



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mr. Bill Holt, Vice President
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk
Mr. Tim Navarre, Treasurer
Mr. Marty Anderson
Mr. Dan Castimore
Mrs. Liz Downing
Ms. Lynn Hohl
District 9 – South Peninsula (Vacant)
Mr. Brian Dusek, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Joann Riener	Ms. Debbie Harris
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff	Mr. John Kelly
Dr. Christine Ermold	Mrs. Patty Sirois
Mr. Tim Vlasak	Mr. David Brighton
Mr. Conrad Woodhead	Miss Martine Dikes
Mrs. Julie Cisco	Ms. Catie Quinn

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISTRICT MISSION
STATEMENT:**

Mr. Holt read the District's mission statement.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Marty Anderson	Absent/Excused
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Dan Castimore	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Absent/Excused
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present (<i>Participated telephonically</i>)
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mr. Tim Navarre	Present
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present (<i>Participated telephonically</i>)
District 9 – South Peninsula	N/A (Vacant)
Mr. Brian Dusek	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with a revision to item 11a. First Reads, the removal of item 5a. Hearing of Delegations – Ninilchik Native Group, Mr. Dan Coffey, the addition of item 10b. (1) Approval of Board President Letter Regarding Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Ordinance 2015-27. 10b. Acceptance of the FY15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was renumbered 10a. (2).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of December 7, 2015, were approved as printed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

On behalf of the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB), Mr. Arness presented the Basic Boardmanship Award to Mr. Castimore.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Debbie Harris, district-wide art specialist, discussed the Alaska Art Education Consortium’s work on the state’s fine arts standards and stated that five KPBSD employees had served on the project. She noted that the new standards are included in the fine arts curriculum that is presented on the agenda for the Board’s approval. Ms. Harris highlighted the importance of arts in education.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Dusek reported that the Career and Technical Education monitoring report was excellent and the District was given some tips to improve Personal Learning Plans. He thanked Mr. Matt Widaman, Mr. John Pothast and Mr. John O’Brien for their work preparing for the audit. He stated that the State Board of Education is requesting feedback on their new strategic plan and explained its three main components. The District will work with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) on the plan and the Board will have opportunities to provide direct feedback to the State Board. He discussed the January 8 teleconference with the state’s five largest school districts where one of the main themes was local control (one of the three components of the State Board’s strategic plan).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

Mrs. Patty Sirois, K.P.E.S.A. president, wished the Board a Happy New Year. She congratulated Mr. Dan Castimore for his AASB Boardmanship award. She congratulated Mrs. Laurie Olson on her selection as the Alaska Association of School Business Officials (ALASBO) School Business Official of the Year. She expressed appreciation that the current staffing formula includes no change in support staff and asked for that to remain the same. She thanked Ms. Harris for her presentation and noted the importance of arts in education. She expressed her displeasure over the amount of money that the Board spends on legal fees. She stated that the next negotiations meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13 and expressed appreciation for the proposals that will be offered by the Associations.

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K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY:
(Continued)**

Mr. David Brighton, KPEA president, wished the Board a Happy New Year. He thanked Ms. Erkeneff for inviting him to Key Communicator Collaboration on February 2, 2016. He noted the expected challenges for the upcoming legislative session and stated that he will encourage people to ask their legislators to deal with education early in the session and to honor the governor's budget.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Dusek thanked Mr. Jones, Mrs. Olson, Ms. Hayes and the finance department for their work on the FY15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). He commented that Mrs. Olson's work on the CAFR is one of the reasons she was chosen as the ALASBO School Business Official of the Year and congratulated her on the award. He reported that the Students in Transition (SIT) program currently has 211 students enrolled, which is 20% higher than the same time last year. He announced that the recent SIT fundraising promotion earned over \$38,000. He reported that funding received through the E-rate program will provide for an upgrade to the Aruba Network wireless equipment. He stated that 19 District students are enrolled in this year's Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) February 16 – 28, 2016. He noted his general information packet memo which provides the Digital Technology Initiative Grant report from the December 8, 2015 cancelled work session. He discussed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), recently signed into law by President Obama, and stated that the United States Department of Education is working on regulations that will help guide its implementation on December 1, 2016.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending November 30, 2015.

**QUARTERLY BUDGET
TRANSFER REPORT:**

Mr. Jones presented the budget transfer report for the second quarter of FY16.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Vadla attended the Soldotna High School and Prep School concert in December and expressed appreciation for Mr. Kent Peterson's work. She attended the January 8 teleconference with the state's five largest school districts and noted the value of the discussion.

Ms. Hohl discussed the AASB Winter Boardmanship Conference that she attended in Anchorage on December 11-12, 2015.

**BOARD WORK SESSION
REPORT:**

Mr. Arness reported that the Board held work sessions entitled Board Policy, Fine Arts Curriculum, Small School Funding, Six Year Plan, FY17 Preliminary Budget, FY15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Board Vacancy. All members present at the meeting, attended the work sessions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resignations, 2015-16 New Teacher Contracts and Budget Transfer.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the resignation of Anne Mann, Generalist Teacher, Tebughna School, effective December 31, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(Continued)

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve 2015-16 New Teacher Contracts for Lindsey Blaine, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Amy Ware, Facilitator Gifted Teacher and Meghan Williamson, Math Teacher.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve budget transfer 369, in the amount of \$65,000, for the purchase of 11 SMART boards at Aurora Borealis Charter School.

