



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

November 3, 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, Students in Transition Report, Student Growth Map Update, and Health Curriculum.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Ms. Nadejda Reutov, Voznesenka School custodian, with the Golden Apple Award for her service to the District.

The Board presented Mr. James Reinseth, Nanwalek School teacher, with the Golden Apple Award for his service to the District.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Ms. Nancy Kleine, principal of Nanwalek School, assisted by Ms. Sally Ash and Ms. Patricia Porter, school staff members, presented a PowerPoint that began with a video of the flight into Nanwalek then highlighted the community history and culture, school's mission statement, community demographics, school programs and students, test scores, student attendance and the work done to improve it, school staff, school slogan, and the recently awarded Apple ConnectEd Grant. Ms. Kleine noted that the presentation was broadcast to Nanwalek School via Lync technology. Ms. Ash translated portions of the presentation into the Sugt'stun language and led the Board in the dance, *Hokey Pokey*, sung in Sugt'stun. In Sugt'stun and English, Ms. Ash thanked Ms. Kleine for her work and dedication to the school and thanked the Board and District for its support.

Voznesenka School principal Mr. Michael Wojciak, assisted by several students, presented a PowerPoint highlighting changes in the school since his first presentation three years ago including Data Day, PBIS, soccer and football, student council, various classes and school programs, the use of personal electronic devices (PEDs) at school, the school's Close Up trip and the Marine Safety program. Mr. Wojciak expressed appreciation for Dr. Atwater and thanked him for his support and service to Voznesenka School. In honor of Dr. Atwater, Mr. Reinseth and Ms. Reutov, four students sang a song in Russian entitled, *Rusalochka*.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported on meeting with military recruiters to ensure that the practices and processes used for recruiting District students are appropriate and good. He reported that eleven students were tested for early kindergarten enrollment but only one student qualified and was enrolled. He stated that 48 District Alaskan Native or American Indian middle school students will attend the Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP) Middle School Academy on November 12-22, 2014 at the University of Alaska campus. As it was his final school board meeting, Dr. Atwater expressed appreciation for his and the Board's good working relationship, thanked them for their support, and stated that their collaborative work has helped the District to improve. He thanked Mr. Dusek and Mr. Jones for their support and professionalism. He thanked Ms. Erkeneff for her work and assistance. He thanked the District Leadership Team and expressed that they are first rate leaders. He thanked all District staff for always putting students first and encouraged them to never compromise that principle. He thanked Mrs. Sally Tachick and Mrs. Debbie Tressler for their assistance and support.

RESOLUTION 14-15-2: The Board unanimously approved a revision to Resolution 14-15-2 Gaming Permits.

RESOLUTION 14-15-3: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 14-15-3, Supporting the Tsalteshi Trails Association Grant.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Mary Boone, 2nd Grade Teacher, Paul Banks Elementary School; John Kennedy, Math Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Carolyn Maslow, 4th Grade Teacher, West Homer Elementary School; and Debra Schmidt, Kindergarten, Fireweed Academy; all effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.

CURRICULUM REVISION: The Board approved the Health Curriculum as revised.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 5142.3 Restraint and Seclusion.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 1, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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