



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

August 4, 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, School Climate and Connectedness, Initiatives, 2015 State and Federal Legislative Priorities, and 2014 AASB Core Resolutions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater congratulated Mrs. Laurie Olson, district finance director, for earning the credential of Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations. He noted the upcoming trainings posted on the district calendar and discussed the regional districtwide inservice on August 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m. He noted the submission of a Title IIA grant proposal that if funded, will increase the district's capacity to write assessments and thanked Mr. Sean Dusek and Dr. Christine Ermold for their work on the proposal. He reminded the Board that the District's 50th anniversary celebration will take place on August 14, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Kenai Peninsula College. Dr. Atwater announced his resignation from his position as the District's superintendent, effective Dec. 1, 2014.

NIKISKI ELEMENTARY BUILDING: The Board failed to approve a motion to direct Mr. Arness and Dr. Atwater to attend the August 5, 2014 Borough Assembly meeting and present to the Assembly the District's stance on the demolition of the former Nikiski Elementary School building; specifically that, although the building is no longer useable as an elementary school, in light of projected peninsula economic development, there is the possibility of a need in the future for another elementary school for the Nikiski area.

PAY SCHEDULE: The Board approved the proposed pay schedule for substitutes and other temporary employees for the 2014-2015 school year.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Justin Carr, Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, Kenai Central High School and Steve Fischer Vocational Education Teacher, Kenai Central High School, both effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Steve Atwater, effective December 1, 2014.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Kelly Burch, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher; Amelia Dallen, Music – Vocal and Instrumental; Hannah Dolphin, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Ken Ellenberg, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Julie Gottfried, Primary Grade Teacher; Eric Hanneman, Elementary Grade Teacher; Tressa Hidden Friend, Speech Language; Holly Hoke, School Psychologist; Callie Martin, Primary Grade Teacher; Simon Nissen, Vocal Music Teacher; Samantha Pugia, Music – Vocal and Instrumental; Whitney Roesch, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Belinda Stevens, School Psychologist; and Hannah Snow, 3rd - 6th Grade Teacher.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence for Kevin Zimmerman, Custodian I, Ninilchik School, effective the 2014-15 school year.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved 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, BP 6164.5 Intervention/Assistance Teams, and AR 0510 School District Report Card.

SIX YEAR PLAN REVISION: The Board approved a revision to the FY 2015-2021 Six Year Plan so that its number one priority is the construction of a new school at Kachemak Selo.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, September 8, 2014, 7:00 p.m., **Homer High School**, 600 E. Fairview Ave., Homer, Alaska.

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