Begich), on broadband, where he discussed the District's connectivity challenges and Mr. Daniels presented a brief lesson on wildfires using online resources. He announced that the KPBSD is one of four districts statewide to receive the Department of Education and Early Development Digital Teaching Initiative Innovative District Grant and discussed the scope of the grant. He stated that the District is compiling another grant application that, if awarded, will increase the quality and number of internal assessments. He discussed the intensive work being done to accomplish the reconfiguration of the Soldotna area schools and thanked Mr. Dave Tressler and, for the future, Ms. Julie Cisco for their oversight of this process and the school principals for their extra efforts. He noted that Soldotna school start times will change by 5-10 minutes. He asked the Board to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of the Kenai Peninsula College, Kenai Peninsula Borough, and Kenai Peninsula Borough School District on August 14, which will include food and gift mementos, and stated that Board and District volunteers will wear coordinated event shirts.

2014-2015 BOARD GOALS: The Board unanimously approved the 2014-2015 Board Goals as revised.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers #1297 for \$113,978 to purchase a tandem axle box truck; 1397 for \$389,832 and 1405 for \$128,269 to purchase physical education, social studies, and music curriculum materials and equipment, and 1465 for \$72,030 to purchase districtwide Discovery Education software.

2013-14 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a 2013-14 administrator contract for Julie Cisco, Director of Planning and Operations.

2014-15 TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a 2014-15 Tentative Administrator Contract for Julie Cisco, Director of Planning and Operations.

2014-15 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS AND TENURE: The Board unanimously approved a Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contract and Tenure for the 2014-2015 school year for Carmen Hayes, Teacher/Regular.

2014-15 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts for the 2014-2015 school year for Kristie Cotroneo, Teacher/Regular and Helen Rizzo, Teacher/Regular.

2014-15 NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for the 2014-2015 school year for David Aamodt, Speech Language Pathologist; Heather Anding, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Laura Armstrong, Special Education Resource Teacher; Edan Badajos, Interventionist Teacher (.50 FTE); Todd Boonstra, Physical Education/Health Teacher (.75 FTE); Cheryl Brandt, Migrant/Title I Teacher; Nate Creel, Special Education Resource Teacher; Debra Cross, Special Education Resource Teacher; Joshua Demlow, Science/Math Teacher; Shanna Demlow, Special Education Resource/Social Studies Teacher; Jessi Felice, Special Education Resource Teacher; Wendy Foster, Temporary Dental Assistant Instructor (.20 FTE) 1st semester; Michael Gullett, Generalist Teacher; Marilee Johansen, Temporary Foods Instructor (.20 FTE) 1st semester; Shane Lopez, Government/Alaska Studies (.50 FTE); Connie Mann, Special Education Resource Teacher; Katrina Nore, Music Teacher; Naomi Parrish, Independent Opportunity Instructor (.40 FTE); Sarah Peters, School Psychologist; Geoffrey Randle, Special Education Resource Teacher; Erin Ratcliff, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Keith Seville III, Foods Instructor (.20 FTE); and Belinda Smith, Facilitator Gifted Teacher (.50 FTE).

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 5112.6 Education for Homeless Children and Youths and AR 6146.5 Special Services Grading and Graduation.

RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved a resignation for Thomas Cavanaugh, 6th grade teacher, Sterling Elementary, effective the end of the 2013-14 school year.

KPSAA PARENT REP.: The Board unanimously approved Ms. Bridget Clark as the parent representative to the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association, Executive Board.

FY14 BUDGET: The Board unanimously approved revisions to the FY14 budget.

FY15 BUDGET: The Board unanimously approved revisions to the FY15 budget.

RESCINDMENT OF JUNE 2, 2014 ACTION: The Board unanimously approved a motion to rescind the action taken at the June 2, 2014 meeting regarding a leave time request, by the Kenai Peninsula Education Support Association (KPESA), for a full-time release President (Mrs. Patricia Sirois), as per Article 21.

LEAVE TIME/KPESA PRESIDENT: The Board unanimously approved an amended motion for a leave time request by the Kenai Peninsula Education Support Association (KPESA), for a full-time release President (Mrs. Patricia Sirois), as per Article 21.

RESOLUTION 14-15-1: The Board approved an amendment to the 403(b) Retirement Plan to allow for universal availability.

K-SELO SITE SELECTION: The Board approved the School Site Selection Committee's recommendation for the location of a new school at Kachemak Selo.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 1114 Communication Using Electronic Media – NEW, BP 5127 Graduation Ceremonies and Activities, BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements, BP and AR 6146.3 High School Graduation Qualifying Exam – DELETE, BP 6146.51 Differential Requirements for Individuals with Exceptional Needs, BP 6146.8 Diplomas, and BP 6164.5 Intervention/Assistance Teams.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 4, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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