



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

1/12/2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held worksessions prior to the formal business meeting regarding Board Policy, FY15 Budget Revision and FY16 Budget Information, and the Superintendent Position and an executive session.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Alan Fields, Kenai Central High School principal, discussed the school's accreditation process and stated that KCHS was noted for earning 50 years of consecutive accreditation. He introduced Miss Allie Ostrander and congratulated her as the first Alaskan to win the Nike Cross Country National Championship on Dec. 6, in Portland, OR. He noted the school's state recognized choir program and introduced choir director Mr. Simon Nissen and a group of his students who performed, *Away from the Roll of the Sea*. Mr. Fields introduced Mr. Greg Zorbas, 2014 Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE) Teacher of the Year, who gave a presentation on the integration of video conferencing and technology at KCHS. Mr. Zorbas highlighted the various components of the distance and video education program. Using Polycom technology, he connected with Ms. Elaine Shuck, Education Director of the Americas for Polycom and president elect of the United States Distance Learning Association. Ms. Shuck discussed Polycom's collaborative work with Mr. Zorbas and stated that, due to their program's success, KCHS is frequently used as her "poster child" in presentations. Mr. Zorbas further discussed national and international classes taught with technology such as Polycom and One Vision Solutions. He also highlighted local connections with other districts' schools and the ability to offer an extra history class through the program. In closing, Mr. Fields thanked Mr. Nissen, the choir students and Mr. Zorbas for their assistance with the report.

Mr. Vaughn Dosko, Kenai Middle School principal, introduced Mr. Dan Beck, Assistant Principal, and Ms. Debbie Sounart, band director, and a group of her band students who performed *O Canada, My Country 'Tis of Thee*, and *You're a Grand Old Flag*. Ms. Sounart discussed the music program and the development of music education including the use of technology to develop sheet music for her classroom. Mr. Dosko and Mr. Beck presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting "anomalies" of the school including the band and choir program; video conference classes with Cooper Landing students; student population and demographics; school sports, clubs, and activities; school traditions; the school's communication goal; and building use frequency, user groups and procedures. Mr. Dosko stated that KMS is a community school. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to share with them.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Dusek reported on the administration hiring timelines for Homer Flex, Tebughna School, Soldotna High School, and Connections Homeschool Program and invited the Board to attend the community meetings. He noted Mr. Jones' pool update memo in the General Information Packet which outlines the next steps in the decision making process. He noted that Monday, January 19 is Martin Luther King Day and most schools will be closed. He stated that the legislative session opens on January 20. He announced that the next Administrator Meeting will be held on January 21 and invited the Board to attend. He conveyed that the next school board meeting will be on February 2, which is a quick turnaround from this meeting. He congratulated and thanked the certified and support staff retirees approved on the agenda and especially thanked Ms. Cathy Rolph for her service to the district.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending November 30, 2014 and December 31, 2014.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the budget transfer report for the second quarter of FY15.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Marilyn Johnson, Principal, Tebughna School and Cathleen Rolph, Facilitator Gifted Teacher, Soldotna Prep School, both effective the end of the 2014-15 school year.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer #360 for Soldotna Montessori Charter School for the purchase of instructional materials and #397 for the Curriculum Department for the purchase of elementary math curriculum supplies.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a 2014-15 New Teacher Contract for Roderic Van Saun, Temporary Marine Technology Instructor (.20 FTE) for second semester.

REVISION OF PAY SCHEDULE: The Board unanimously approved the revised Pay Schedule for Substitutes and other Temporary Employees for the 2014-15 school year, effective February 24, 2015.

POLICY REVISION: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3344 Remote Site Living Expenses, BP 33471 Equipment Reserve Fund and AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements.

FY15 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved FY15 General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budget Revisions as recommended.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 2, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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