MOTION: Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Mr. Holt seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: At 6:31 p.m. Mr. Arness recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS: At 6:36 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

ORDINANCE 2015-27: Mr. Castimore moved that the Board direct the School Board President to send a letter to the Assembly to clarify the Board position regarding Borough Ordinance 2015-27. The Official Board position is in opposition to reducing the five hundred foot setbacks as they apply to schools. The board has no opinion on any other setbacks. Mr. Holt seconded.

Mr. Dan Coffey spoke in support of an amendment to KPB Ordinance 2015-27 that would provide for a 500 foot boundary between licensed alcohol facilities and schools and a 300 foot boundary between licensed alcohol facilities and active churches.

Ms. Debbie Cary spoke in opposition to KPB Ordinance 2015-27 and in support of a 500 foot boundary between licensed alcohol facilities and schools and churches.

Mr. Greg Encelewski stated that the Ninilchik School submitted a letter of non-objection for the Ninilchik Store to contain a package store. He described services offered by the Ninilchik Tribe and spoke in support of maintaining the 500 foot boundary between schools and alcohol establishments.

Mr. Jim Clark stated that the Ninilchik School and the Methodist Church both submitted letters of non-objection for the Ninilchik Store to contain a package store. He spoke in support of maintaining the 500 foot boundary between schools and alcohol establishments and hopes the Borough Assembly will help resolve the issue.

ORDINANCE 2015-27:
(Continued)

Mr. Coffey stated that the KPB code offers schools, churches and playgrounds the option to not have the 500 foot boundary enforced for their facility and in their community. He noted that the two of the three facilities affected by the boundary have exercised this option.

Ms. Cary disagreed with some of Mr. Clark's statements. She stated that, if the Board supports the 500 foot boundary, the Board should ask Mr. Ambrosier to rescind his letter of non-opposition.

MOTION:

Mr. Castimore moved the Board approve an amendment to direct the President to write a letter of objection to the Alcohol Control Board.

With Ms. Hohl's permission, Mr. Castimore withdrew his amendment.

RECESS:

At 7:14 p.m. Mr. Arness recessed the meeting.

**RECONVENE AFTER
RECESS:**

At 7:19 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

VOTE ON 10b. (1):

ADVISORY VOTE: Yes
YES -Hohl, Holt, Navarre, Vadla, Arness
NO - Castimore

Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CAFR:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board accept the FY15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

MOTION:

Mr. Navarre moved the Board accept the FY15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Mr. Holt seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FINE ARTS CURRICULUM:

Mr. O'Brien recommended the Board approve the Fine Arts Curriculum.

Mrs. Debbie Harris thanked Mrs. Melissa Linton for her work on the Fine Arts Curriculum.

MOTION:

Mr. Holt moved the Board approve the Fine Arts Curriculum. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 15-16-4:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve Resolution 15-16-4 Alaska Minimum Sized School Funding.

MOTION:

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve Resolution 15-16-4 Alaska Minimum Sized School Funding. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

VOTE ON 10d.:

ADVISORY VOTE: Yes
YES –Hohl, Holt, Navarre, Vadla, Arness
NO – Castimore

Motion carried.

BOARD VACANCY:

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve the extension of the District 9 board vacancy application deadline from December 29, 2015, through January 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

MOTION:

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve the extension of the District 9 board vacancy application deadline from December 29, 2015, through January 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Castimore seconded.

MOTION:

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve an amendment to change the deadline from January 15, 2016 to January 20, 2015. Mr. Holt seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of BP 3540 Transportation, BP 5112.2 Exclusions from Attendance, AR 4111 Recruitment and AR 5144.11 Due Process.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Vadla wished everyone Happy New Year and a good 2016.

Ms. Hohl announced that Mr. Mark Swanson, retired KPBSD teacher, was named the Alaska Studies Educator of the Year by the Alaska State Council of the Arts, Alaska Humanities Forum and the Alaska Arts and Culture Foundation, in conjunction with the governor’s office, for his work on a series of videos on the eastern Kenai Peninsula.

Mr. Brian Dusek congratulated Mrs. Laurie Olson on her selection as the ALASBO School Business Official of the Year. He is looking forward to a good 2016. He congratulated Mr. Dan Castimore for his AASB Boardmanship award.

BOARD COMMENTS:

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Mr. Arness congratulated Mrs. Olson for her award. He donated \$100 in support of Mr. Dusek's participation in the American Cancer Society's Polar Bear Jump Off Challenge Seward on January 16. He noted there is no need for an executive session. He asked Board members to contact him if they are planning to attend the bargaining meeting on January 13 so that he can ensure there will not be a Board quorum in attendance.

ADJOURN:

At 7:34 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

Approved 2-1-16

Submitted by Mrs. Debbie Tressler
Administrative Secretary to the Board of Education